



**The Parish Church of
Saint George the Martyr
Waterlooville**



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2011**

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**THERE WILL BE A ST GEORGE'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING ON SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2012 IN THE CHURCH
AFTER THE 10 am EUCHARIST**

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
to elect two Churchwardens to serve for one year
4. MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS
Report by Electoral Roll Officer
5. Minutes of 2011 APCM and Matters Arising
6. Presentation of Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report
7. Election of 3 PCC members
8. Election of Sidespersons
9. Reports from the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer
and church groups
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING of St George the Martyr, Waterlooville, held on Sunday 17th April 2011 in the church and commencing at 11.30 am. There were 72 persons present. The Parish Priest, Fr Mike Sheffield, was in the Chair.

1. **WELCOME:** Fr Mike extended a warm welcome to everyone to the APCM at St George's. He explained that there are two meetings, the first for the parishioners and the second for the congregation.
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from Anne Morgan, Sue and Bob Andrews, Tasha Cook, Lindsay Chalk, Candy Williams, Jo Guy, Pat Winter, Jane Rice-Oxley, Sarah Hewett, Tracey Allison, June Webster, Sylvia Gent, Rachel Singh, Nerys Barlow, Sarah and Keith Lewis.
3. **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:** In this parish we elect Churchwardens to serve for 4 years but they still have to be re-elected yearly. It is therefore necessary to ask whether you are happy for Richard Spurgeon and Dick Handy to stay on for another year – Richard has one year to go before he stands down and Dick has another 3 years. Richard and Dick left the room while this was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that Richard and Dick should serve for another year. Fr Mike thanked both of them for all the work they do.
4. **MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS:** Rosemary Monk who is the Electoral Roll Officer said there are 182 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 82 of these are outside the parish, 6 new members, 9 sadly removed through death and 6 moved away for various reasons. If anyone wishes to apply they can be added at any time during the year and agreed by the PCC.

Rosemary is standing down as Electoral Roll Officer this year and Fr Mike said a big thank you to her for doing this.

5. **MINUTES OF THE 2009 APCM AND MATTERS ARISING:** There were no amendments and the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
6. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**
Dawn gave the following report:

Firstly I need to mention that the accounts have still to be signed off by our auditor. This is mainly due to the fact that it has taken me

longer to prepare the accounts this year, as I was getting used to the system as I was going through the figures. However I do not expect the figures to be changed other than a couple of minor adjustments.

There has been one area that has dominated all income and expenditure this year. The work that needed to be carried out on the tower has been overshadowing everything and it has also meant that we finished the year with a deficit of just over £32,000.

Although we had an exceptional Gift day, raising £9500 including the gift aid tax claim, we still had to cash in over half of our investments. This has resulted in us receiving around £1000 less in dividends compared to 2009.

We have also held other fundraising events including the Tower boxes and street collections, and donations from funerals and weddings. This amounted to £6836 which is included in the Donations and appeals figure of £13910.

This year the PCC decided that the proceeds received from the sale of votives should be included within the liturgical donations figure as their purchase is included within the liturgical costs figure. This explains the increase to £1200 compared to £710 in 2009.

Fees received by the PCC were lower than last year. We only had two weddings booked during the year, which is where we receive the most money.

Looking at the expenditure figures we once again managed to pay our full parish share of £49802.

Liturgical costs were high this year as we purchased 3 years worth of votive candles in order to secure a large discount.

The extra-ordinary expenditure mainly includes £54214 which related to the cost of the tower repair.

Finally my thanks go to the PCC and in particular the Fabric and Finance committee for all the help, support and encouragement they have given me in my first year as treasurer. I would also like to thank Mr Gordon Beer on behalf of the PCC for agreeing to audit the accounts again this year.

Fr Mike thanked Dawn for all her work this year.

- 7. ELECTION OF 2 REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DEANERY SYNOD:**
Thank you to Linda Wainwright and Lindsay Chalk who are standing

down this year after completing their 3 years. Fr Mike explained that the Deanery of Havant consists of about 26 parishes. We are asked to send two representatives to that meeting. Two people have volunteered to be our representatives on Deanery Synod – Candy Williams proposed by Barbie Lloyd and seconded by Jane Cook and Barbie Lloyd proposed by Candy Williams and seconded by Jane Cook. It was agreed unanimously that these two people should represent us.

8. **ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:** First of all thanks to the PCC members who have met 10 times over the last year. We are losing David Hodgens, Colin Monk and Barbie Lloyd this year so a big thank you to them at the end of their 3 years. As Candy is going to be our Deanery Synod rep we need 4 new members to serve on the PCC – 3 for 3 years and 1 for 1 year. This will be sorted out at the first PCC meeting. We have 4 people who have filled in forms and volunteered to join the PCC – Linda Wainwright, proposed by Sheilah Hall and seconded by Anne Morgan, Carol McKells, proposed by Jane Cook and seconded by Linda Wainwright, Abigail Morgan, proposed by Jane Cook and seconded by Margaret Deal and Lindsay Chalk, proposed by David Palmer and seconded by Dawn Trimby. Fr Mike asked if everyone is happy to elect Linda, Carol, Abigail and Lindsay to the PCC. This was agreed unanimously. Fr Mike said that we now have our full quota on the PCC. He said this was an appropriate time to thank Jane Cook for her work as PCC Secretary.

8. **ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS:** Dick Handy read out the full list of names of people on the sidespersons rota for both 8am and 10am. He said that this is a vital job and although it sounds like a lot of people we do actually need one meet and greet and 3 sidespersons at each 10 am Eucharist. We are one person down on the sidesperson list and the Meet and Greet list has dwindled to 5 so Fr Mike asked if there is anyone else who would like to be added to these lists. As there were no other volunteers acceptance of the list of sidespersons and meet and greet was proposed by Dick Handy and seconded by Richard Spurgeon and agreed unanimously. If anyone else would like to join please see Fr Mike or Dick Handy.

9. **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**
The congregation had either downloaded a copy of the APCM report including all the individual reports or had received a hard copy from Jane so Fr Mike quickly went through each report to ask if there were any questions.
Colin Monk is standing down as Chair of the Hall Committee so thanks went to him. Please let Fr Mike know if you would like to volunteer for this job. The 40th Anniversary year has just finished on Mothering Sunday and thanks go to Fr Timon who was Chair of this

Committee. Thank you to those people who contribute to the church flower fund and to June Diaper for heading this up. Thanks go to John Johnson for the superb St George's website. Don Lloyd said the church band is developing but needs more people to join them so if you or anyone you know would like to join them please talk to Don.

Fr Mike said a big thank you to the Fabric and Finance Committee for all their work this year with the church repairs.

Some very successful events took place among them the Family Fun Day in May and another successful Waterloo Music Festival.

There have been some sad deaths and everyone was particularly affected by the death of Jules Shepherd in January.

