



St John in the Soke
with
St Martin, Winnall
Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December, 2008

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Administrative Information

The parish St John in the Soke with St Martin Winnall, in the diocese of Winchester, is part of the new benefice of East Winchester, being partnered with the parishes of All Saints Winchester, and St Andrew, Chilcomb.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served during 2008 are:

Rector: Rev Paul Kennedy, Chairman

Wardens:

David Stirrup	Vice Chairman
Christine Smith	

Deanery Synod Representatives:

John Newcome

Elected Members:

David Eadie	
Felicity Harding	Children's Project Officer
Susie Jemmeson	
Clare Kilroy	
Bridget Mortimer	Secretary
Rachael Newman	
David Smith	
Len Tatham	Treasurer
Christine Taylor	

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the rector in promoting in the

ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition to the church building and the churchyard, the PCC also has responsibility for the maintenance of two thirds of the graveyard on St Giles Hill.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

The church has 56 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. Average attendance for a typical Sunday Parish Eucharist, the major service of the week, is about 35, this number rising significantly at the principal festivals.

Review of the Year

PCC Report

In 2008 the PCC of St John the Baptist met on seven occasions. In addition there were two joint PCC meetings with All Saints.

Following the induction of the Reverend Paul Kennedy as the first rector of the new benefice of East Winchester, there was much discussion at meetings regarding the schedule of services between the two churches (plus St Andrew's Chilcomb). The pattern of services at St John's and thoughts about the placing of chairs and the altar for different services were also considered.

In addition at every meeting there was ongoing consideration of the finances and charitable giving of the church, the maintenance of the fabric of the church, that fire, safety and security measures are in place, and prayerful thoughtfulness given to comments received from members of the congregation.

Most recently we have discussed the possibility of a new porch for the north door. Plans and fund raising ideas, in the first instance, are being led by the rector and churchwardens.

We congratulate Susie Jemmeson on the birth of her son in December.

Rector's Report

The Rector was instituted on 21st April as the first ever Rector of East Winchester and, as such, represented a further coming together of the two separate parishes. The service, conducted by Bishop Trevor, included both parish churches with a walk between them symbolizing our journeying

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together. This report is an overview of 8 months in the life of the benefice.

Services

Probably the most noticeable difference caused by the two parishes coming together is the change in the service pattern. Changes were agreed by a joint PCC meeting and trialled. After some fine tuning the following pattern was agreed upon:

Sun day	All Saints'	St. John's	St. Andrew's
1st	08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Breakfast Club 11:00 Prayer & Praise 18:00 Healing Eucharist	09:30 Parish Eucharist	
2nd	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Parish Eucharist	09:30 Parish Eucharist	9:30 Holy Communion
3rd	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Parish Eucharist	09:30 Parish Eucharist	
4th	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Parish Eucharist	09:30 Parish Eucharist	
5th	8 am Holy Communion 11 am Parish Eucharist	09:30 Parish Eucharist	

The change of the main service at All Saints' from 10 to 11 am was a problem for some but the resulting monthly Breakfast Club is getting well established and has had a positive impact, especially upon the Prayer and Praise service. St. John's tried a non-Eucharistic service, which was discontinued after its attendance dropped. However, there was a recognition that it may need to be reintroduced in the future due to shortages of ordained clergy.

The benefice offers a range of services, times and locations over the course of the month and it is good to see people making use of this by occasionally attending another church.

Ministry

The new Benefice has become a training parish reflecting the wide range of community and church experiences offered by the combination of the two parishes. We should be joined by a deacon in 2009.

At the end of 2008 two ministers were preparing to leave. Our Assistant Priest Terry Hemming was going to a house-for-duty post at Long Parish and our Reader Simon McMurtary was planning to worship with his local community at Stanmore. We still have another Reader, Margaret Scrivener, who ministers regularly and more occasionally we receive the ministry of Bishop Simon Burrows and Canon Colin Deeds.

St. John's was also helped by the ministry of Canon David Slater who has also moved on to assist with an interregnum at Stockbridge.

The parishes have been blessed by this range of ministry through 2008 and earlier.

Overview

When the Rector was appointed two areas were highlighted by the selection procedure:

- Strengthening St. John's relationship with the Winnall estate
- Building upon All Saints' relationship with its school.

Some inroads have been made in both of these areas.

Within Winnall the relationship with a small "Fresh Expression" style of church, resourced from Christ Church, has grown closer. Some of the people involved come to St. John's to worship and regularly meet with the Rector. Also the Rector has led assemblies at Winnall School and has been involved in a local consultation exercise. While St. John's is used for baptisms and occasionally for weddings by people from Winnall, we still need to think about how we build upon our community relationships.

All Saints' school is now better represented at All Saints' church largely due to the Breakfast Club. Children's activities are now offered on other Sundays and we are able to build upon what was already taking place: the Wednesday Club; assembly input; and school governor roles. It would always be nice to have more children but much fruitful work is already taking place.

