



OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY

**Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
Sunday 1st April 2012
After 10am Service**

CHURCH REPORTS FOR 2011/2012

Please bring this booklet with you to the meeting

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The Parish of All Saints', Oakham.

Annual Vestry Meeting.

A meeting of Oakham parishioners will be held at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday, 17th April, 2011 in All Saints' Church for the election of Churchwardens.

Agenda

1. Prayers
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of meeting of 17th April, 2011
 4. Election of Churchwardens
 5. Election of Deputy Churchwardens
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The Annual Parochial Meeting will then follow:

1. Presentation of Electoral Roll
2. Minutes of meeting of 17th April, 2011
3. Election of P.C.C. members
4. Finance: to receive church accounts and appoint an Examiner.
5. Vicar's Report
6. P.C.C. Secretary's Report and reports from other church groups (see booklet)
7. Deanery Synod Report
8. Election of Sidesmen
9. Other matters (any items should have been notified, where possible, to the chairman or secretary in advance)

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The Parish of All Saints' Oakham

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting

17th April 2011 at 10.55 am

Present: Mr M Vecqueray (Chair), 70 Parishioners.

The Meeting began with prayer.

Apologies: Mrs Broerse, Mr & Mrs Bush, Mr & Mrs Butler, Mrs Clarke, Revd & Mrs Cooper, Mr & Mrs Corton, Mr & Mrs Denny, Mrs Falconer, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Skillington, Mrs Spector, Mrs Venning and Mrs Watchorn.

Minutes: Proposed (S Bruce) and seconded (M Tomalin) that the Minutes of the Annual

Vestry Meeting held on 18th April 2010 were a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

Election of Churchwardens: Having been correctly nominated and seconded Stanley Bruce and Margaret Pattinson were duly elected as Churchwardens for Oakham All

Saints Parish Church.

Election of Deputy Churchwardens: The Chairman asked that with the permission of the Meeting the election of Deputy Churchwardens would be considered by the PCC. Agreed.

Vote of Thanks: The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to both Churchwardens for their help and support during the past year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05 am

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Electoral Roll: At 14th March 2011 the Oakham All Saints Electoral Roll contained 311 names. Details from Richard Davies, Electoral Roll Officer, are in the Annual Reports Booklet.

Minutes: Proposed (J Vecqueray) and seconded (J Pearce) that the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 18th April 2010 were a true and accurate record of that meeting. Carried.

Election of PCC Members: Having been duly proposed and seconded the following were elected to the PCC until the APCM in 2014: Mrs H Bush, Mrs M Davis, Ms H Durham, Mr J King, Mr M Vecqueray and Mrs A Venning. The Chairman thanked retiring members for their support and hard work during their period on the PCC.

Election of Deanery Synod Members: There were six vacancies to be filled on the Deanery Synod. Seven nominations had been properly proposed and seconded. A vote was therefore made by the meeting, all individuals using ballot papers to cast up to a maximum of six votes. The successful candidates were Mr K Andrews, W/Cdr D Cook, Mrs K Goodwin, Mr J Tomalin, Mrs M Tomalin and Mr G Woods, all elected to serve until 31st May 2014.

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Vicar's Report: The Chairman referred the meeting to the Vicar's comprehensive report in the Annual Report booklet, and made particular reference to: (1)the work done by Revd Hildred Crowther and the Pastoral Forum; (2)the final approval and legalisation of the Oakham Team

Ministry in January 2011. The Chairman expressed his thanks to all the team, especially Hildred and Jay, for the extra workload involved during the Vicar's Sabbatical, and to the retired clergy who were assisting so willingly; and (3)the Stewardship campaign planned for the autumn.

Margaret Pattinson expressed the warm thanks and appreciation of everyone for the Vicar's ministry over the past year.

PCC Secretary's and Other Reports: These had been issued prior to the Meeting in the Annual Reports Booklet. John Tomalin (Deanery Lay Chair) emphasised the busy year ahead for the Deanery Synod, especially decisions that would have to be taken on women in the episcopate.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Soo Spector and Linda Browne who compiled the Booklet, and to all who had contributed the material for it.

Treasury Team's Report: John King referred the meeting to the comprehensive details given in the Annual Report Booklet, and highlighted the key figures in the report. Proposed by M Vecqueray and seconded by P Kinal that the accounts be accepted as a true statement of the financial position of the church. Carried.

P Hill underlined the challenge ahead. An increase in income of £6000 was needed to avoid a deficit this year (2011), and the Stewardship Campaign would be important.

Proposed by P Munro and seconded by P May that Mr Gibson be appointed Examiner for Oakham All Saints Parish Church. Carried.

The Chairman expressed gratitude for all the work done by the Treasury Team during the year.

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Election of Sidespersons: The following list of parishioners had been submitted by Lyn Everitt for appointment as sidespersons for 2011:

Audrey Austen, Margaret Burgess, Kathryn Collison, Andy Compton, Richard Davies, Richard Day, Gerry Duffy, Helen Durham, Lyn Everitt, Rebecca Falconer, Ken Gilman, Robert Goodwin, Peter Hill, Joan Jervis, Ron Jervis, Stephen Johnson, Peter Kinal, Jack Pearce, Sue Reilly, Brian Rose, Elizabeth Smith, Ron Streeter, Marilyn Tomalin, John Tomalin, Alex Uff, Jackie Vecqueray, Mike Vecqueray, Des Wareham, Brenda Weatherhogg and Patrick Wilson.

Proposed P Wood and seconded by P Sagrott. Carried.

Any Other Business: Mrs Nicolle-Anderiesz brought the meeting's attention to a factual error which had occurred in the Annual Report Booklet for 2009-2010 and had been overlooked at the April 2010 APCM. In the Deanery Synod Report on Page 21 of the Report the fourth sentence of the second paragraph should be corrected to read as follows:

“The representatives on deanery Synod are Kate Goodwin, Denise McDonald, Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz (who is also Diocesan Synod Representative, serving on the Diocesan Education Board and Equal Opportunities Committee),

The correction involves the omission of reference to the Bishop's Council and the Worship and Spirituality Committee within the brackets.

Final Prayer: There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 11.50 am.

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Vicar's Annual Report

In September 2012 I will have been licensed as your parish priest for eight years. Each year I generally use the same headings to review our common life together. I do this, not because of a lack of creativity, but because it is my conviction that the following areas reflect both our calling and the source of all our inspiration.

WORSHIP

I am encouraged by the numbers worshipping at services, we average 210 adults and 20 children, but we need to recognize that the *pattern* of churchgoing is different to how it was in previous years. Many people worship monthly or less frequently yet consider themselves *regular* worshippers. This is a continuing challenge.

From June 2012 to Easter 2013 the ministers of the Team, in consultation with the Churchwardens and PCCs of all our Team parishes, will be conducting a review of the Team patterns. This will involve the types of service we offer and their timings. Parishioners will be consulted early about any proposed changes.

Daily Services Oakham Parish Church has an honourable tradition of well supported Daily Worship and I remain committed to it. With the number of retired clergy supporting the Team priests we are able to offer Weekday Communion services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays (J&A), Thursdays and Fridays. In addition we have Morning and Evening Prayer said Monday-Friday. These services are supported by regular congregations, but numbers at Tuesday 10am have fallen considerably. We need to review the pattern and particularly to consider how we best meet the needs of those who wish to receive communion in the week.

Holy Week & Easter If people ask what difference belonging to a Team make, I often answer "Look at Holy Week" During this time in the Church's year we join together and worship in many of our Team parishes and it is a defining feature of our Team. I encourage you all to prioritise being present as much as you are able.

Every year I thank all who support the worshipping life of this Parish, not least **Mr Kevin Slingsby** the Director of Music, the choir, vergers, bellringers, readers, intercessors, servers, flower guild and many others. And I do so MOST sincerely again. However I also want to thank each individual member of our Parish who worships with us, for you bring your own gifts and insights which make us increasingly diverse and interesting.

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PASTORAL CARE

There are two distinct areas of pastoral care that make up the ongoing pastoral work of the Parish.

(a) *Occasional Offices* In 2011 we officiated at:

- 56 baptisms and 2 Thanksgivings for the Birth of Children. This is more than in previous years and represents a large amount of work on behalf of the clergy and also the team of post baptism visitors.
- 16 weddings. This number, when combined with the 18 held elsewhere in the Team, represents a wonderful opportunity to engage with couples as they prepare for marriage.
- 41 funerals with all the associated planning and pastoral follow up

(b) *Ongoing Pastoral Care*

Now that we are fully staffed Revd Hildred Crowther will concentrate more on the coordination of this type of pastoral care. It is here that the Pastoral Forum, becomes a particularly effective way of organizing this aspect of pastoral work. *Healing Services* After meeting the Healing Prayer Group and discussions at the Pastoral Forum and PCC, a new pattern of Healing Services has been agreed upon. This will allow for a quarterly Healing Eucharist at 6pm.

I remain deeply grateful to the other members of the Ministry Team, Retired Clergy and members of the Pastoral Forum for their support and assistance in the delivery of pastoral care.

ADULT EDUCATION

We continued our ecumenical pattern of Lent groups and in 2011 and 2012 they have been very well supported. In Autumn 2011 we prepared 9 candidates for Confirmation. They came from Oakham, Market Overton and Langham. It was a privilege to prepare them and a joy to present them to the Bishop of Peterborough for Confirmation at our Patronal Festival on 30th October 2011.