Thank you to the Churchwardens for all their help and support throughout the year.

Music in church – this relies very heavily on Cecil Wilman who has been quite poorly recently. He has been playing the organ at the church for over 35 years. A big thank you goes to Mark Langtry who has stood in and also to Paul Taylor. Also a big thank you to Julia Spurgeon for organising the music while Cecil has been ill. Cecil has offered to stand down as the main organist providing he can play once a month until he is 90, about 3 years away. A collection will be going round for Cecil to thank him for all he has done for the music at St George's.

Fr Mike said we have appointed a new organist who people will be familiar with from the Waterloo Music Festival – Stella Starr. She is a professional organist and leapt at the chance of coming to St George's. She will start next week on Easter Sunday and Mark has agreed to become deputy organist.

Fr Mike said a big thank you to the serving team led by David Palmer, and to June Bradley and Adrienne Bridger. A big thank you also to Bishop Godfrey, Fr Ray and Fr Timon for all they do at St George's.

Richard Spurgeon then proposed a vote of thanks to Fr Mike and Lynda for all they do to lead us at St George's. Everyone is very appreciative of all that they do.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** A big thank you to Gordon Beer who has audited the accounts over the last few years. We are going to give him a present for doing it as he does not charge us. Everyone was happy that Gordon Beer be asked to be our Independent Examiner again next year and this was agreed

unanimously.

The meeting closed at 12.15 and was followed by the Parish lunch.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

Background

St George's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent (The Reverend Mike Sheffield) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churchyard and church hall. During 2010 St George's held two services every Sunday (a said Eucharist at 8.00 am and a sung Eucharist at 10.00 am). Normally there has been an evening service at least twice a month with one being traditional evensong sung by the Church choir. Other services have included Taize services, special festival services and a healing Eucharist. Our partnership churches were invited to the Taize services and there was a good response with refreshments after the service. The Sunday School and Youth Club were actively involved in the monthly Family Eucharists. During the seasons of Lent and Easter, St George's ran an educational programme together with the full range of traditional services. During the school summer holidays the Parish Eucharist is designed so that adults and children can worship together and this year each Sunday during August featured a Bible story set around Lake Galilee.

Membership

Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent: The Reverend Mike Sheffield Chairman
Fr Timon Singh, Assistant Curate

Ex Officio: Mrs Jane Cook (Secretary)
Mrs Dawn Trimby (Treasurer)

Wardens: Mr Richard Spurgeon
Mr Dick Handy

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:
Barbie Lloyd
Candy Williams

Elected Members:
Lindsay Chalk
Mrs Sheilah Hall
Mrs Marian Haughton
Mrs Sandra Hewett
Mrs Dawn Hyett
Mrs Carol McKells
Mrs Anne Morgan
Miss Abi Morgan
Miss Linda Wainwright

Co-opted Members:

Mr Tony Rice-Oxley Deanery Finance
Chairman

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees/groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Church Attendance

There are 182 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 82 of these are outside the parish, 6 new members, 9 sadly removed through death and 6 moved away for various reasons. The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2011, was 110 adults and 14 children including weekday attendances, but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met 10 times during the year, with an average attendance of 78%. Fabric & Finance & Quinquennial, Pastoral, Social, Fundraising and Hall sub-committees continued to meet in the interim, to enable items to be discussed in more detail, and reported back to the full PCC. The PCC will continue to invite outgoing Churchwardens to remain on the PCC for a further year to provide continuity.

Comprehensive budget accounts continue to be e-mailed to PCC members before the meeting to give people a chance to send any questions to Dawn so they can be answered at the meeting and save time.

We have supported over 28 wide-ranging charities, both at home and overseas, in particular £404.48 to the Children's Society (a large part of which came from a very successful Christingle Service on Christmas Eve) and continued support of four children under the African Child Trust Scheme. Other benefiting charities included Mother's Union Overseas fund, Barnabas Aid, Water Aid, Japan Earthquake appeal, Bishops Lent Appeal, Royal College of Church Music, St George's Church Baghdad, Christian Aid, Christian Aid East Africa Appeal, MS Solent Therapy Centre, Rosemary Foundation, Whizzkidz, PSP Association, Hannah's Holiday Home, Two Saints Centre, Church Urban Fund, Elizabeth Foundation, Children's Society, Hounds for Heroes, Breast Cancer Care, Leprosy Mission, MacMillian Nurses, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Air Ambulance, RNIB, The Rowans, and Naomi House Hospice. These were all retiring collections. Money was constantly being raised for church funds over the year, in particular £2262.37 at the Summer Fete, £1657.23 at the Christmas Bazaar, £3594.00 from the St George's Charity Shop and £1297.00 from the sale of plants, bulbs throughout the year.

The giving through envelopes and banker's orders has increased to £33703.14, excluding tax. The tax recovered on all Gift Aid donations for the year was £4786.95. Contributions on the collection plate raised £2045.18. £3546.55 was raised over the year towards the Tower Appeal.

£103,148.38 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from St. George's Church, including the full contribution to the parish share of £49,561.00. The Largest outlay during the year was £4158.30 which related to the re-wiring

expenditure in the church. Our remaining fund balances are invested with the CBF Church of England Investment.

Mr Paul Read, has kindly agreed to examine the Accounts and the PCC are very grateful to him for the time he has spent on this.

The following has happened during the course of the year and most will be written about in more detail in the following reports:

- The Parish breakfasts are still very popular and will continue.
- Taize services took place during the year.
- Waterloo Music Festival – for the sixth year another very successful festival was held in June
- Three school Christmas concerts were held in December with local schools taking part. This was again very popular with many people attending.
- The Travelling Nativity again went round the parish during advent and was very popular. Many thanks to Sue Andrews for knitting the angels for another year and for the new innkeeper.

On behalf of the PCC

Dawn Trimby, Treasurer
Jane Cook, Secretary

Signed: _____
The Reverend Mike Sheffield

April 2012

Treasurer's Report 2011

Incorporating all the Church group finances with the main Church and Hall Accounts, the final figures initially show an excess of £5,841. If depreciation of the Church Hall at 2% amounts to £2,999, the excess decreases to £2,842.

For another year St George's hosted the Waterloo Music Festival and the PCC received a generous donation of £12,500 from that source. Other major donations received included £567.64 from the 100 Club, £1,000 from the Social & Fundraising Committee (including Friday Coffee Funds) and £500 from the Bonus Ball. Also donated to the General Account was £417.68 from the 40th Birthday celebrations after amounts were paid out to local charities.

Donations from Planned Giving exceeded the budget by over £103 for which we received £10,446 in Gift Aid tax recovery. We did not have a Gift Day this year.

Interest on bank and building society accounts amounted to £34 and the value of PCC investments decreased by £1,520. The Investment fund is currently valued at £24,787. Throughout 2011 £1,152 was received as dividends.