Thanks

Both parishes have a range of dedicated and talented people. This is especially true of the Wardens who were running an interregnum up

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until 21st April and have had to induct a new Rector since then. There is much to be thankful for and it is good to see these distinctive churches and communities benefitting from sharing with each other.

Churchwardens' Report

2008 began in the thick of the process to appoint a rector for the newly created Benefice of East Winchester and interviews were held in early January. St John's hosted an evening reception for all the candidates and representatives of both parishes. During the interviews on the following day, the choice, for the churchwardens of St John's, was self-evident and we were delighted when Paul Kennedy was offered and accepted the post. To mark the end of our two-year interregnum and to thank the congregation for its faithful and creative support during that time, a parish lunch was held shortly before we welcomed the Kennedy family among us in April.

Since then there has been a discernible growth in numbers at our Parish Eucharist, including young families with children, and the number of enquiries for baptism and marriages has also risen. During the year we explored various kinds of alternative services, not always wholly successfully, but we have valued the opportunity to experiment with new patterns of worship.

Of particular encouragement has been the greater integration with the team from Christ Church working on Winnall and the news that we had been designated as a training benefice and can look forward to a curate joining us in the summer of 2009.

The year drew to a close memorably for a group of St John's members who attended the Catholic Fresh Expressions Day in Coventry Cathedral with Archbishop Rowan Williams - and some impressive pyrotechnics!

Planned Giving Report

Members of the electoral roll, who are taxpayers, can join the Gift Aid Scheme run by the Church. They are asked to sign a form of agreement that the church can reclaim the tax on their contributions. There are several methods of payment:

1. They are issued with numbered green envelopes to put in the collection plate
2. They can pay monthly by standing order through their bank
3. If they only come occasionally, they can

fill in a yellow envelope when they do attend

Although the income tax rate has been reduced, the church can obtain transitional relief until 2011 which enables them to reclaim 28p for every pound given – a steady income which is very valuable. John and Jane Newcome would be delighted to answer any questions.

Fabric Report

This has been a very quiet year for work on the church building, certainly when compared to the restoration and re-furbishment of recent years. Apart from the installation of additional loudspeakers in the north and south aisles to augment our audio systems, and a plastic owl to deter the pigeons, any other activity has been restricted to simple maintenance.

Friends of St John

The Friends of St John organisation has been in suspended animation since 2006. It is hoped that it can be resurrected at some point in the future.

Deanery Synod Report

The purpose of the Deanery Synod is to provide a forum in which representatives of the parishes within the geographical area of the Deanery may meet and make contact with each other. Each benefice provides members, nominated by the PCC. The incumbent is also a member as of right.

The Synod meets two or three times a year. Its agenda, after an opening act of worship, usually consists of: any matters of general interest to the Deanery at large; a report from the Deanery's affiliated overseas diocese (in the case of the Winchester Deanery, this is Uganda); a talk from a visitor on any subject of current interest to the Anglican Communion; a financial statement from the chair of the Deanery Finance Committee; any matter that may have been referred to the Deaneries by the Diocese for discussion; and anything that any of the parishes may wish to have aired in the Synod.

Since the last Annual Report, there have been three meetings of the Winchester Synod. Matters discussed of interest to us were:

1. "Mission Audit", in which ways were discussed whereby parishes may be able to help each other in areas such as: children and young people; widening of

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- social profiles of congregations; family ministry.
2. The National Missionary Initiative known as "Just 10" (of which more will be heard later in the year.)
 3. A matter which has been exercising the minds of our Diocesan and Suffragan Bishops, namely "The Deanery – Fit for Purpose?" In this connection there have been a series of meetings across the Diocese, including one in Four Marks which was attended by the Rector and St John's Deanery Synod representative, chaired by the Bishop of Basingstoke. The outcome of these meetings has been to form a Working Group who will examine how we all can help each other in the fields of communications, training and information, and sharing of resources. Our Rector is a member of this group. It has been encouraging to find that there is a general consensus that our Deanery is a vital organisation, and that its Synod is a substantial forum for communication and debate. However, the management and general ethos of the Synod could do with some fresh impetus.

Children of St John's

Pre-school

St John's Pre-School continues to be a great asset for the district of Winnall, with a good management team that hasn't changed since last year except that Len Tatham is no longer the treasurer. With Ron Merritt as chairman and Kerry Smith and Andrea James as manager and administrator it requires hard work and care to manage. It also needs adult volunteers to help on the committee to make sure the staff are fully supported, if you feel like volunteering.

Sunday School/Crèche

We do not yet have sufficient children attending church on a regular basis to enable us to set up a separate Sunday School. However, a carpeted area, complete with bags of books and playthings, is available and is getting increased use.