Bible and Study groups continue to meet and they offer opportunities for fellowship and prayer. I draw your attention to the *Christian Meditation Group* which meets weekly on Wednesdays at 5.30pm.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

As always I am greatly encouraged by the ongoing Children's work which is reported elsewhere in the Annual Reports. We need to recognise the large amount of hard work that this represents. I am particularly grateful to **Mrs Alison Long** for her oversight of Sunday School provision.

We are soon to begin preparations sessions for *First Communion* and will admit children on Sunday 17th. The practice of admitting children to communion before confirmation is now well established and has increased numbers of children at Communion. It is an honour to prepare them and an excitement to present them.

The PCC identified a priority of young people's work and allocated the necessary finance. I have requested that the Diocese place a youth work intern in this parish from September 2012. This will allow

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us to build on the work of ASK (see separate report) and also build on youth provision outside our worshipping community. We still need to identify how we accommodate this new staff member.

Although I was on sabbatical at the time of the last APCM, I emphasized my priority of welcome and nurture of children and their families. I specifically asked that “people with concerns about this should raise them with me **directly** and not through others.” That seems to me not unreasonable and I reiterate it. I am grateful to the PCC who have discussed the issue of children at services and I am just as determined to ensure that the good work we have done in this area is not lost. There will be a variety of views about children and noise, but I want to encourage people to see children as part of our worshipping life and not a distraction. In extremis I could emphasise that we have two Sunday services and four week day communions with no children noise at all and this is balanced by one Sunday service which is at times more lively and noisy, for very good reason! As I have discussed in various contexts I am not myself convinced that the current trial of serving children’s refreshments separately is the answer either to the logistics of church coffee or the welcome of families.

I regularly remind myself that the increased numbers of children and young families worshipping with us is a result of a priority identified by this Parish when I was appointed in 2004.

TEAM DEVELOPMENT & MINISTERIAL SUPERVISION (see separate Ministry Team Report)

We are blessed with an enthusiastic and able Team of Clergy and Lay Ministers to whom I am greatly indebted. As Team Rector I have a role in oversight and supervision which is both rewarding and demanding. I remain convinced that sharing resources and insights is a more supportive and sustainable way of working.

In 2011 there were staffing changes which meant that both Hildred and myself were often in the village churches. This has given both of us a greater understanding of the needs of those parishes but has meant that there have been times when Oakham may have felt a loss. In these circumstances we have been well served by our faithful band of retired clergy (16 at last count!) as well as lay ministers. Now that we are fully staffed and soon to have another curate it should be quite possible to see more of Hildred and myself. This will allow Hildred to reconnect with parishioners pastorally as well as take a more regular place on the Oakham rota.

FINANCES

The Financial Reports represent an enormous amount of work on behalf of so many people. Last year I identified both the Parish Share and a Stewardship campaign as priorities for us. I am very pleased to report that Oakham Team Ministry paid its full share of £175,000 and All Saints Oakham paid £80,600 of that. We are used to full payment of the share, but should recognize what a hard job it is to ensure that this happens. The main reason we are able to meet our Parish Share and other financial obligations is because of the long and committed practice of Stewardship. The Stewardship campaign set itself a very

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tough target and the results are very encouraging. The increase in giving will allow us to meet our 2012 budget.

I am very grateful to our Treasury Team of **Mr Peter Hill**, **Mr John King** and **Canon Michael Wilson**

FABRIC

Our Fabric is in good repair and it is a delight to worship in a well loved and beautifully maintained building.

Trinity Chapel After much discussion the PCC decided in September not to proceed with the planned refurbishment of the Trinity Chapel. Although there was some dissatisfaction expressed by some parishioners with the nature of the proposed scheme, the decision not to proceed was taken with the hope that some reordering of a more substantial nature might be possible which did not limit itself to the aesthetic elements. Personally I was disappointed that it was not possible to progress the scheme and concerned that any scheme for reordering would inevitably result in opposition for a small number of parishioners. In all the challenges that face us it will be a brave vicar who tries to grasp this nettle! Nevertheless PCC has not ruled out considering schemes for the Trinity Chapel in conjunction with the *Friends*, but the reported lack of Fabric income makes this (or any other fabric project) less of a priority.

Mr Victor Hall has written a Fabric Report and this year will stand down as Chairman of Fabric Committee I am grateful to him for his service and dedication to this task. There has been a reshaping of Fabric responsibility and I am grateful to **Mr Vyv Wainwright** for agreeing to oversee our work in this area

MY SABBATICAL

I cannot look back on 2011 without recognizing just how formative the experience of sabbatical leave was for me. I was moved by the confidence placed in the Team that the Bishop insisted that I took my sabbatical even though the Team faced staffing uncertainty. His wisdom proved itself in the very great care for the whole Team offered by Hildred and Jay, ably assisted by the Lay Minsters and retired clergy

The opportunity to connect with the Churches of Palestine/Israel at the time of their sacred commemoration of the Passion of Christ was truly awe inspiring. I plan to speak of my time in Jerusalem in Holy Week at the Good Friday Addresses. Please join me in revisiting some of these deep truths on good Friday from 12noon

On reflection, although Jerusalem and Ireland taught me more than I had imagined, the lasting effects of the sabbatical are the opportunities for study, space and prayer as well as some time with my family.

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FINALLY

Oakham is a most invigorating and lively place to work mainly because of the people who give so much to the work of the Parish. I have been well served by two able and committed Churchwardens **Mr Stan Bruce** and **Mrs Margaret Pattinson** to whom I record my thanks. The APCM gives us an opportunity to reflect on our life together, I encourage you to be present on 1st April and raise any concerns or questions you have on any of these important matters.

Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani

Ministry Team Report

It is always humbling and encouraging reporting on the Ministry Team - humbling because of how much I owe to each of them for their dedication and abilities, encouraging because the Team could not be in better health.

2011 saw many changes and developments, all of which leave us in a strong position to face the future with confidence.

In January 2011 the Pastoral Scheme establishing the Oakham Team Ministry finally became effective. This meant that all the Team Ministers were relicensed to the new Team. This is far more than a technicality it now means that our clergy and lay ministers are all able to work across the whole of our 10 team parishes. Of course this is logistically tricky to achieve but it does mean that there is a shared responsibility for the life and ministry in all our Team Parishes.

In January 2011 **Rev Hildred Crowther** was licensed, by the Bishop of Peterborough, as Assistant Priest in the Team. This came after the successful completion of her curacy and came at a crucial time for the Team as Hildred was given greater authority to serve the Team during my sabbatical absence.

At Candlemass 2011 we say a farewell to **Revd Jay Ridley** after 10 years faithful service to our Parishes. It was wonderful to see the church so full for his farewell service and to be able to thank him for all he brought to ministry here. Although this service marked Jay's retirement he graciously agreed to stay and assist the Team until Easter, whilst I was on sabbatical leave.

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Following an extended period of sick leave **Revd Bob Mackrill** retired in September 2011, which made recruitment to **both** Team Vicars posts necessary. This process was very encouraging for all involved. In September 2011 we appointed **Revd Audrey Atkinson** as Team Vicar with responsibility for Langham, Braunston, Brooke Hambleton and Egletton and in November 2011 we appointed **Revd Janet Tebby** as Team Vicar with responsibility for Whissendine, Teigh, Market Overton and Ashwell.

The final change to the clergy members of the Ministry Team was the Bishops decision to place a stipendiary curate at Oakham from July 2012. This will be **Dr Dominic Coad** currently in training at Westcott House. He will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral on 1st July and live at 45 Trent Road.

The Clergy are only part of how we offer the ministry of pastoral care and worship. We are well served here by our five Readers (**Mr Vyv Wainwright, Mrs Debbie Marsh, Mr Alan Rudge, Mr Nick Holford** and **Mr David Pattinson**). Each of them, in differing ways, allows us to offer a wideranging service pattern and are unstinting in their support of the Team. Our Licensed Evangelists (**Mrs Marilyn Tomalin** and **Mrs Gail Rudge**) keep firmly before the Team how we reach out to those beyond our regular congregations. I am very pleased that **Mrs Jenni Duffy** has continued in training for Licensed Evangelist Ministry. The Ministry Team joined in congratulating our Pastoral Assistant **Miss Madeleine Scott** on her marriage in September 2011.

The Ministry Team meet weekly for Holy Communion, 8.30am on Thursdays (anyone is welcome) and monthly for planning and support. We are shortly to have an Away Day looking at how we work and our forthcoming priorities. I am grateful to all my colleagues for their generous offerings of the time and expertise, which make the Team such an exciting place to work.

Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani

Team Rector, Chair Ministry Team

Lent 2012

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Worship Forum Report

The Worship Forum aims are to reflect on the worship pattern offered at All Saints and act as a reference group for the vicar in developing the service provision. It is chaired by the vicar and its membership includes the Church wardens, The Director of Music and representatives of the Ministry Team and PCC.

One of the main tasks is to review our Christmas and Easter Services where the large numbers show their popularity but we always need to review.