Dividends earned on the Hall Deposit Account were re-invested and the current value of that account stands at £6,788. Over the year we were unable to transfer any monies to the Hall deposit account due to increased hall running costs. This was mainly due to the cost of a cleaning company and increased heating fuel costs.

Fundraising again exceeded expectations by over £5,000. This was achieved by the dedication and commitment of all St. George's fundraisers, together with a very successful charity shop.

Charity giving exceeded £4,085 and we have supported a wide range of Charities both at home and overseas. Funds generated by the Wednesday Coffee Mornings have also supported a variety of Charities together with donations to the Church Hall.

The budget for 2011 was again very tight. It is difficult to predict income based on the generosity of those who support St. George's Church, against the knowledge that expenditure is likely to increase each year. Forming a realistic budget may not always be possible but will hopefully guide us through the year.

My thanks go to the Fabric & Finance Committee for all the work they put in and also for their support, together with the support of the PCC. On

behalf of St. George's Church, my thanks are also due to Mr Paul Read, for examining the Accounts this year.

A summary of the Accounts is shown overleaf and the full version is displayed on the Church notice board. Copies are available on request.

Dawn Trimby
Honorary Treasurer to the PCC

**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, WATERLOOVILLE
COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2011**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2011 YEAR TOTAL	YEARS BUDGET For PCC Account	2010 YEAR TOTAL
INCOME					
Planned Giving S/Orders	28,071.04		28,071.00	27,600.00	26,678.02
Planned Giving Green Env	5,632.10		5,632.10	6,000.00	6,121.50
Gift Aided Pink Envelopes	4,786.95		4,786.95	5,000.00	5,369.25
Gift Aid Tax	10,446.07		10,446.07	10,000.00	11,503.79
General Collections	2,045.18		2,045.18	2,200.00	2,016.01
Gift Days			0.00	750.00	6,789.00
Donations & Appeals	9,797.77	1,145.00	10,942.77	5,400.00	13,910.85
Liturgical Donations		1,432.45	1,432.45	750.00	1,250.46
Bookstall	437.65		437.65	350.00	414.87
Parish Magazine Advertising	845.00		845.00	900.00	871.66
Parish Magazine Sales	254.02		254.02	350.00	343.19
Fees received (PCC)	5,119.00		5,119.00	3,000.00	3,562.00
Fete, Bazaar, Fund Raising	11,485.97	1,514.95	13,000.92	8,000.00	8,325.14
Sales	1,389.94		1,389.94	2,900.00	1,431.20
Photocopying Income	366.05		366.05	500.00	283.30
Income from Investments/Bank	1,185.25	1.52	1,186.77	800.00	1,354.89
Unbudgetted items:					
Fees received (Assigned)	2,439.00	5,294.12	2,439.00		1,884.00
Other Funds (Charities)			5,294.12		5,074.55
Hall Lettings	13,743.30		13,743.30		12,113.87
Youth Group Activities		338.04	338.04		799.68
Social Committee		1,220.00	1,220.00		605.00
Ex.ord Income			0.00		0.00
Corrections and Adjustments			0.00		0.00
TOTALS	98,044.29	10,946.08	108,990.37	74,500.00	110,702.23

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COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2011**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2011 YEAR TOTAL	YEAR'S BUDGET For PCC Account	2010 YEAR TOTAL
EXPENDITURE					
Parish Share	49,561.00		49,561.00	49,561.00	49,802.00
Gas/Elec/Water Insurance	2,880.56		2,880.56	3,321.00	2,488.95
Church and Grounds Maintenance	6,440.06		6,440.06	2,080.00	1,289.68
Clergy Expenses	2,888.16		2,888.16	3,000.00	2,778.71
Asst Clergy Expenses	1,291.40		1,291.40	1,700.00	1,300.55
Liturgical Costs		1,781.81	1,781.81	1,000.00	1,924.98
Magazine, Bookstall & Bulletin	256.31		256.31	700.00	708.52
Piano and Organ tune	670.80		670.80	500.00	333.76
Honoraria and Salaries	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,800.00	2,700.00
Administration	2,005.12		2,005.12	1,800.00	1,863.12
Photocopier Costs	1,502.89	209.87	1,712.76	1,500.00	1,343.65
Fees paid out	2,101.00		2,101.00	1,000.00	1,190.00
Capitation Fee	80.00		80.00	80.00	80.00
Fundraising & Sales costs	193.00	547.64	740.64	1,100.00	896.50
Unbudgetted items:					
Assigned Fees	2,312.00		2,312.00		1,954.00
Ex.Ord. Outgoing	4,500.46	961.68	5,463.14		54,356.63
Hall Running Costs	9,766.34	150.00	9,916.34		9,318.55
Hall Depreciation @ 2%	2,999.00		2,999.00		3,060
Youth Group Activities		314.79	314.79		976.18
Social Committee		1954.70	1954.75		963.40
Giving to Charities	98.24	4980.50	5078.74		3,477.86
Bank Interest and charges		0.00	0.00		
Corrections/Adjustments		0.00	0.00		
TOTALS	92,246.34	10,902.04	103,148.38	70,142.00	142,807.04

Churchwardens Report

I'm writing this Churchwarden's report at the end of my second four year term trying to serve St. George's in this role.

I need to tread a fine line.

I need this report, like those I have previously written, to warmly and genuinely celebrate the great strengths of St George's: the inspirational ministry of Father Mike, the wonderful support and contributions of Father Timon and Father Ray, the massive contribution of our lay people – raising funds, organising building projects, keeping track of the money, contributing to decision making, preparing for liturgy, working with our youngsters, cleaning, reading lessons, serving, singing, flower arranging, leading prayers, maintaining the buildings and gardens, welcoming visitors, hosting events, making tea and coffeethe list goes on and on.

We have continued to maintain the church building for the praise and glory of God. This year we completed major repairs to the roof and significant rewiring of the mains electrics at a total cost of £6,300. We have employed a professional gardener so that our garden remains appealing and valued by the community. Throughout 2012 more work is planned, specifically re-decoration of the Church interior and bringing the choir gallery into line with current regulations.

Ours is not a Church in decline - thanks to the open, generous welcome and the presence of the Holy Spirit with us.

I invite you to remember high points of 2011 when our collective achievements were clearly a manifestation of the Holy Spirit at work in Waterlooville: Jules' funeral on 1st February, something over two dozen baptisms throughout the year, Ray's 40th anniversary of ordination, the central partnership's joint communion service, Mass with Bishop Christopher in October and hundreds of children coming to sing in the weeks before Christmas.

I commend and thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

In response to a trick question Jesus gave the following reply " Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." Matthew 22:15

If life could be separated into bits; this part for the emperor, that part for God our faith would be so much simpler. But Christian life just is NOT like this. Far

from being neat and simple, it is an incredible challenge to balance our obligations to God, and the Church, with the needs of our families, employers, friends and our own well-being. Individually Our gifts change with the passage of time and the milestones marking our walk with God.