Financial Review

Our income and expenditure figures in 2008 were very similar to 2007. Our income from giving is generous and our expenditure is predictable in that we will have the occasional expenditure for fabric care of the church, such as the plaster near

the north wall radiator. This cost £140 and this sort of expenditure can be expected, and we must allow for it. The noticeboard also needs money spent on it, which should be affordable.

Most churches with larger incomes will probably be feeling the pinch of the economic downturn. We are affected in a small way in that the charities we hold have shares that have declined in value. In all there are five charities. Mostly they depend on interest paid in to an account which is used for the benefit of organisations, such as the local school, the fabric of the church and for music. Sue Skegg was able to access the Parish Lands charity for £36,000 to protect a black hole in our finances in 2005 to cover building costs. Some money has been given to Winnall School and the Community Centre in Winnall, and we have received £795 from the charity for choirs to pay for the large speaker and its installation in the roof

In total the shares in these charities are worth about £5,000 less than they were last year. The one charity that pays some of its income regularly into our funds paid about £1,000 in 2008. We have discussed the possibility of converting this investment into an interest-only investment when the time is right.

With care we can pay bills for the running of our church etc as they appear. The big cost is the Parish Share, which amounts to something like £28,000, our portion of the whole with All Saints paying the larger share. We are unable to pay the whole figure because it's about the same as our income, and we paid £22,000 in 2008, and it is important that we contribute all we can. Thank you to all who contribute to the church.

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £28,151, and are detailed in the Financial Statements.

£20,500 was spent during the year as our contribution to the diocesan parish share. This is quite an achievement given the significant financial demands on a quite small congregation.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £141. The balance carried forward on December 31, 2008 of unrestricted funds totalled £3,794.

Reserves Policy

The release of capital from one of the charities controlled by the church has enabled the PCC to establish a reserve fund, which now totals

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£22,947. This is to provide a basis to meet any emergency requirement, which could be fabric or pastoral in nature.

It is our policy to invest any funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

**Approved by the PCC on April 19, and signed
on their behalf by Paul Kennedy (PCC
Chairman)**

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WINCHESTER

GENERAL FUND

PAYMENTS

	2008	2007
Grants	£	£
Christian Aid	0.00	0.00
UK Missions and Charities	615.00	597.25
Payments from Trust Funds	<u>492.51</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>
	1107.51	3,897.25
Work of the Church		
Diocesan Quota	20,500.00	19,000.00
Church Running Expenses	4,391.24	3,221.94
Clergy Expenses	1,346.39	294.00
Utilities	454.54	125.04
Fund raising	<u>66.00</u>	<u>135.80</u>
	26,758.17	22,776.78
Administration	426.84	3,929.66
General Fund Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,365.88</u>
	426.84	5,295.54
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>28,292.52</u>	<u>£31,969.57</u>
Amount carried forward	<u>3,749.34</u>	<u>3,890.19</u>
	<u>32,041.86</u>	<u>35,859.76</u>

General Account balance 1/1/08 £3,890.19

General Account Balance 31/12/08 £3,749.34

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RESTORATION FUND--2007 ON FUND---2008

INCOME		Total Credit	Donatio n	Fund raising	Bank interest	English Heritage	Gift Aid refund	WDLF	W.C.C.	Misc
Date	Credit No	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bought forward		4,441.03								
14.01.08	403	503.00		503.00						
04.02.08	404	20.00		20.00						
31.03.08	Interest Quinq.refun d	42.70			42.70					367.3 4
14.04.08		367.34					—			
26.06.08	406	165.85	35.85	130.00						
30.06.08	IAS 5120	30.88		—			—			30.88
11/08/08	407	135.00	135.00							
10/09/2008	Interest	26.99		26.99						
17/10/2008	Interest	17.81		17.81						
		5,750.60	170.85	653.00	87.50					
									398.2 2	1,309.5 7

RESTORATION 2008

PAYMENTS

Date	Cheque no.	Payee	Total paid	Architect	Builder	Archaeolog y	Consultant s	Misc	Gen Fund
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
24.01.08	185	Architect WCC--	476.77	476.77	—		—		
18.04.08	186	drainage	350.00		—			350.00	
"		Charges	10.00		—		—	10.00	1,500.0
11.04.08	187	WDBF---Parish Share	1,500.00		—		—		0
30.06.08	Bank	Charges	10.00		—		—	10.00	
10/09/2008	188	Loudspeaker	795.25		—		—	795.25	
30/09/2008	Bank	Charges	10.00		—		—	10.00	
"	Bank	Charges	10.00		—		—	10.00	
			3,162.02	476.77				2,685.2 5	3,162.0 2

£5,750.60 minus £3,162.02 £2,588.58 carried forward

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CHARITY OF HENRY KNIGHT AND OTHERS