There has been an opportunity in this last year to review the pattern of Team Services, most particular the fifth Sundays and provision of Christmas Carol Service We have been greatly served by *Laudamus* ,the Team Choir, who have sung on more occasions than ever.

Some worship highlights in this last year have been Jays Leaving Service, Holy Week, The Confirmation Service and the Advent Carol Service

Due to the vacancies for much of the year it has not proved possible to review our service booklets as extensively as we had hoped, but this is a project which we will progress in this incoming year.

Parishioners are encouraged to make their views on worship known through the Forum or the PCC to which it reports

Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani

Chair, Worship ForumLent 2012

Pastoral Forum Report

Our work continued last year on the design of the new invitation cards, to replace the letters used previously, to our annual All Souls Service. These were used for the first time last year & were well received. Invitations were extended to the next of kin of those whose funerals have been conducted by our ministry team over the previous two years, instead of just one year as has previously been the case. Our fears that this might make the list of names of loved ones departed too long were unfounded & the feedback we received was that once again people had found this service extremely helpful in their bereavement journey. This year we plan to send invitations to the service to those who have come to our ministry team for the funerals of their loved ones for the last three years, and hope that we will be able to do this for the foreseeable future. We had enough invitation cards printed to last several years.

Last year, we held our first meeting of those who had volunteered to help the sick & housebound & also with a Bereavement Support group that we had hoped to set up. For various reasons it has been difficult to get these groups off the ground, not least because we had to cancel out training sessions for the Bereavement Support group with the Diocesan trainer, Revd Lesley McCormack, as not enough people were able to commit to the course to make it viable. However, now that both our new Team Vicars have taken up their posts, we hope that there will be time to address these difficulties & hopefully to recruit more volunteers to join us. In particular we hope to be able to provide some basic training for everyone interested in committing to this important work, not just for the Bereavement support volunteers. So, if you are one of those people who are wondering what's happened since you came to the meeting last year, or if you were not able to volunteer before but are now in a position to do so, or if you're new to All Saint's & would like to volunteer, we look forward to hearing from you in the future - look out for the re launch!!

Hildred Crowther

Chair Pastoral Forum

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Report on Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings Year Ending 31st December 2011

The annual check of the contents of the church revealed no major discrepancies when compared with the list of items in the Terrier.

Minor improvements and repairs carried out during the past year have included:

- painting white lines on steps to west door
- replacement of damaged lino in toilet
- repair of cord to window in Trinity Chapel
- repair of broken or damaged pews
- clearing kitchen sink drain
- repair of clock

Other improvements and routine maintenance:

- new notice boards in south porch
- removal of growth on tower
- electrical work in kitchen and office, including new socket for water heater, new distribution board and new power circuit
- redecoration of toilet
- clearing gullies around church
- pruning shrubs in churchyard and tidying of Garden of Remembrance

Special thanks are due to the donor who provided for the new notice boards in the south porch, and to Marilyn Tomalin who organised the revamp and who with Beryl Kirtland continues to oversee the display and presentation of the notices. The notice boards now provide an attractive introduction to the life and work of the church and the community.

We are very grateful also to Graham Scothern who has given practical assistance in a number of ways: cutting back and tidying the shrub borders and the Garden of Remembrance on the south side of the church; clearing out the gullies round the church; and redecorating the toilet. And also to Victor Hall who retires from the chairmanship of the Fabric Committee after a busy four years during which he has overseen the installation of the new boiler and the first phase of the scheme to provide disability access to the church.

As always, we are greatly indebted to a huge number of folk who, often unseen, assist week by week with routine tasks that ensure the church is tidy and attractive for the numerous visitors who come its doors, and ready for all the acts of worship that take place, especially the faithful band of cleaners, the flower arrangers, the coffee volunteers, the team of vergers, and the team of church-sitters who provide security and welcome visitors. We are always glad to have offers of practical help; so much of our church life depends on the involvement and commitment of those who are in a position to help. We are currently compiling a list of those who are willing to assist with practical tasks as and when needed; if you would like to be included, please have a word with one of the churchwardens

Stan Bruce

Fabric Committee Report

After spending a lot of money on the new heating boiler and improving disabled access through the West door, it was decided that in 2011, we should concentrate on repairs to the external stonework and build up the reserves in the Fabric Fund. Unfortunately, a large section of the east wall of the North Transept was found to be in extremely poor condition and there was the danger of collapse if repairs were not carried out promptly. This not only increased the total cost of the repairs significantly, but has drained the Fabric Fund which is now EMPTY.

There are further essential repairs that still need to be attended to, such as the Nave floor, the clerestory windows and the external noticeboards. These will be expensive and cannot be undertaken unless we have the money for them. We also have another Quinquennial inspection in 2013, which might reveal some unwanted surprises.

PCC has agreed to change the way in which we manage fabric matters. From April, Vyv. Wainwright has agreed to become Fabric Officer and to help create a new Committee, drawing upon people's skills and experience to suit individual projects. One of its first tasks will be to develop a five year Fabric plan, prioritising projects and assessing costs. However, there still remains the question as to how we pay for the work; and that is something that should concern us all.

Victor Hall.

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Deanery Synod Report 2011-2012

Five meetings, including the Deanery Eucharist, were held in the past year.

- 19th May 2011 at Empingham. Debbie Marsh spoke on the role of Parish Nursing and the work in Bungoma, our link Diocese.
- 7th July 2011, Deanery Eucharist held at Lyddington.
- 8th September 2011 at Gt. Casterton. A workshop, led by the Rural Dean, in preparation for a review of the Deanery Mission Plan.
- 17th November 2011 at Uppingham. Rev Stephen Benoy spoke on vocations within the ministry.
- 16th February 2012 at Cottesmore. +John spoke on Mission Plans.

The dominant item on the agenda was the question of women in the episcopate. The vote on this had been devolved from General Synod, through Diocesan Synod to Deanery Synods and PCCs. An open meeting was held at Kettering on 6th July 2011, where the Bishop of Peterborough addressed Deanery representatives and other parishioners and interested parties, in preparation for voting at Deanery Synod. (All Saints Oakham PCC had previously voted for the motion).

Rutland Deanery Synod held their meeting on 7th July as part of the Deanery Eucharist. The discussion was led by the Rev'd Dr James Saunders, Chaplain at Uppingham School. The result of the vote on the motion was:-

House of Laity; For 42, Against 0 Abstention 1

House of Clergy; For 8, Against 1, Abstention 1

Voting across the Deaneries in the Diocese resulted in 10 in favour and 2 against. The matter was also discussed and voted on by Diocesan Synod at a meeting in the Cathedral on 1st October 2011 where the motion was carried.

Elections for officers in the Deanery were held at the May meeting. Appointed unopposed were Mr John Tomalin as Lay Chair, Rev'd Jane Baxter as Treasurer and Mrs Elizabeth Stirling for the standing committee. There were no further nominations for positions but the standing committee subsequently co-opted Mrs Meg Dyer as Secretary and Mr David Dyer onto the standing committee.

In October the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. David Painter retired. David was well loved and respected within the Deanery. One of his last duties was to preach at Oakham prior to his farewell service in the cathedral. He has been succeeded by the Ven. Gordon Steele whose collation and induction was on 25th February 2012. We look forward to working with him in this Deanery.

The Deanery Mission Plan had previously, in 2010, been identified as needing an update. For various reasons this had been delayed but a start was made at the September meeting. Synod was then addressed by Bishop John, for the first time, in the February meeting. He spoke on the theme of Mission in our own context. He warmly commended the work of the Rural Parishes and spoke of the value of small parish communities. Prior to his appointment he had served as Rector of Wimborne Minster and Rural Dean, he drew on this and previous experiences of where the church was seeking to reach out beyond itself to its local communities. During a time of questions he heard many examples of where Rutland Churches were seeking to be mission minded as well as pressures on small rural communities. He also spoke of the beginnings of a Diocesan review of Mission Planning.

John Tomalin Lay Chair, Rutland Deanery

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Electoral Roll Report

Total at 14th March 2011 311

Since then: 11 members have died or moved away 20 new members have joined

Total at 16th March 2012 320

The electoral Roll is compiled in close consultation with the Stewardship Secretary.

R.M. Davies 16th March 2012

Stewardship Report

Stewardship means that we recognise that we must look after God's (e.g. skills, money) to us and return some of them for His work in this church (though not only there!)

The church building is ancient, thermally inefficient, expensive to maintain and much used. All Saints costs almost £3,000 per week to run. The major item is the parish share (£1,400 weekly) which mainly funds the vicar (whom we cannot do without!) and centralised diocesan services.

Planned giving is hugely helpful as it allows the PCC to plan its expenditure. There are two main methods, (i) directly from your bank account, monthly, quarterly, annually etc, and (ii) an envelope in the Sunday plate in with a date on (to help keep you regular) and an identifying number (known only to you and me). Both these methods allow tax to be reclaimed from income tax payers, most people, using the Gift Aid scheme, which adds 25% to your donation.

Every third year there is a presentation about All Saints finances which encourages people to review their giving. This happened in November 2011 and resulted in an **increase of annual giving** of about £17,000 plus another £4,000 with Gift Aid. This is enormously helpful. Thank you!

There were 12 entirely new givers and 2 people who moved from envelopes to the bank route. 91 people increased their giving. In total 141 planned givers use the Bank route and 55 use envelopes. As many givers represent a couple, there are about 280 who regularly give, compared with about 325 on the electoral roll.