The fine line I referred to above is, of course, that I must also charge you all to look forward, to appreciate the challenges St. George's faces in the immediate future. The building of the West of Waterlooville development for example, coincides with a reduction of clergy numbers in the Central partnership. St John's Purbrook has no priest for the foreseeable future.

So, St. George's needs YOU;

- to support Mike's ministry as we find new ways to work,
- to contribute ideas and identify solutions,
- to examine what you can contribute, whether it's prayer, words of encouragement, time, talents and skills or financial help, and
- to give what you are able - justly, kindly and humbly.

I look forward to our future with confidence in the wonderful people of St. George's. Thank you.

Richard Spurgeon and Richard Handy

St George's Church Hall Report

This year we have continued to improve the hall by carrying out external repairs / decoration to the front and side windows. During 2012 we will be continuing this theme with the external painting of the remaining windows, installation of new guttering and capping the external kitchen wall. Obviously all this major work comes at a cost so the hall will be delving into its reserves. In addition to the above, there are always minor repair works which need to be undertaken on a day to day basis.

The Committee is always looking at ways to improve the hall. We have installed baby changing facilities in the ladies toilet and paper towel dispensers in toilets and kitchen. We feel that these are a must and more hygienic and hope that users approve. As we now have the paper towels we do not now require the roller towels. However we would like to say "thank you" to June Bradley for washing the towels and ensuring that they were

always fresh. We would also say “thank you” to June for her continued washing of the tea towels.

As the Committee had not increased hire charges in 2010 it was agreed to increase costs from 1st January 2011 by 10%. All hirers were informed that this increase was necessary due to increased cleaning and energy costs and no complaints were received.

You will see from the accounts that the hall had a surplus of £4,000 at the end of the year and this will assist us with the maintenance work that is currently being undertaken.

Once again the Committee would like to say thank you to David Cavey for undertaking the duties of Treasurer. He has now retired from this position and we are fortunate to report that Geoff Davies has volunteered to take on this responsibility. This year also saw us saying goodbye to Anne Willoughby as she moved to the Isle of Wight. Again we have been very fortunate in having Sheilah Hall volunteer to take on the duties of Booking Secretary. The Committee would like to say a very big “thank you” to them for all they do or have done.

One problem that we continually face as a Committee is the waste of gas and electricity where users leave the hall and do not turn off fires or lights. Could I please ask all users to make somebody responsible for checking these so that we do not get nasty shocks when the bills arrive.

Colin Monk on behalf of the Hall Committee

The Mothers' Union Branch Report

During the past year we sadly lost our three elderly Indoor Members – Nora Parkes, Vi Nicklen and Dorothy Bailey. We were happy to welcome Eileen Oades into the Branch. Eileen had moved from the Fordingbridge Branch and has subsequently celebrated her 65th Wedding Anniversary and her 90th birthday. Pam and Eric Dinneen celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary also.

Membership now stands at 20. **We all need to invite others to visit and hopefully join the Branch.**

Gillian Griffiths remains Hon Treasurer whilst Janet Johnson has become our Minute Secretary and she provides reports on Branch activities for the church magazine. Jean Goddard continues to send birthday and anniversary cards most faithfully, for which we are most grateful.

The Wednesday morning tea and coffee team, led by June Bradley provides a much appreciated service to church members and the wider community.

We have knitted squares for about 20 knee rugs, which are beautifully completed by Sue Andrews. These have been delivered to Woodlands Rest Home and some Teddies have been made for small visitors to Kingston Prison and the Havant Women's Refuge.

Fundraising this year included a coffee morning preceding the AGM in February. The money raised paid for the extra "£1.00 per member" subscriptions which was urgently requested by Mary Sumner House. We sent £60 in all. The July Garden Party was held in the Hall due to inclement weather. £142.60 was raised for the Overseas Development Fund which included a donation of £19.30 from our visitors.

In May Margaret took part again in the sponsored walk arranged by the Lions, around part of Portsmouth Harbour. The £195 raised was sufficient to pay for one small family from this parish to enjoy an AFIA holiday in August.

A second coffee morning in October raised £100 for the Wheels Appeal to aid MU Overseas Workers.

The homemade cake stalls which we ran for the church raised £109.40 at the summer fete and £161.90 at the Christmas bazaar. We are very grateful to all who baked and served on these occasions.

We have continued sending clothing, toiletries, bedding and Christmas cards to the families at the Havant Women's Aid, who are very appreciative of our efforts. We held two stalls – handbags and toiletries – at the MU Diocesan Garden Party, held in Denmead. In spite of appalling weather the event was well supported. It was opened by the Bishop of Portsmouth, who found himself roped in to perform with the Morris Dancers.

Our programme commenced with the annual Epiphany Party with guests from neighbouring churches. As this event fell during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity it seemed most appropriate timing.

Our speakers included Sue Harrower from Havant Women's Aid. She showed a very moving DVD of their work at Havant. The Rev Ruth Loveman led a beautiful Lenten Meditation and The Rt Rev Godfrey Ashby spoke of his experiences in South Africa and of the importance of the MU in his former parishes. Margaret Edgeworth gave a presentation on the former Portsmouth Workhouse. This had been the subject of her dissertation.

Wendy Williams provided a useful insight into Dementia and how one can help sufferers of the condition. Fr Mike Sheffield entertained us with an interesting account of his time spent annually ministering to visitors at Westminster Abbey.

On a lovely June day we lunched at the Queen Inn near Winchester before visiting the Hospital of St Cross, where one of the brothers provided us with a conducted tour. After tea Canon Peter Oades led us in Compline in the chapel, before we left for home.

In April the Diocese received a visit from the MU World Wide President, Rosemary Kempell. We joined with other branches in the Deanery to put on a display of our Projects, in Catherington church hall. The following day we attended the MU Diocesan Festival Service together with the MU President and Bishop Christopher, in Portsmouth Cathedral. Some of us attended the strawberry tea held at Emsworth, a Christmas party at Portsdown and an Advent Service and tea at St Wilfrid's Cowplain.

August found us hosting a service held by the Deanery to celebrate Mary Sumner's birthday. Hand Bell ringers from Catherington and Clanfield took part in the service.

Jennefer Higginbottom led the Wave of Prayer Service, whilst Gillian and Margaret were in Edinburgh for the General Meeting. It has been a busy year and I sincerely thank all the members for their generous and continual support. We are a good team.

Whilst this is the end, overdue, of my time as Branch Leader, I promise to give my continued support to the Branch and wish the future Committee every success.

Margaret Symonds
Branch Leader 2004-2012

Pastoral Committee

Parish breakfasts were held on 27th February and 9th October and are still popular with members of the congregation, particularly from 10 am.

Statues of Our Lady and St George have been moved around by St George's Men so they are central on either side at the front of the church.