CHARITY NUMBER 254220

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

RECEIPTS	2008	2007	PAYMENTS	2008	2007
COIF Dividends	26.86	23.09	Grants in line with		
Bank Interest net of Tax	18.77	22.94	Charity's Aims	00.00	00.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	45.63	46.03	TOTAL PAYMENTS	00.00	00.00
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Excess of payments over receipts			Excess of receipts over payments	45.63	46.03
Deposit A/C 1.1.08	980.78		Deposit A/C 1.1.07		934.75
Deposit A/C 31.12.08	1,026.41		Deposit A/C 31.12.07		980.78

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Monetary Assets Bank Deposit A/C (National Westminster, Winchester), £1,026.41

64.17 shares invested with COIF valued at 869.59p. per share—Total value £558.02 (£735.76)

Finance 6

REV'D MALISE CUNNINGHAM GRAHAM CHARITY FOR A CHOIR

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CHARITY NUMBER 269660 (1)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

RECEIPTS	2008	2007	PAYMENTS	2008	2007
COIF Share Dividends	261.63	225.01	Income spent in furthering Musical part of the services held in St John's Church	00.00	00.00
Bank interest net of tax	31.06	33.67			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	292.69	258.68	TOTAL PAYMENTS	00.00	00.00
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Excess of payments Over receipts			Excess of receipts over payments	292.69	258.68
Deposit A/C 1.1.08	1,533.82		Deposit A/C 1.1.07		1,275.14
Deposit A/C 31.12.08	1,826.51		Deposit A/C 31.12.07		1,533.82

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

Monetary Assets Bank Deposit Account £1,826.51

625 shares invested with COIF valued at 869.59p per share having a value of £5,434.94 (£7,315.94)

Finance 7

REV'D MALISE CUNNINGHAM GRAHAM CHARITY FOR APPRENTICING CHOIR BOYS

CHARITY NUMBER 269660 (2)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

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RECEIPTS	2008	2007	PAYMENTS	2008	2007
COIF Share Dividends	261.63	225.01	Income spent in furthering the relief of children of the parish of St John the Baptist	00.00	00.00
Bank Interest	35.97	39.79			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	297.60	264.80	TOTAL PAYMENTS	00.00	00.00
Excess of payments Over receipts	00.00	00.00	Excess of receipts over payments	297.60	264.80
Deposit A/C 1.1.08	1,792.72		Deposit A/C 1.1.07		1,527.92
Deposit A/C 31.12.08	2,090.32		Deposit A/C 31.12.07		1,792.72

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Monetary Assets Bank Deposit A/C (National Westminster, Winchester) £2,090.32

625 shares invested with COIF valued at 869.59p. per share with a total value of £5,434.94 (£7,315.94)

Finance 8

CHARITY OF ST JOHN PARISH LANDS

CHARITY NUMBER 259144

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

RECEIPTS	2008	2007	PAYMENTS	2008	2007
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			Income spent in line with the aims of the charity		
Income from COIF	1,052.61	905.27		1,052.61	905.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£1,052.61	£905.27		TOTAL PAYMENTS	£1,052.61

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

COIF shareholding of 1056.84 shares valued at 869.59 per share being a total of £9,190.17 (£10,721.96)
COIF shareholding of 1457.80 shares valued at 869.59p. per share with a total value of £12,676.88 (£14,789.82)

Accumulation Shares

COIF shareholding of 8.68 shares valued at 6222.12p. per share being a total value of £540.08 (£696.18)
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CHARITY OF HENRY SMITH (ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BRANCH)

CHARITY NUMBER 254225

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

RECEIPTS	2008	2007	PAYMENTS	2008	2007
M and G Charibond	82.64	82.64	Grants to Institutions	782.51	3,700.00
Charishare	42.30	41.42			
COIF	543.68	467.56			
Bank Interest	80.81	108.80			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£749.43</u>	<u>£700.42</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£782.51</u>	<u>£3,700.00</u>

Excess of payments over receipts	33.08	2,999.58	Excess of receipts over payments		
Deposit A/C 01.01.08	4,439.00		Deposit A/C 01.01.07	7,438.58	
Deposit A/C 31.12.08	4,405.92		Deposit A/C 31.12.07	4,439.00	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Monetary Assets National Westminster Bank Deposit Account Number 80801536 - £4,405.92

Charibond Charities Narrower Range Common Investment Fund 1087 shares valued at 119.10p and having a total value of £1,2964.61 (£2,065.30)

Charishare Common Investment Fund 305.653 shares valued at 365.70p per share having a total value of £1,117.77 (£1,501.37)

COIF shareholding of 894.33 shares valued at 869.59p per share having a total value of £7,777.00 (£10,408.58)

COIF shareholding of 404.45 shares valued at 869.59p per share having a total value of £3,517.06 (£4,734.29)

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10 February 2009

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