New sets of boxed annual envelopes start April 8. Why not start this now? May I stress that the donor and I are the only people knowing how much you choose to give. There are other ways you can show your membership of All Saints; being on the electoral roll, being on the rotas for tea/coffee, cleaning, stewarding ... we have different skills, are you using them?

Gordon Woods 755371

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The Church Hall Report

Report for the year 2011 -12

The year 2011 - 2012 was a relatively quiet but successful year. Meetings of the Committee were held in May, September and January. No major repair or maintenance tasks were undertaken, the largest of these being the installation of two-part electricity meter, which would allow advantage to be taken of the Economy 7 tariff.

Stephan Johnson took over responsibility for cleaning, following the departure of Barbara Blaber and we are grateful to him also for a number of repair and maintenance jobs which he has undertaken.

We are hugely indebted to our Treasurer, John Denny, who has borne the burden of keeping the accounts, receiving payments for hiring and making reimbursements to hirers for key deposits.

We have in 2011 managed to maintain our income to a reasonable level in spite of the recession and severe weather at start of the year. Occasional bookings were down, especially in the 1st. quarter, and our regular bookings were affected by financial cut backs of our hirers. Nevertheless we finished the year with a profit of £1230, this after contributing £1500 to church funds.

Booking fees have been maintained at their current level for the past three years. We consider that they represent very good value in the present circumstances. As usual, we shall be pleased to receive enquiries for new regular or occasional hirings.

The Chairman wishes to express his sincere thanks to all Committee members, for their support and 'hands on' participation in seeing to the affairs of the Church Hall.

Peter Kinal

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Diocesan Synod Report 2011

Three meetings were held during the last year.

Meeting on 24th April, Malcolm Arnold Academy, Northampton

+Donald gave the presidential address in which he focused on the nature of God and the biblical and theological truth that God is love.

The appointments of the then Canon John Holbrook as the third bishop of Brixworth and the appointment of the Rt Rev Lindsay Urwin as Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese were noted.

A motion was moved on behalf of the Bishop's Council of a revised scheme making provision for the establishment of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee.

It was noted that two references had been made from General Synod to Diocesan Synod on 'Women in the Episcopate' (see below) and the Anglican Covenant (to be debated on 24th March 2012)

Meeting on 6th July, St Andrews Church, Kettering

+Donald outlined the issues surrounding the debate on women bishops, stressing that the church had already agreed that there was no theological reason why women could not be bishops. The debate would be about the nature of the legislation to make selection and consecration of women as bishops lawful. He introduced both sides of the argument, from the bible, church history, ecumenism and wider society, which surrounded the issue. This would provided help for parishes and deaneries in their own debates.

Meeting 1st October, Peterborough Cathedral

Synod debated the issue from General Synod 'That this Synod approves the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and in Amending Canon No30). This was carried with voting as follows:

House of Bishops	For 1	Against 0	Abstentions 2
House of Clergy	For 37	Against 10	Abstentions 2
House of Laity	For 30	Against 14	Abstentions 5

A following motion calling for the House of Bishops 'to ensure that those unable on theological grounds to accept the ministry of women bishops are able to receive Episcopal oversight from a bishop with authority (i.e. ordinary jurisdiction) confirmed by the measure rather than by delegation from a Diocesan Bishop'. This motion was defeated.

The financial outcome for 2010, the budget for 2012 and a forecast for 2013 were presented. The budget and total share for 2011 was approved.

A motion welcoming an agreement with the Diocese of Seoul, and to develop a formal partnership was passed.

John Tomalin Diocesan Synod Representative

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Fair Trade Report

First of all I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for their continuing support of Traidcraft. This includes the Congregation here at All Saints, other Churches I regularly visit and Churches Together for their support at Advent and Lent lunches (as ever many thanks to John Ansley for so ably manning the stall) I also continue to supply goods to Martins The Newsagent.

In previous years I have supplied the local schools and colleges with goods usually during the Fairtrade foundations annual Fairtrade fortnight but last year I was able to supply Oakham Church of England School with their initial order to set up a regular tuck shop- this still continues to run but the school have been able to take over the ordering themselves.

Sometimes when people make a purchase and the amount is a few pence short of the next pound - £3.65 for example they say keep the change, with this in mind I put a donations box on the stall and during the year these small donations have amounted to over £25. I have sent this to Traidcraft Exchange – Traidcraft's charity and the UK's only development charity specialising in making trade work for the poor. Established in 1986 it works to enable poor producers in Africa and Asia to grow their businesses, find markets, and engage effectively in trade. Their development programmes are directly benefiting over 2 million people and touching the lives of a further 24 million.

Traidcraft launches a new catalogue twice a year, in February and August. The August one is the one most people see as it contains the cards and gifts for Christmas. The card and gift sales from last year's catalogue were a wonderful £1027.87. Many of the cards that Traidcraft sell which are produced here in the UK also support the work of CAFOD SCIAF and Christian Aid. Last year Traidcraft was able to give £110,000 to SCIAF, CAFOD & Christian Aid through the sale of the Christmas cards, products and top-up donations they were also able to re-invest remaining profits to further their work in fighting poverty through trade.

So given all the above the total sales for 2011 were £3943.54 – over £600.00 more than the previous year and the highest figure to date – can I make it over £4000.00 this year – I do hope so with your support.

Denise McDonald

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Flower Guild

I would like to thank members of the Flower Guild for their continued support decorating the church to the usual high standard for festivals. I hope the flowers give as much pleasure to those attending church as to the members who arrange them. They always look beautiful and receive many nice comments even from visitors to the church.

We thank Betty Tidd for continuing to maintain our records so ably. Joan Plester has agreed to continue to organise the coffee morning raising funds for the Flower Guild. We thank Joan and her husband together with those who help most sincerely for all the hard work which goes into making it such a success.

This year we will be losing Roni Proctor who is moving away, but welcome Rita Fryer who has volunteered to join the rota which now stands at 24.

We hope 2012 will continue to be a successful and happy year. We are always pleased to welcome new members either for occasional help or those who would be interested in joining the rota to do high altar pedestals maybe once or twice a year.

Edwina King

Choir & Music Report for 2011

Music at All Saints continues to play an important part in the worship of the church, but it becomes increasingly difficult to persuade people to be a regular part of the team that help to facilitate its provision. I am extremely grateful to those members of the choir and music group who do give of their time unstintingly in the regular practices and services. However, I know full well that there are others who cannot make such a regular commitment for many good reasons, and I am just as grateful to them for their contributions as and when they can.

The upshot of this is that we may sometimes have a rather small choir at a regular Sunday service, but quite a large one on another occasion when we join together as a team. To illustrate with numbers, currently there about nine regular members, but my circulation list for Laudamus, the joint team choir is over fifty (including about eight regulars from Whissendine and five from Market Overton)! This has meant that we have shifted towards a bigger emphasis on the joint Team services, including the Fifth Sunday services and major Festivals as occasions when we can sing something a little more special. Meanwhile we have taken the decision that, for the time being at least, the choir will only attend evensong on the Third Sunday of the month, and will therefore be committed to just one service each Sunday.

The year has had many memorable highlights, starting with a splendid Candlemas celebration on the occasion of Revd Jay Ridley's retirement. Ash Wednesday at Market Overton was unfortunately thwarted slightly when the organ broke down after the first hymn. Undaunted, we replaced the (accompanied) communion anthem with a repeat of the (unaccompanied) introit, although we were a little disappointed that no-one in the congregation actually noticed that we sang the same piece twice! The Good Friday liturgy is always a moving service, and was enhanced by the presence of more Laudamus members than in previous years. Later in the year, the Archdeacon's farewell service at Oakham was followed closely by the first Team Confirmation service, when we sang Vaughan Williams's stirring arrangement of 'Let

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all the world in every corner sing', later repeated at the licensing of Revd Audrey Atkinson. The year concluded with a splendid Advent Carol Service, and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which for the first time was supported by an increased Laudamus presence, as were the carol services at Whissendine and Market Overton, all held on different evenings for the first time. Add to that the Fifth Sundays in May at Langham, and July at Whissendine, and two evensongs at Teigh for Trinity Sunday and Harvest, and you will see it has been a busy year! If you feel that you would enjoy joining us, whether it be on a regular basis, or just for the odd special occasion, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

The music group has continued to play at the family services on the third Sunday, and I am grateful to the dedicated but small band who enhance the music at those services. However again, I am sure there are other musicians out there who could come and join us just once a month!

I am also as ever very grateful to our organists – Paul Butler and John Linford particularly for their regular commitment, and also John Norris and Ivan Linford for their support – and for the ongoing support of all the clergy and readers.

Kevin Slingsby, Director of Music

Bell Ringers Report 2011/12

I would begin by saying that the 2011/12 year has passed relatively uneventful, but I'd be fibbing! During the year, the Oakham team rang for a total of 7 weddings and two Quarter Peals were attempted and one successfully completed. Oakham bells also played host to some 7 different groups of visiting teams, accommodating over 90 people, which comprised not only of ringers but their wider spectating entourage too.