Leaflets promoting weddings at St George's have been produced and are now available.

Greetings cards for the first anniversary of a wedding were produced and include information on church services and activities. Rosemary sends these out along with anniversary of baptism cards.

Barbie and her team edited, collated and developed a Lent calendar for both adults and children.

Large print service sheets were produced during the year and are now available.

Barbie organised photos of clergy, PCC and pastoral committee members in a plastic hanger at the back of church

Outreach is discussed at every meeting and discussion has taken place over the year on ways to advertise the existence of Sunday School and Youth Club.

Although Taize services are now run by the ministry team rather than Pastoral, the Pastoral Committee supported these services by helping to ensure the other cluster parishes are aware of them and by organising refreshments.

Discussion has taken place over the year on a possible theology course at St George's and various topics are being discussed.

Richard Spurgeon
Chair of Pastoral Committee

Vulnerable Adults

For our members of the congregation who are not sure about the definition of a vulnerable adult, it is a person who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.

It is my role to make sure all pastoral visitors who visit Vulnerable Adults are CRB checked.

Child Protection

As you are all aware there is a legal requirement that all volunteers who work with young people are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). As I mentioned in my last report the forms that are used for this have changed. The new CRB form was designed to allow individuals to apply for a CRB check and ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority) registration on one form. However, there is still a halt on the launch of ISA.

It is very important that when applicants receive a CRB form, that it is filled in and given back to me ASAP. The longer applicants hold on to the forms without completing them, the more likely they are to become lost and I would

have to replace them. I am restricted with the number of forms I receive from the Diocese and therefore it makes it difficult for me to keep asking for more of them.

I hope to continue in this role with your support and the support of the PCC and Pastoral Committee.

Youth Coordinator

Everything is going along nicely with the Youth Groups. It is important that I visit the groups more often but this can become difficult in our busy lives. If any matters arise, I will take them to the Pastoral Committee with non pastoral items being further carried to full PCC.

We must keep our children and young people happy and safe.

Sandra Hewett

Vulnerable adults / Child Protection and Youth Co-ordinator

St George's Ladies' Group

The Ladies Group meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The charity selected for 2011 was the St George's Restoration Fund. We started the new year off with a Beetle Drive, followed by a Charity Auction with cheese and wine. In February it was the Uganda Training Project and a talk by Ollie Butler entitled "In my own Write". In March the speaker was Steve Harris on "Manners, Mother and the Milkman's Horse" and a talk by Sandra Simmonds on "Life after Iran". In April we held a Skittles evening at The Mead End Pub and also had a talk entitled "It's only a Ferryboat". In May we had a talk by Linda Newell entitled "Smugglers around the Harbours" followed by our summer walk. On 9th June we had our AGM and a Bring and Buy and on 23rd June we presented our Charity Cheque for £650 to the church restoration fund, followed in July by our end of season dinner.

Following a break for the summer Angel Radio were with us in September and we had a talk by John Goodspeer on "Visit to South Georgia". In October we had a talk on the Inca Trail, followed by "History of Pearls" by Barbara Bartlett. In November there was an Open meeting with the Phoenix Singers, followed by Nursery Fresh Postal and Wholesale Flowers. On the 8th December we finished the year off with our Christmas Dinner at the Red Lion at Horndean.

Mrs Anne Brown
Chairperson

George's Men

The name tells the story - George's Men is open to all the gentlemen who regularly worship at St. George's Church. There is no membership and no subscriptions, with each event being open to all men and paying for itself. The group was originally formed six years ago to study the Lent Course "People of the Passion". After five weeks those involved were keen to continue and George's Men started to meet monthly.

The 2011 programme included the now traditional Cribbage Night, Glendene Cricket and Croquet at 'Edge-o-Beyond', but also had a tour of Irving's Brewery, a quiz night with gentlemen from St. Faith's Church in Havant and a talk from Fr Ray "From Pit to Pulpit".

The 2012 programme looks forward to a DIY evening when George's Men will tackle some of the maintenance tasks around the Church. All the evenings are publicised in the weekly Bulletin and all gentlemen of St. George's are welcome to come.

Mike Sheffield
George's Men

Tweenies

The year started with the sadness of the death of Jules Shepherd. She had been a very active and loyal Tweenie and therefore it was unanimous that a collection was made in her memory to purchase the Paschal Candle for the Easter services. This collection took place at the annual Christmas dinner at Barnards, organised brilliantly by Rosemary Monk.

Anne Morgan hosted an evening watching the musical Les Miserables - this evening clashed with George's Men (Lynda's fault), so it was appropriate that just as Les Mis was getting to its fantastic climax, Lynda had to leave to go and pick up some of the men from their trip. Serves her right! During Lent, some of the members went to a course based on the 4 gospels and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Then we did what ladies do best - pampering! Tweenies had their nails done, their feet cosseted, their backs massaged and sat quietly or noisily in various rooms in Lesley's house. Sheer bliss! The following month Fr Mike cooked on his barbeque for us at the Vicarage. Then in July we had looked forward to a walk on Portsdown hill, organised by Linda Wainwright. Sadly, the heavens opened, but 6 of us still braved the weather.

Skittles was the order of the day in September. Jane Cook coerced 20 Tweenies into hurling balls down the alley and Jean Goddard came up trumps. Westminster Abbey was the subject for the following month, with Fr. Mike recounting details of what the duty chaplain does during his week in London. Noreen dressed us up in her beautiful saris in November and pictures from this evening can be seen in the winter issue of the Parish magazine. Candy repeated her excellent hospitality in December for a pre-Christmas fun evening. How great that several new Tweenies appeared on the scene. This shows that the group does not stand still - it should reflect and welcome the new members of the congregation. Long may that continue.

Lynda Sheffield

Walsingham Cell Report

It was with great excitement that 22 pilgrims set out for Walsingham in April. However, what a weekend to pick - it clashed with the Royal Wedding! Those of us who were desperate to see the wedding on the Friday had made quite a fuss beforehand, so were so pleased when arrangements were made for us to have a coffee break in the motorway services for the duration of the wedding. Trying to entice the motorway services manager to get the TV screen and audio working was another matter, but we succeeded and were able to watch the whole ceremony. Hurrah!

We travelled with our friends from St Alban's, West Leigh and St Faith's, Havant. Neither of these two churches had a priest with them. This meant that Fr Mike and Fr Timon were responsible for the whole party and so we were altogether for the Eucharists. Marian Haughton joined the pilgrimage for the first time - it is always good to have new people as it keeps the group fresh. The usual Saturday party was enhanced with a quiz - David and Margaret Cavey questioned us on the Royal Wedding, whilst Anne and Abi Morgan tested our geography knowledge.