Above all 2011 can be remembered as the 100th anniversary for the Bells installation. At the time, it was decided by the Churchwardens that the existing 8-bell peal (which had been compiled over several hundred years) should be removed, recast and re-hung in a new iron frame with modern ringing fittings. Gillett & Johnston - Bell Founders of Croydon were awarded the contract for the works and with the bells having been removed in the preceding October, the new peal was installed and works completed in February 1911. To celebrate, the then team of ringers rang the bells' first peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 17 minutes and a peal board marking this still hangs in the ringing chamber.

To mark the centenary, a team from the Ancient Society of College Youths based in Devon visited Oakham on the 9th November and rang a peal of 5,024 changes of Rutland Surprise Major, taking a heady 3 hours 28 minutes – whilst this was much longer than the original, the day was very cold, very sunny and the striking was perfect. In fact I would say the team gave the bells due credit and it sounded as one of the best peals I have ever heard! The Oakham team have contributed funds and a new peal board to celebrate this has been professionally made and now hangs in the ringing chamber also.

Of course our Oakham team would get very tired (physically and mentally) ringing for over 3 hours and so in our own tribute we recently rang a Quarter Peal of 1,274 changes of Plain Bob Triples and this took

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48 minutes to complete. This also marked a first Quarter on the Treble Bell for Araminta Mathias who continues to make sterling progress, as does Rosie Wilkinson, who joined us last year.

Our peal of bells remain in relatively good and ringable condition from my own general maintenance carried out and with the support of David Brignall to keep the Tower clean and tidy.

Practice nights on Tuesdays have been well attended and I am happy to report that we have been maintaining a good standard of ringing. 2011 has somewhat been a 'lean' year in attracting new faces to ringing. To us, passing on this skill and attracting new learners is vital as it not only promotes Campanology as a wonderful and fulfilling past time, but stands as testament to the working life of the church, to call the community to worship.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a go. Our practice night is held every Tuesday from 7.30pm and our Sunday Morning ringing commences at 9.55am.

Louis Totaro

Tower Captain

All Saints Concert Society Report for 2011

We have enjoyed another good year, with well supported Wednesday lunchtime concerts, and we are grateful to Peter Davis and the music department at Oakham School for arranging these during term time and providing such a wealth and variety of music. We are also grateful to Matt Sammy and the music department at Catmose College for providing concerts when Oakham School were on holiday in July and December, helping to maintain these important links between the schools, the Church and the town. We are also grateful to the numerous other performers who have given their services during the school holidays, which has enabled us to maintain the weekly series of concerts throughout the year. New performers are always welcome, and if you know of anyone who would like to join the schedule please contact Kevin or Christine.

A new venture in November was a one-off series of Friday lunchtime concerts when Fraser Graham played a series of Beethoven piano sonatas, in aid of the MacMillan Nurses as well as the Church. These were very well extended, and I hope that we will be able to promote other one-off short series again in the future.

The Bank Holiday Monday organ recitals have continued to thrive, and have been well-attended by audiences, including a number of loyal and regular supporters, who enjoy the large-screen view of the organist as well as hearing a wide variety of music. They are not cheap to promote, as good organ recitalists can rightly command a good fee, and the cost is subsidised by the lunches held in the church hall afterwards (as you will see from the attached accounts). Our thanks go to the recitalists (who invariably enjoy coming to play our splendid organ) and to those who organise and help with the lunches afterwards.

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There have been other concerts during the year – the Tallis Scholars Summer School concert, which is always a favourite, an evening organ recital by Ivan Linford during the Oakham Festival including, the Ring and Sing event in November, and various school concerts.

The programme of concerts is organised by a small committee, who would like to express their thanks to everyone involved in them, and who in turn are to be thanked for their hard work – especially at this time to John Linford, who has been an excellent Treasurer over the last few year, but is now handing on the reins. The members of the committee are – Kevin Slingsby (Chairman & Director of Music), Christine Carlin (Secretary), Paul Butler (who takes over as Treasurer for 2012), John Linford (outgoing Treasurer), Linda Browne, Ingrid Heldt and Rosamund Wells (Representative of Oakham School Music Department).

Christine Carlin, Secretary Kevin Slingsby, Director of Music

Sunday School Report 2012.

It has been another successful year for All Saints Sunday School with between eight and fifteen children attending on average each week. The ages of the children range from three to ten, and we try and cater for them all in the activities we provide.

We use the lectionary based Roots scheme, which gives us a web resource to draw on as well as a bi-monthly magazine of ideas and suggestions

We continue to be well supported by a fantastic team of leaders and helpers without whom it would be impossible to carry on and we are always happy to welcome more!

This year we have enjoyed a trip to Peterborough Cathedral to see our shoeboxes exhibited and also another great day out at the Panto.

Our children make firm friendships and learn about God in these forty five minute sessions, and it's crucial for the life and future of our Church community that we keep these young people involved as they grow into young adults.

If anyone is interested in helping these children on their journey to find Jesus, please let us know.

Alison Long

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All Saints Kids (ASK) Report

All Saints Kids (ASK) meets usually once a month during the Sunday morning service and is designed for children aged 10-15. ASK has been running for just over 2 years. Numbers have remained small, a core group of around 6, but we hope that for these few it is a good friendship base which provides a positive reason to continue coming to church. It's hard to be a young person in church and ASK is our way of trying to make it just a little easier. We rely on the skills of people from the congregation who have generously offered of their time and provided diverse and varied sessions. We are keen to include anything that interests the children and can provide an occasion for them to think about life and faith. In the past few weeks they have been thinking in particular about why it is they come to church - in what ways do they feel part of the All Saints community and why do they sometimes feel excluded. The annual BBQ and the joint pantomime trip with Sunday School and the Friends of All Saints took place again this year and we also enjoyed a trip to the Cathedral to view the Shoebox Bible exhibition to which ASK had contributed. We are running low on people who might lead an ASK session and very much hope that members of the congregation will consider if it is something they could do. Please don't wait to be asked!

Guli Francis-Dehqani

Pram and Toddler Services

We are very pleased to be celebrating our 12th anniversary in May. At present we have 28 children registered and welcome about 8 - 12 children per week with their mums, dads or other carers. We have had a few young babies join us recently and are enjoying nurturing the next crop of regulars.

Our summer picnic was held in the Vicarage as usual and the weather was beautiful. Activities this year have included turning water into wine, painting hands and feet and building houses (on the rock, of course!).

New faces on our staff rota include: Oakham schoolgirls Ellie, Irina & Bel who help us as part of their community service and Nathan & Stephen, also from Oakham School, who very kindly give up half an hour of their free period to play the piano for us. We have been very privileged to welcome some more guest leaders this year: Caroline Simpson and Freya Osiatynski to share their skills once more and for the first time Caroline Murray & Esther Lester. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for keeping our group running smoothly and sharing their gifts and time so generously.

We have introduced a new prayer time this year – once a month the staff get together to pray for our work at Pram Service, the families we serve, our own families and any other concerns or blessings we would like to bring before God. Please join us if you would like to or ask us to include any items of prayer for you.

As always, visitors to our services are most welcome. We would love to have you join in our praise and worship and if you are a child at heart and enjoy a bit of creative mess – come and see what we get up to in our craft slot!

Jenni Duffy

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Tiny Tots

Anyone visiting the Church on most Thursday mornings between say, 9.30 and 11 am finds it rather busier than they might have expected. Members of the congregation arriving on ordinary errands mostly know who will be there. Quite often visitors appear who are expecting to view the architecture in solitude, and they can be surprised. It is definitely not quiet, with up to thirty seven under- fours engaged on all kinds of important activities, along with their mothers, grandmothers or carers and occasional, but very welcome, fathers and grandfathers. We have had visitors from quite distant parts of Britain and some from overseas. Fortunately so far no-one has complained. Many stop to say how delightful it is to see the happy, lively group.

We include some form of craft activity each week: the results are taken home each time with great pride by their creators. For younger children there is the opportunity to play alongside, if not necessarily with, others of a similar age. There is always a story, usually linked to the theme of the craftwork, and some singing to end the morning. Regular adult attendees get to know one another and friendships are formed over a cup of tea or coffee and a (Fairtrade naturally) biscuit. The consensus is that we provide the best biscuits and the best craftwork of any of the groups in the Oakham area!

The year's programme is planned to be as varied as possible and to reflect the passing year. When we can we like to include natural materials in the work- fallen leaves in Autumn, for instance. Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter all have their place in the scheme. Each session has at least one major event. Despite logistical difficulties in a heavy schedule, Father Christmas managed to visit us again. One major event of which we are very proud, is our annual Toddle Waddle, a "sponsored walk" to raise money for the Meningitis Trust. The support we receive is very generous. In 2008 we raised £148 and in 2009 £194, by 2010 it had risen to £564 and in 2011 to £558.01. We end the year with a Teddy Bears' Picnic, outdoors if possible.

It is important to thank the regular adult attenders who do much more than bring their own charges. Their friendly helpfulness and welcome to newcomers make the group so successful.

Denise McDonald

Alice Clarke

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Home Groups

Between 50 and 60 members of *All Saints* regularly attend one of six different Home Groups in or around Oakham. Three of the groups are led by members of *All Saints*, all of which are virtually at full capacity; there is therefore a real need for a new group to make provision for newcomers. The leaders have submitted the following reports:

Tuesday am Bible Study Group

We meet at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 25 Willow Crescent the home of Catriona Drye. We have just finished looking at some of the well-known prayers in the Bible and found it challenging and help full in our daily lives. We are looking at the Epistle of James when we meet again in April. We also have a meal together twice a year.

Catriona Drye

Fellowship Group at the Home of Patrick and Marjorie Wilson

Apart from breaks during Lent (for the Lent groups) and over the Summer holiday period, this home group has continued to meet fortnightly and to flourish. Members come from Roman Catholic, Methodist and Baptist churches in Oakham, as well as from All Saints, of course.

Themes or topics looked at over the year have included: First and Second letters to the Corinthians, Jesus in the Old Testament, some of the minor prophets and individually selected stories or parables from Old and New Testaments.

It has been very encouraging for all to have members either taking the lead in a session, or contributing briefly from something thought about between the meetings.

Patrick Wilson

Ashwell Road Home Group

The group generally meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of the month. During the past year, we have continued our focus on a selection of different types of psalms, and worked through Paul's Letter to the Philippians. As well as deepening our knowledge of the Scriptures, and enriching our fellowship as fellow-believers, our prayer is that our studies together will enable us to become more faithful disciples of Christ.

In addition to studying the Bible together, we have continued our support of 'Send a Cow', with regular updates on how our contributions are helping a family in Ethiopia to become increasingly self-sufficient. In recent weeks members of the group have undertaken to do research on and to share information with us about the various organisations and projects supported by the church's annual Mission-Giving donations.

On the social side, we enjoyed an outing to Belton House in the summer, and shared a meal together just before Christmas.

Stan and Gill Bruce

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Mothers' Union Report 2012

Mothers' Union continues to play a part in the life of All Saints. The past year has seen a variety of meetings that have been well attended, interesting and varied. Visitors are always welcome to join us. The monthly corporate communion services continue at the chapel at St. John and St. Anne. There are 32 members at present. We were pleased to have Audrey Atkinson join us but saddened by the death of 3 members. Two of these, Joan Carlyle and Hettie Dawson were long serving members and had both held office in the branch in the past.

We are always grateful for the support we get from the clergy and in the past 12 months services have been taken by Hildred Crowther, Douglas Drye and Michael Wilson sometimes with the added bonus of a talk about their interesting lives. Raymond Tomkinson also spoke to us about his job as Chaplain at Cuddesdon Theological College. Other meetings enabled us to hear about the work of the Torch Trust which publishes Christian Literature for the blind, an informative address about the local and national finances of The Mothers' Union from David Dyer and a thoughtful afternoon with Sian Cheverton talking about Palliative Care and end of life choices.

Joint activities included the Deanery Festival held at All Saints and the Deanery Quiet Morning at Kings Cliffe. Both events enabled members to get together and enjoy fellowship with others. The outing last year was to the Wisbech Rose Fair on a lovely, sunny day and as usual held jointly with the Friends of All Saints.

Members and friends have been very busy with their knitting needles in the past year. Sheep are made for the Travelling Cribs that visit families in Advent each year as an outreach project. Teddies are knitted and go to the Northampton Police to be given to children traumatised by any event in their lives. The latest project is making little yellow chicks which, with a cream egg inside, are sold for MU funds which enable our branch to support MU work at home and abroad.

Pamela Woods

The Friends of All Saints 'Church

A full, varied and busy year was enjoyed by The Friends and thanks go to all who helped with the programme and each event and to those who attended to make the group successful and indeed, friendly. Coach visits included going to John Clare Cottage Museum in Helpston followed by lunch next door at The Blue Bell Inn and on to The Van Hage Garden Centre in Peterborough. Wisbech Rose Fair preceded by a visit to Walpole St. Peter to see the Fenland 'Queen of the Marshlands' church was the outing shared with The Mothers' Union. The floral decoration of the churches was outstanding enhanced by Wim Zwalf's talk on the history and architecture of The Parish Church followed by sung evensong. Food featured a good deal. Pork pies were made at Dickinson and Morris, Melton Mowbray. A three course meal with a Middle Eastern flavour preceded Lee's talk on his sabbatical in Ireland and The Holy Land. Jane Kennedy, Church Architect, spoke interestingly following The August Lunch in The Church Hall. A visit to Withcote Chapel and a guided tour of the recently refurbished Laune Abbey included an excellent

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lunch at Launde. Another successful Tide Dinner took place at Normanton Park Hotel with a talk given on behalf of The Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

The Family Pantomime trip is now firmly established with 44 adults and children enjoying Aladdin at The Key Theatre in Peterborough.

Churches Together in Oakham and District 2011-12

Meetings of the Churches Together Committee were held in March, September and November, 2011, and in January 2012, with the Revd. Hildred Crowther in the Chair.

The Committee was very pleased to welcome Mr. Derek Green as Secretary - resuming a post he had held with distinction for many years prior to 2005.

A Breakfast Prayer meeting was held in All Saints Church Hall, on 18th June, with the Revd. Peter Nodding of Purley Baptist Church as speaker. This successful event was followed in January, 2012, by another Breakfast, this time in the Victoria Hall. The speaker on this occasion was Baroness Berridge of the Vale of Catmose. More than one hundred people, from all the Oakham churches, attended.

Other CTO involvements during 2010 - 11 included:

- *Christian Corner* and service details in the Rutland Times.
- Lent and Advent lunches.
- Weekly Prayer Meeting, on Wednesdays at 11.30 am, in the Congregational Church.
- Support for the drop-in Centre in the Congregational Church Hall. [For both the above greater support would be welcomed.]
- Publicity for Christmas Services.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with the Prayer breakfast on 21st January, 2012 substituting for the Unity Service of previous years.
- Annual Pulpit Exchange.
- Good Friday Walk of Witness.
- Lent House Groups and Palm Sunday Joint Worship.
- Christian Aid Collection.
- Women's World Day of Prayer.
- October Holiday Club for children, at O.B.C.

Patrick Wilson

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Parish Nursing Report 2011 - 12

This has been another year of activity and growth.

The Parish Nursing Project continues to come under the umbrella of the Pastoral Forum and this meets most months for review, reflection, and development planning.

The occasional Sunday afternoon teas continue and these appear to be valued and appreciated. Most have been in All Saints church itself but during the winter we held one in the Common Room at David Royce flats to enable the residents to attend. The next one is planned for Sunday 22nd April in All Saints Church.

I have continued to support people (both members of our congregation and also members of the wider community) on a one-to-one basis, this is both in practical ways to fill the ever increasing gaps in our health & social services and also to help people to address their spiritual needs.

The main part of my work continues to be the DropIn Centre which is held on Wednesdays at the Congregational Church Hall. We are open from 10-4pm and have up to 100 people coming through the doors at different times during the day. The lunch is very successful and we are frequently up to our full capacity of 60 people enjoying 2 courses of freshly cooked food for £3. The whole thing is only possible due to the commitment of over 50 volunteers from across the churches in Oakham and also several non-churchgoers. Another key to the success of the project is the regular prayer support, we have a prayer meeting in the church at 11.30am every Wednesday and this is attended by a core group, again from all the churches. We pray for the project, for the churches in Oakham, for the wider community and for any specific needs/concerns that we know about. All are welcome so please join us if you can.

The vision for the DropIn Centre was always to create a place where all are welcome, just as they are, and also a place to facilitate communication and relationship building in our community. Our youngest attendee during this year was 6weeks old and our oldest was 100years old so we are certainly building cross generation links! We receive regular visits from Social Service workers, voluntary organisations and our local police, and we often have people referred to us who are lonely or lacking a purpose in life. It is a huge privilege and pleasure to be involved in this project and only God could have created it, we are trusting in Him for His continuing provision and guidance as we look to strengthen what we have and to develop further. With the help of other key people and volunteers I am writing a full review of the last 3 years and a 2/3year future action plan to be presented at the Churches Together meeting in September.

Good though it is to rest at times, God does not allow us to become stagnant, He leads us on as pilgrim people, and He is doing this with Parish Nursing Ministries UK. PNMUK are currently undergoing an in depth review and planning the next stages for this growing organisation. The decisions made and the new directions taken will no doubt have an impact on the Parish Nursing Ministry here in Oakham and also on me personally so my prayer for this coming year echoes that well known hymn – Lead us Heavenly Father lead us ... guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee ... Spirit of our God descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy ... thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy ... Amen.

BUNGOMA (our link Diocese)

Information about our link with Bungoma & details of my most recent visit will be presented in the magazine and in church after Easter.

Debbie Marsh, Parish Nurse & Licensed Lay Reader

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Parish Evangelist Report to APCM 1st April 2012

Well, here I am again – still the Parish Evangelist for Oakham, having served as best I can since 1998 to reach out to the fringe in Church life, whatever that may mean. I have been very privileged to work as part of a Ministry Team, first lead by Canon Michael Covington, and currently by Canon Lee. Times are always challenging, but with great rewards of joy and peace, muddled in with some regrets and missed opportunities. But I guess that any role in life carries its fair share of all that – why should life within the Church be any different? At least I have felt a strong sense of prayerful support and encouragement from you all during that time. Thank you!