Our motto is that during the weekend, we pray hard and we play hard. This was borne out again with the beautiful liturgies that we experienced, the fantastic food and the new friends we made. The outdoor processions were enhanced by St George's enormous contribution - that of the numerous and dignified serving team. This annual trip is always the weekend immediately after Easter and costs approximately £170 per person. More details from Lynda Sheffield

Lynda Sheffield

Holy Dusters

Holy Dusters rotas working well - as usual we could do with more ladies/gents to help out even with holiday relief occasionally. The church always looks reasonably clean and bright but there is more we could do!

Adina Burton

Church Flower Fund

June and Lynn would like to thank the flower arrangers who come along to help at festivals – and the small band of people who contribute to the flower fund.

As we use artificial flowers in between festivals/weddings etc we will always welcome good quality ones for our collection.

June Diaper and Lynn Winter

Bible Reading Fellowship

There are now 18 people who regularly subscribe to the Bible Reading Fellowship's New Daylight notes published 3 times a year in May, September and January.

Why not consider continuing with the daily bible readings started during Lent and try the notes, which include a printed bible passage with explanation, comment and prayer for every day, at the group discount subscription rate of £4 per issue from May 2012. I can easily order a copy for you.

Linda Wainwright

Deanery Synod Report

Representatives: Candy Williams, Barbie Lloyd and Tony Rice-Oxley (Finance)

4.7.11 – Venue: St Peter's Church, Hayling Island

Revd Ann Leonard welcomed Synod members and gave a brief overview of St Peter's Church, one of the oldest in the Diocese. New members, including Barbie Lloyd introduced themselves briefly. Membership and election of committees took place. There followed a presentation on Draft Bishops and Priest Measure and Draft Canon No 30, which was then debated. Voting

followed to go to Diocesan Synod and Synod was asked to approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and in draft Amending Canon No 30. The vote was For 7 (House of Clergy), 16 (House of Laity), Against 11 (House of Clergy), 9 (House of Laity), Abstentions Non (House of Clergy), 8 (House of Laity) and the vote was therefore lost. Tony Rice-Oxley as Chair of the Finance Committee went through the finances and gave a background to the accounts. Rev Tim Jessiman presented a summary on a recent roadshow on Strategy for Ministry for Mission (M4M) and reminded Synod that everyone has a gift and a vocation and this is a framework to work with in parishes, groups, clusters and partnerships. Future topics and speakers were discussed and Synod members were asked to think about topics that they would like to have discussed and presented at future Synods and those that were good, interesting and memorable.

27.9.11 – Venue: All Saints Church, Catherington

Agenda: Challenges faced through new local housing developments

A presentation on Messy Church by Lucy Moore, St Wilfred's Cowplain, who designed and developed the structure. This scheme operates by inviting families to come together, enjoy bible-based crafts (messy crafts) and being drawn together finishing with a meal provided by the church for children and adults.

This group practice operates independently to main services and follows a Love of Jesus and fellowship values, Christ centred and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Messy Church was started in 2004, the brain child of Lucy Moore (Cowplain) and there are 852 churches in the UK alone. Churches worldwide are also running Messy churches. Lucy Moore has published a book and DVD on Messy Church.

Finance: Tony Rice-Oxley, Chair of Finance Committee explained and reported that the Deanery Treasurer looks after the money parishes give for the running of the Deanery office from the Capitation Fee. Tony also reported that Havant Deanery had so far never failed to pay their parish shares in full.

Update on Koforidua by Angela Herring

Kwabeng Palm Oil Project – started in 2000. Through the generosity of the Havant Deanery monies had been sent to Ghana so that a house and machinery/water pump could be built and purchased. The farm is now in full

manual production and the nuts on the farm were currently processed for Palm Oil by Unilever – profits from this support the local church in Ghana. Overall, with additional sources for matching additional funding from the US (Trinity Wall Street) a further £10K has been raised to increase the probability of the project and provide more income for the huge Diocese. Havant Deanery offered an additional £1800 to raise money for a company truck and transport for the Bishop of Koforidua.

Ministry for Mission

The Diocesan Conference which was attended by Parish Priests looked at the following issues: Church Army on Evangelism, Ethical Issues on TV, a DVD with Bishop Christopher on M4M, as not 'one size fits all' (Ministry for Mission) and confirmation that the Deanery is in 'good heart'. Further information is on the Diocesan website.

30.11.11 – Venue: St Thomas' Bedhampton

Topic: Ben Mizen, Diocesan Youth Worker, on Youth work.

Welcome by David Proud, priest-in-charge of St Thomas. Main feature of the evening was a presentation by Ben Mizen, the Diocesan Youth Officer, assisted by Mike Carpenter, Youth Worker at the Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS) on "Engaging with young people". His presentation was based on a model which is five fold. He spoke about values for ministry and activities:

Evangelism/Fellowship/Worship/Discipleship/Ministry

He felt that we need to be in the bigger circle of the Community to evangelise and then slowly and gradually draw people into the congregation. He talked about activities for young people to focus on and feels they can be achieved by getting to know what the young people have to offer in the way of their own talents which can be brought into the fellowship. Find ways of connecting with young people. He is very keen to train leaders and encourages anyone interested to get in touch. He promoted 2 major events coming up – Saturday 25th February 2012 – "Confirmed" for youth workers/ministers, clergy and laity and Wednesday 7th March 2012 – "Children's Spirituality" at Portsmouth Cathedral.

23.2.12 – Venue – Hart Plain Church

Topic: Speed Debating – debating Hot Parish Topics.

Synod members were divided into Parish teams to discuss ideas, issues and concerns and items of good practice in parishes.

The teams or small groups were rotated round a number of times so that an overall exchange could take place. Specific topics were discussed which included: Parish care, Bringing Youth into church, Parking (church car parks) and involving more people in mission and volunteer for Parish Life. Interregnums were also discussed as some parishes felt that long interregnums were very interrupting to regular worship. A plenary session drew all the ideas together in order to share, evaluate and learn quickly and efficiently about issues at parish levels, to be discussed at forums at future meetings. Many of the parishes in the Havant Deanery contributed issues that are shared with each other but in context to individual parishes.

Finance

Tony Rice-Oxley read out the Finance Report for the Deanery for the last quarter.

Candy Williams and Barbie Lloyd

St George's News and Website – www.stgeorgesnews.org

The magazine committee met recently to discuss, among other things, the future of our church magazine, this particularly in view of the recent slump in circulation. Due to a fall in congregation readership and a reduction in home delivery volunteers, our distribution has dropped to around the critical 200 mark. Several options were discussed.

The magazine is a net contributor to church funds. Roughly £700 is received by way of advertisements and a further £100 from annual subscriptions. There will also be an unspecified amount from passers-by who leave their money in the general collection area. Production costs are about 20 pence per copy; thus 200, 6 times a year would cost £240 to £250 leaving a net profit of £550. Of course there is also a considerable amount of work goes into each production.