Currently 110 families are being supported by our eleven Baptism visitors (by the way, we could do with someone to cover the Braunston Road/Churchill Road area – any volunteer?) It is good to report that 120 children have been brought to baptism in the last 2-3 years, so some families are coming back with a second child. It is also good to see how many of the family supporters are coming back to support other families in their networks. Occasionally I'll hear the quip that we'll never see them again; but this just isn't the case. This year's Crib Service saw families standing at the back, and all additional seating filled; I regularly meet Mums and Dads now that I'm at the School run for Granddaughter Eve; Pram Service numbers continue to grow, as do those attending our Tiny Tots playgroup; and of course the Sunday School numbers are increasing. Maybe the Church attendance on Sunday that some of us expect is not being delivered, but perhaps we should honestly ask ourselves "why?" and be more prepared to take Church to where they are at, at a time and place that is more relevant to them. Times really are a-changing, and I guess that the Church must embrace this change too.

In recent times it has been my great joy to help with the Harvest Lunch and similar events in the Victoria Hall. If you have been able to come to one, thank you for your thanks! But actually over 60 people were involved each time in creating such a feast. And wasn't it lovely to have the entertainment from the children this year. My sincere thanks to all who made that possible, not least the management of the V Hall!

As I mentioned in last year's report, Jenni Duffy is training to become Licensed Evangelist in our group of parishes. Jenni will receive her licence from the Bishop of Peterborough at the Cathedral on September 15; please continue to hold her in your prayers as she prepares for her new role within the Team.

Finally, I like many of you have sat through week 3 of the Lent course today, with the reading from Revelation 3v14-22, about not being lukewarm: *let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches*. May we all continue to be alert to the changes taking place within our society, and ponder how best to share God's love, joy and peace with all whom we may meet. I remind you of another paragraph from this week's course by theologian Charles Williams (friend of C.S Lewis), when asked what he thought it meant to live the Christian Life replied: "**Love, laugh, pray and be intelligent**".

Marilyn Tomalin

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Catering Committee

The Catering Committee has been less busy this year mainly because most of the deanery and diocesan-connected services took place at other local churches.

In July and September refreshments were provided for the very successful evenings when Lee spoke about his Sabbatical. In August we all enjoyed a Team picnic (with chocolate brownies) to say goodbye to Susie and Brian Parsons as they left us to move to Bristol.

At the Harvest Lunch, a buffet organised by Marilyn Tomalin in October, we were delighted to have so many families with us and would like to thank particularly the youngsters who entertained us after the meal with their musical and poetical items. Later in the month Jill Welsh made a delicious cake for us all in recognition of the retirement of our Archdeacon, the Rev. David Painter, who chose to preach his final sermon at *All Saints*. Thank you too to everyone who made cup cakes for the Confirmation Service.

We have been delighted to welcome Rebecca Faulkner on to the committee to represent the younger families.

After 30 years of arranging the coffee rota after the 10.30 service, Sue Munton decided to 'call it a day' at the end of the year. We are so grateful for the hard work she has put in over the years. Early in the new year she was presented with a special 'thank you cup and saucer' and some flowers. Jill Welsh has now taken over from Sue, and at present we are experimenting with the children's drinks and biscuits being served at the front of the church, mainly for safety reasons.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all those who have helped in any way with providing refreshments and cakes for our varying functions.

Gill Bruce

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Walking Group Report 2011

Since our formation in April 2010 the group numbers have steadily increased and we have been able to find a different walk each month. S

The walks which take place on the fourth Thursday of each month vary between five and seven miles. They have been lead by Stan and Gill Bruce, Gordon Woods, Peter and Helen Hill, David Harris and Dennis Corton and were centred on the following areas-

- Market Overton-Edmondthorpe
- Somerby-Burrough on the Hill
- Langham-Whissendine
- Belton in Rutland
- Whissendine-Teigh
- Empingham-Whitwell
- Buckminster-Sproxton
- Morcott-Harringworth-Seaton
- Easton on the Hill-Stamford-Tinwell
- Launde Abbey-Withcote Lodge
- Hambleton Peninsular.

Our lunches have been jovial affairs either by courtesy of Langham Ladies, or at cosy hostelrys, alfresco in the summer months, and more recently a “Bring and Share”.

Last year I wrote that we had seen the seasons change, but had always been incredibly lucky with the weather and the general atmosphere during the walks was one of conviviality and well being. There was always lots of chatter, topical conversation, good natured banter, shared friendships, enjoyment of the pastoral rolling countryside and appreciation of the old villages with all their charm, character and history. Nothing has changed in these respects with perhaps, occasionally, the addition of a little mud!

Details of the walks are published each month in the pew sheets two Sundays prior to the event. New members are always most welcome, simply turn up at the appropriate start point suitably attired. We have a number of new walks planned for future months, perhaps Hemingford Gray and Fotheringhay.

We look forward to you joining us.

Dennis Corton

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Sidesmens Report 2011-2012

The team of sidesmen work as smoothly as ever and the marshalling system, introduced a year ago, seems to also be going well. Busy times, i.e. Christmas and Civic services, are also well covered and I am grateful to all the team.

This year we had two new recruits. Michael Timms took over from Roni Proctor who has moved and Dennis Corton has taken the place of Margaret Burgess, who sadly died suddenly at the end of last year.

At present the roll call is as follows:

Audrey Austen	Kathryn Collison	Andy Compton	Dennis Corton
Richard Davies	Richard Day	Gerry Duffy	Helen Durham
Lyn Everitt	Rebecca Falconer	Ken Gilman	Robert Goodwin
Peter Hill	Joan Jervis	Ron Jervis	Stephen Johnson
Peter Kinal	Jack Pearce	Sue Reilly	Brian Rose
Elizabeth Smith	Ron Streeter	Micheal Timms	John Tomalin
Alex Uff	Jackie Vecqueray	Mike Vecqueray	Des Wareham
Brenda Weatherhogg	Patrick Wilson	Marilyn Tomalin	

My thanks to everyone.

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Good News Van

This is a Christian lending library with a variety of books, including novels, biographies, Christian living, DVD's etc. We meet alternate months at 7.30 pm at either 25 Willow Crescent, or the Common Room at St. John and St. Anne in South Street. We usually have a good natter and a drink and a biscuit! New borrowers would be very welcome. See Catriona Drye if you want any more information.

Catriona Drye

Section 2: Annual Report for the Charities Commission

All Saints' Church Oakham – Annual Report of the Parochial

Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2011

Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Church Street Oakham, Rutland. It is the central church of the Oakham Team Ministry, a group of parishes within the Deanery of Rutland in the Diocese of Peterborough, of the Church of England.

A Pastoral Scheme approved by the Church Commissioners established the Team Ministry with effect from 1st January 2011.

Bankers are HSBC at 1 High Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire. The examiner of accounts is Mr E Gibson. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is charity no. 1129880.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2011 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	Revd Canon L T Francis-Dehqani, Chairman
Assistant Priest	Revd H A Crowther
Readers	Mr A V Wainwright, Mrs D L Marsh, Mr D Pattinson
Wardens	Mr R S Bruce, Mrs M Pattinson
Representatives on Diocesan & Deanery Synods	Mr G T Woods, Mr J Tomalin, Mrs M Tomalin, Mrs Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz, Mrs K E Goodwin, Mr K P Andrews, W/Cdr D R Cook, Mrs D A McDonald (to May 2011), and Mrs J Woods (to May 2011).
Elected Members	Mrs A E Long (to April 2011), Mrs S M Spector (to April 2011), Ms H Durham (from April 2011), Mrs H Bush (from April 2011), Mr J King (from April 2011), Mr D Corton, Mrs H Wareham, Mrs Anne Venning (from April 2011), Mr M G Vecqueray, Mr V Hall, Mr P S Hill (Treasurer), Mrs M Davis, Mr P J Kinal and Mr D J Ufton (Secretary).

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee is made up of the incumbent, churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and two or three PCC appointed members, meeting ahead of each PCC meeting. In addition the PCC receives reports from four forums which oversee worship, pastoral care, children and young people, and adult education in the parish. The Fabric Committee meets when required and reports to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

All Saints' PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Lee T Francis-Dehqani, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Oakham.

Achievements and performance

Church Attendance

There are 312 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 31 of whom are not resident in the parish. Thirteen names were added during the year and 14 were removed either through death or moving away from the parish. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 210, with this number increasing during festivals.

Review of the Year

PCC Secretary's Report

During the year the Parochial Church Council met six times with an average attendance of 20 members. Normally meetings are held every alternate month. The Standing Committee was comprised of the statutory appointments of the incumbent, churchwardens, secretary and treasurer, with the addition of Mrs S Spector (until April 2011), W/Cdr D R Cook (from May 2011), Mr K P Andrews and Mr P J Kinal.

Each PCC meeting received an up to date financial report, usually some days before the actual meeting, and the treasurer commented as required on any aspects which needed to be drawn to PCC members' attention.

Other important issues, for example fabric items, were also given in writing to all members before the meeting dates. Major items discussed included the possible reordering of the Trinity Chapel, but following advice from the DAC and cost implications this project was shelved. The Safeguarding Policy of the Church was reviewed.

Plans for the triennial Stewardship Campaign were approved for implementation in November.

The important issue of Women in the Episcopate was discussed in detail, and a motion expressing the unanimous support of the PCC for the draft measures was sent to the Diocese.