The problem lies in the advertisement area. If distribution falls below the 200 mark some advertisers will elect to discontinue. This year so far we have lost 4 advertisers already due to them not picking up any business from their advertisement.

What can we do about this?

Well, first and foremost, please can you use the advertisers whenever possible stating where you found their details. Hopefully this will keep them 'on board'.

Secondly, we need to increase our distribution, albeit that we distribute free copies to make up for the missing sales. As can be seen from the finances, sales are not as critical as advertisers and the way to keep advertisers is to increase distribution. Consequently we have decided to allocate a number of 'free' copies for members of the congregation to distribute at random in their area. There are no monies to collect and the magazine will be marked as a free copy. There will be an application form inside for recipients of the free copy to apply for a more regular 'paid' copy if they so wish. Obviously distributors must be aware of just who is already receiving a paid copy! If you can volunteer to distribute 10 copies in your road/area, please come and talk to me

We believe that the magazine must contain more church based news and items and to this end we are asking all groups within the church to consider making a regular contribution – just a few lines to say what they are doing and when. Maybe a short item from the PCC to say what they have been discussing recently and maybe an additional report from the Deanery Synod. A short snappy piece from the servers or choir highlighting areas of their work. Money is always a critical issue and a regular feature on the church finances could provide interesting reading. Your ideas to extend this would be most welcome

So there it is. It is now up to you to keep the magazine running. A great deal of time and energy is expended by those currently producing the magazine and they need to be supported. If they begin to flag so will the magazine.

Tony Rice-Oxley

St George's News Website

The website continues to be well used, the statistics showing around 40,000 visitors a year. Here you will find the definitive church calendar - if you have a Smartphone you can integrate the church calendar entries into your phone's calendar - instructions are on the website calendar page. The website also has message boards where you can leave rotas, prayer lists, announcements and much more. There are contact names and phone numbers for church organisations and PCC, parish registers and graveyard records for those researching their ancestors. You can read the PCC minutes, and see the Sunday Bulletin several days in advance as well as copies going back three months. Copies of all St George's News editions since 1997 are archived, and can be searched to find anything you may be interested in. Please encourage friends to visit the website, it is an important part of our outreach.

John Johnson

St George's Servers

St Georges is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated group of servers who are prepared to assist in the sanctuary. There are many churches that are envious of the position we find ourselves in, having said that anybody who would like to become a server would be welcomed.

Our serving team still comprise the majority of those attending the monthly Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary's meetings. This gives those members the opportunity to meet servers from other churches in this worship-focused organisation.

Seven of St George's servers assisted Bp Christopher at the Kairos partnership Eucharist held at Crookhorn School last year, and were thanked for their assistance on the day. All those who served felt privileged to have done so.

I am grateful to Wendy, Martin, Stevie & Simon for performing the role of boat girl/boy over the last year. If any other young child would like to perform that role, please let me know, and I will fit you into the rota.

Sorting out the rota can often be a challenge, and I am grateful to Anne & Abi who have once again assisted me in this task.

It is a privilege to be head server at St George's, and I will continue to undertake this role to the best of my ability.

David Palmer
Head Server

Sunday School

There are currently 8 to 10 regular children in Sunday school, sometimes more with visiting children who are always welcome. The ages range between 2 to 12.

Our morning always starts with a circle time when there is a game and/or story, prayers (sometimes chosen and lead by the children themselves) and the Children's Creed (which is also used during the Family Eucharist). During Advent there is a small Advent Candle ring that is lit at the start of the morning's session. Any birthdays are celebrated with the lighting of candles on a 'cake', a special Happy Birthday song and a card. We then break for an

activity that may involve craftwork, puzzle sheets or a quiz. During the year we have also watched part of a DVD depicting an interpretation of The Ascension and Pentecost. As we have a mixed age range of children, we have continued to work together as one group. We have not been able so far to find a suitable course to use that follows the Anglican Church Year and so have prepared work using the Gospel Reading as a guide or a lesson appropriate for the Church season. For example, much of the autumn term was taken up in preparation for Christmas when the children had two special tasks to perform. The children were delighted to be able to dress the Church Advent Candle using appropriately coloured and decorated ribbons.

The nativity play was different again last year, in the form of a tableau, the children dressed up as usual but helped Fr Mike tell the story of the first nativity in the form of a question and answers session. Handmade items were left at the altar to indicate the various characters involved.

Last year we wished Bon Voyage to one of our leaders, Anne Willoughby, who moved back to the Island. Whilst being delighted for Anne that she has returned to her beloved Isle of Wight, she is greatly missed. Her love for children and dedication to the task was always evident and her involvement with Sunday school goes back a very long way particularly with the little ones who were reassured by her presence. Sometimes these children have been drawn into Sunday school from 'Parent and Toddlers'. To help her remember us, Anne was presented with a musical Nativity figurine and some bulbs for her new garden. Thank you, Anne, for all you have done.

Anne's absence meant a change round in organisation with Tressy Allison, Dawn Hyett and Lynn Winter each taking a turn to lead on one week in the month, sometimes doubling up on another week to help another colleague. In recent months, we are grateful to Sheilah Hall, Josh Ive and Abi Morgan for coming in to provide an extra pair of hands. Also to Amy Shepherd who helps with the younger children.

This year, again sadly, we have to bid 'all the best' to Dawn Hyett who steps down at Easter. Dawn has been involved with Sunday School for several years, firstly assisting and latterly leading her own sessions. Her practical knowledge and expertise on craft has proved invaluable. (The main credit for organising the Christmas projects, for example, go to Dawn). Whilst we do hope her absence will be temporary, it does leave a big gap. Thank you, Dawn, for all your help and contribution.

Trying to 'run' Sunday school with only two Leaders does not work (it has been done in a short, emergency period over the year but is extremely draining). Unless we find at least a third Leader, we have to consider the

option of coming into Church for a second week in the month (in addition to the Family Eucharist). This has a positive slant in that it would give the children another chance to appreciate the Eucharist and become more used to its pattern. It is, after all, the heart of our worship.

The Sunday School Team

Youth Club

As St George's Youth Club leader I am pleased to say that there have been lots of positive activities in the Youth Club. There have been three new staff appointments - they are Dave Clarke, Lynn Winter and Dave Flint.

In the autumn term the Youth club played a major role by contributing a new hymn during the visit of Bishop Christopher to St. George's in October 2011.

Our Youth Club joined forces with St. Faith's Havant for a games evening earlier in the year and we had them back for a quiz evening.

We have had a couple of BBQ evenings during the year. I wish to acknowledge Steve Cook's help and support as he is always there to help us with the BBQ, be it at home at St George's or away at Queen Elizabeth Park.

St George's also met up with another local church Youth Club at the Church of the Good Shepherd. This was good exposure and an educational point for our young people. There have been a number of visits to Ten Pin Bowling and this is always good exercise for the young people and it helps them in building and working together as a team.

Two of our very experienced and capable volunteers, Candy and John Williams retired from their positions. I wish to acknowledge their contribution to the Youth Club and all they have done.

I also wish to acknowledge Dave, Jane, Lynn, Dave, Sandra, Mike and Noreen and the parents for all their hard work in supporting me with the running of the Youth Club.

Fr Timon Singh
Youth Club Leader

St George's Choir

I took over St George's Choir on Easter Sunday, 2011. I found the choir to be in very good heart, enthusiastic and in fine voice. For this legacy, I have Cecil Wilman and Julia Spurgeon to thank.

Highlights of this year have been:

- the Easter, Advent and Christmas services, interspersed with Evensongs. The choir now comprises twelve core members
- on 24th July we attended a Partnership Eucharist at Crookhorn School along with Christchurch Portsdown, The Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John's, Purbrook. It was gratifying to have a large turn-out by our choir and they contributed a goodly proportion of the combined choir
- on 4th September we were joined by Portchester choir for Choral Evensong at Portchester, then they joined us for a Taize service, accompanied by woodwind and strings
- on 2nd October during a visit from Bishop Timothy, the choir, augmented by occasional singers who are always welcome, with Mark Langtry playing the organ, excelled themselves with a rendition of "Zadok the Priest" by Handel.

Throughout the year there have been some excellent solos from: Julia Spurgeon, Richard Spurgeon, Adrienne Bridger, Rachel Palmer, Ian Renfrew, Kat Emery and a duet by Kat and Amy McKells.

A new venture at the beginning of 2012 was a "look back" at Christmas, incorporating choral music from Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

In conclusion it has been an exhilarating year with some difficult music attempted. The only downside of the year was the resignation of Wendy Pearce through ill-health. She was a very valued member of the choir for three years. We would like to thank her for her support and loyalty and wish her well in the future.

Stella Starr
Director of Music

St George's Band

Since March 2011 the church band has held its numbers, but I am concerned as some of the band are approaching the start of the second year of their A levels, meaning that we will lose them in just over 12 months. The new members Dan (Cornet) and Ben (Guitar) have settled in very well, and I can also call on David Palmer and Emma to play recorder when they are available. On a full day we can put out a band of 10 musicians.

We do not hold regular rehearsals, this is due to the work load from my own job; we rehearse at 9am on the mornings of Family Services only. I would like to recruit at least another six musicians, so if anyone has an instrument

and can play to a standard where you can read and play a part, please let me know.

Julia Spurgeon has been an invaluable member not only in playing, but also supporting me and giving extremely valuable guidance, and I would like to thank Julia once again for all of the work that she does for the church band.

The recent purchase of Sibelius 6 has made my life easier in that I can produce arrangements much quicker, thank you.

Don Lloyd

St George's Social and Fundraising Committee

Burns Night started off St George's celebrations in 2011. It was a packed hall which celebrated in traditional style with a piper, address to the haggis, good food, drink and Scottish dancing. As usual we shared the profits, £349 being our share, with the Waterlooville Twinning Association who join with us to stage this wonderful event.

Our show in February was Saturday Night Fever with an evening of seventies style food and entertainment which went down very well £330 was passed to church funds

The Race Night on the 2nd April raised £1102. The Parish lunch was after the APCM in April, it raised £210, £100 of which went to the first prize in the Summer Fete Raffle.

The coach trip in May was to Wilton House, Salisbury. It was a lovely day out and we were royally welcomed, our coach being ushered right up to the entrance and a guide getting on the coach to explain the different things on offer. The house was beautiful and the grounds well worth walking round.

In June we hosted the Waterlooville Music Festival which brought thousands of people over our threshold. They seemed to appreciate the St George's welcome, refreshments and concerts. The week kicked off with our Summer Fete in the church gardens which raised £2200.

July saw the return of the now traditional Glendene Proms. Unfortunately the weather was not as kind as last year and we ended up in the church hall!!

We celebrated Harvest in September with a Harvest Party. Everyone brought their own food and drink and there were games, quizzes, a singalong and dancing. It was a really good evening.

This year we had a charity shop in October. It was opposite the church, most appropriate! Everyone had collected a fantastic amount and we ran with volunteer helpers for 2 weeks raising (including Gift Aid) a little over £4,000. A really grand effort, congratulations St George's!

Bonfire Night was on November 4th despite worries about the weather. The hot punch was most welcome as was the soup and jacket potatoes. £74 was raised for Naomi House. A barn dance took place in November organised by Babs' daughters: Janice and Hazel for The Rowans and St George's our share being £200.

In December our Bazaar raised £1600 and got us all into the Christmas feeling with the festive stalls and music.

We took a coach to the pantomime Cinderella at the Kings. This year this trip made a loss which was born by this fund. We will hold a few raffles at events in 2012 to make up our running fund. For this year we will put out a list to see who is interested as booking in advance gets us tickets at nearly half price! We may have to do without the coach if there are not enough people wanting to go.

We provided punch after the Christmas Carol Service. The Hundred Club and Bonus Ball continue raising £548 and £400 respectively

Friday coffee mornings have raised £586 and plant sales £1209.

Another good effort, thank you all.

Please start looking out your valuables for the Auction in October!

Jane Rice-Oxley

St George's 100 Club and Accounts

As you will see from the accounts below, the 100 club has been able to make a donation of £547.64 to Church funds this year. Unfortunately this is slightly below our potential of £600 plus interest as we have sadly lost a few of our long standing members this year. We currently have spare numbers so if anyone would like to join please let me know. To those of you who are members, thank you for your continued support and yes, I know, your number never comes up, but maybe this year you will be lucky!

Colin Monk

**ST GEORGE'S 100 CLUB ACCOUNTS
1 JANUARY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2011**

EXPENDITURE

PRIZE MONEY PAID OUT	£545.00
DONATION TO PCC	£547.64
BANK AT 31.12.11	£390.00
CASH AT 31.12.11	£0.00

£1,482.64

INCOME

BALANCE AT 1.1.11	£337.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID	£1,145.00
BANK INTEREST	£0.64

£1,482.64

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY	91
FEBRUARY	91
MARCH	89
APRIL	91
MAY	91
JUNE	90
JULY	92
AUGUST	91
SEPTEMBER	91
OCTOBER	91
NOVEMBER	92
DECEMBER	92

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LIST OF WINNERS

JANUARY	57	D CAVEY	£10.00
	88	J BRADLEY	£5.00
FEBRUARY	15	K BURTON	£10.00
	40	D HYETT	£5.00
MARCH	88	J BRADLEY	£75.00
	3	J SPURGEON	£15.00
APRIL	71	M ANDERSON	£10.00
	14	A WILLOUGHBY	£5.00
MAY	48	C WILLIAMS	£10.00
	21	W DANCER	£5.00
JUNE	80	M HUTCHINSON	£75.00
	34	K CLARK	£10.00
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