Derek Ufton (Secretary), January 2012

Risk Management

Major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to manage those risks.

Financial Review

In 2011, total Receipts were £131,745 and are detailed in the financial statements. £83,960 was spent to provide Christian Ministry from All Saints Church including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The net result for 2011 was a deficit of £7,658. This is against a surplus for 2010 of £11,266, which was due to the receipt of the Lister Legacy amounting to £18,771. Without this Legacy the deficit would have been £7,515.

Income over Expenses in the General Fund produced £2,567 (in 2010 it was £871). This was achieved by a year on year increase in income of £1,439. Gifts by Gift Aid were up by £2,881, Income tax recovered was up by £455 despite the loss of Transitional Relief. Hire of the Church/Hall again decreased, this year by £1,340.

A drive to keep down expenses resulted in a reduction of £5,677, down by 12.6% after taking out the Parish Share which increased by £4,116 (5.4 per cent). The other Parishes in the Benefice contributed £9,036 towards the team expenses. Expenses that reduced significantly were Ministry and Team Expenses £1,939 (there were fewer priests for much of the year), Children's Groups £764, Evangelism £449, Gas £2,037 and Minor Maintenance and Equipment £1,240. The one item that increased significantly was Photocopying £848. There was little scope in 2011 for spending money on the Fabric. However, repairs to the external stonework were undertaken which were largely responsible for the total Fabric expenditure of £14,734. In 2011 £1,742 was spent from the Vicar and Wardens fund on Altar Requisites, this cost will revert to the General Fund in 2012.

Restricted funding and Expenses are explained in the notes to the accounts. No funds were brought forward from last year as a Restricted Fund.

The balances carried forward to 2012 are:-	Restricted funds	Nil
	Designated funds	£19,186
	General funds	£14,988
	Church Hall funds	£19,616
	Total	£53,790

Reserves policy

The Parochial Church Council is aware of the need to increase the reserves in both the General and Fabric Funds. This was addressed as part of our Stewardship Campaign launched in November 2011.

Peter Hill and John King, February 2012.

**Approved by the Parochial Church Council on Monday 12 March 2012
and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani (PCC Chairman)**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 December 2011

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2(a)	110402	699	2400	113501	131722
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	7452	1922		9374	2970
Income from investments	2(c)	23			23	26
Income from church activities	2(d)	8847			8847	17123
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		126724	2621	2400	131745	151841
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3(b)	203			203	139
Fund raising costs	3(c)				0	0
Church activities	3(a)	122724	14076	2400	139200	140436
Governance costs	3(d)				0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		122927	14076	2400	139403	140575
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES						
BEFORE TRANSFERS		3797	-11455	0	-7658	11266
Transfers between funds						
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3797	-11455	0	-7658	11266
Balances brought forward at 1 Jan 2011	7	30807	30641	0	61558	50182
Balances carried forward at 31 Dec 2011	7	34604	19186	0	53790	61448

Notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these accounts

Balance sheet at 31st December 2011

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible			
Investment		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	4	3578	4035
short term deposits		30740	44116
Cash in Bank		35525	20986
		69843	69137
LIABILITIES			
creditors-amount falling due in one year	5	16053	7689
		16053	7689
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
Total assets less current liabilities		53790	61448
		53790	61448
Creditors-amounts falling due after one year			
TOTAL NET ASSETS		53790	61448
PARISH FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED		34604	30807
DESIGNATED		19186	30641
RESTRICTED		0	
		53790	61448

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2011

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and SORP 2005.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from a trust which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust, and (b) donations or funds raising for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The fund may only be expended on the specific object for which they are given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance of the fund.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings - anything acquired prior to 2006 has been written off in the year of acquisition. From 2007 items of £1000 or less will be written off in the year of acquisition. More expensive items will be depreciated.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned direct giving					
Gifts by Gift Aid	67801			67801	67020
Gifts not under Gift Aid	1739			1739	2652
	<u>69540</u>	0	0	<u>69540</u>	<u>69672</u>
Other direct giving					
One-off donations by Gift Aid	4100			4100	2000
Plate collections not by Gift Aid	13575			13575	12980
Other sundry donations not by Gift Aid	1568	699		2267	2475
	<u>19243</u>	<u>699</u>	0	<u>19942</u>	<u>17455</u>
Income tax recoverable	19519			19519	19064
Other voluntary income					
8 Grants	2100		2400	4500	6760
9 Legacies	0			0	18771
	<u>2100</u>	0	<u>2400</u>	<u>4500</u>	<u>25531</u>
Total voluntary income	<u>110402</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>113501</u>	<u>131722</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fund Raising events	<u>7452</u>	<u>1922</u>		<u>9374</u>	<u>2970</u>
2(c) Income from Investments					
Interest	<u>23</u>			<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees (for funerals, weddings etc)	6639			6639	8384
Hire of church/ hall	2168			2168	8739
Other	40				
	<u>8847</u>	0	0	<u>8847</u>	<u>17123</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>126724</u>	<u>2621</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>131745</u>	<u>151841</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
3(a) Church activities					
Ministry					
Parish Share and Deanery quota	80629			80629	76513
Ministry Team expenses	3331			3331	5270
	<u>83960</u>	0	0	<u>83960</u>	<u>81783</u>
Worship					
Organist, choir and music	6014			6014	6527
Altar requisites	551	1742		2293	3162
Other	1296			1296	531
	<u>7861</u>	<u>1742</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9603</u>	<u>10220</u>
Faith development					
Children's groups and youth work	760			760	1245
Christian Books for resale	0			0	0
Other	81			81	5
	<u>841</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>841</u>	<u>1250</u>
Outreach					
Donations					
10 Evangelism and mission	6997			6997	7046
Baptism, marriage, bereavement groups	456			456	116
	<u>7453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7453</u>	<u>7162</u>
Church running expenses					
Gas	5708			5708	7745
Electricity	3519			3519	3736
Water	83			83	81
Insurance	4345			4345	4216
	<u>13655</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13655</u>	<u>15778</u>
Church building and land					
New building & other major works				0	0
Moveable furnishings and equipment	0			0	410
Building maintenance, minor equipment	3450	12334	2400	18184	19158
	<u>3450</u>	<u>12334</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>18184</u>	<u>19568</u>
Administration					
photocopying	1808			1808	960
bank charges	521			521	460
other	3175			3175	3255
	<u>5504</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5504</u>	<u>4675</u>
Total cost of church activities	<u>122724</u>	<u>14076</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>139200</u>	<u>140436</u>
3(b) Costs of generating voluntary income					
Stewardship expenses	203			203	139
3(c) Fund-raising trading costs					
3(d) Governance costs					
Fees of independent examiner	0				
Total resources expended	<u>122927</u>	<u>14076</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>139403</u>	<u>140575</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011

4 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Income tax recoverable				0	0
Accrued Interest				0	0
Prepayments	1083			1083	87
other debtors	2495			2495	3948
	<u>3578</u>	0	0	<u>3578</u>	<u>4035</u>

5 CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accruals for utility and other costs	1800			1800	1950
other creditors:					
Funds held as agent				0	0
other	14253			14253	5739
	<u>16053</u>	0	0	<u>16053</u>	<u>7689</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

Debtors	3578			3578	4035
Cash and short term deposits	48109	14860		62969	65102
	<u>51687</u>	14860	0	<u>66547</u>	<u>69137</u>
Current Liabilities				0	7689
	<u>51687</u>	14860	0	<u>66547</u>	<u>61448</u>

7 SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

	Balance 31.12.10 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Balance 31.12.11 £
Unrestricted Funds	30807		126724	122927	34604
Designated Funds	30641		2621	14076	19186
Restricted Funds	0		2400	2400	0
Total Funds	<u>61448</u>	0	<u>131745</u>	<u>139403</u>	<u>53790</u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011

8 OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Grant from Church Estates		2400		2400	3400
Grant from Church Estates for Music	2100			2100	2100
Grant from Listed Places of Worship Scheme				0	1260
	2100	2400	0	4500	6760

Church Estates Charity was formed from the sale of Church land over the years and a bequest from Royce for Church music. All revenue from investments is committed to the Fabric of the Church and to Church music.

9 LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Rate				0	0
Lister				0	18771
	0	0	0	0	18771

10 MISSION GIVING

	2011 £	2010 £
<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>		
Julian Lott	400	250
USPG General Fund	500	550
Bungoma Link/Nurse	900	1000
Mission Aviation	100	150
Teso Dev Trust (Clean Water)	250	
TESS Teso Educational Sponsorship	250	
Mothers Union		250
Diocesan Missionary Fund	30	30
Send a Cow	250	290
<u>NATIONAL</u>		
Ordinand Support	600	600
Church Urban Fund	200	
Peterborough Soup Kitchen	400	
Crisis at Christmas		400
SSAFA	210	400
Parish Nursing	350	350
Bible Society	250	140
<u>LOCAL</u>		
Opportunity Chalet Rutland/Melton	500	500
Rutland Healthcare Support		320
Walsingham Lamp	50	50
Scouts	200	200
Guides	200	200
Churches Together	400	400
Drop in centre	250	220
Homeless Support	100	
Kainos Community	310	
	6700	6300

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints Church, Oakham

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2011, which are set out on pages 1 to 10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr A E Gibson
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14 February 2012