



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



**Annual Report and  
Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

**The Reverend Mike Sheffield,  
The Vicarage, 5 Deanswood Drive, Waterlooville PO7 7RR**

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**THERE WILL BE A ST GEORGE'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
MEETING ON SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2013 IN THE CHURCH  
AFTER THE 10 am EUCHARIST**

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**A G E N D A**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS  
to elect two Churchwardens to serve for one year
4. MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS  
Report by Electoral Roll Officer
5. Minutes of 2012 APCM and Matters Arising
6. Presentation of Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report
7. Election of 3 PCC members
8. Election of Sidespersons
9. Reports from the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer and church groups
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING of St George the Martyr, Waterlooville, held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 in the church and commencing at 11.30 am. There were 63 persons present. The Parish Priest, Fr Mike Sheffield, was in the Chair.**

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1. **WELCOME:** Fr Mike extended a warm welcome to everyone to the APCM at St George's. He explained that there are two meetings, the first for the parishioners and the second for the congregation. Fr Mike read out a St George's Day card from Wendy and Andrew Clark who had sent their apologies as they are in Korea and the card was then put on the noticeboard at the back of church.
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from Pat Winter, Lesley Handy, David and Margaret Cavey, Wendy and Andrew Clark, Natasha Cook, Bob and Sue Andrews, Colin and Rosemary Monk, Eileen Oades, Sarah and Keith Lewis, Dawn Hyett, Margaret Anderson, Candy and John Williams, Sarah Hewett, Rachel Palmer, Priscilla & Nerys Barlow, Lisa Toft, Jessica Deal, Nikita Ashby
3. **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:** In this parish we elect Churchwardens to serve for 4 years but they still have to be re-elected yearly. Richard Spurgeon will come to the end of his 4 years when the Archdeacon visits at the end of May. Fr Mike thanked both the Churchwardens for the huge amount of work they do both in front and behind the scenes and thanked Richard for all his support over the last 4 years both to the church and to him and Lynda personally. He presented Richard with a box of selected real ales together with a book of real ale recipes and their history.

A nomination has been received from Linda Wainwright to stand as Churchwarden. This was proposed by Sue Hodgens and seconded by Rosemary Monk and agreed unanimously. Fr Mike asked whether everyone was happy for Dick Handy to stay on for another year and this was proposed by Barbie Lloyd and seconded by Noreen Singh and agreed unanimously.

4. **MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS:** Abi Morgan who is the Electoral Roll Officer said there are 179 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 81 of these are outside the parish, 7 new members, 3 sadly removed through death and 8 moved away for various reasons. If anyone wishes to apply they can be added at any time during the year and agreed by the PCC. Fr Mike thanked Abi for her work on

this.

5. **MINUTES OF THE 2011 APCM AND MATTERS ARISING:** There were one amendment to Page 1, para 5 which should read “Minutes of the 2010 ....”

The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.11:**

Dawn gave the following report:

I am pleased to report that the accounts for 2011 have been audited and signed off by Mr Paul Read and there have been no adjustments needed to the figures shown in the Annual Report. However there is a typing error in my Treasurer’s report. The donation from Waterloo Music Festival should read £2500 and not £25000.

The first thing to mention is that we ended the year with a surplus of funds of £5841.99. This is after paying for the electrical work in church which was unexpected and caused us to go over budget for church maintenance.

Unfortunately our investment income has reduced in value by £1520.01 and was valued at £24787.77 at the end of December. The main bank account held at HSBC had a balance of £24207.65 at the end of December and we are in the process of putting some of this into an investment account which will give us a higher rate of interest but will still be able to be accessed in an emergency. Included within the Donations and Appeals figure of £10942.77 is a figure of just over £5000 which relates to QQ fundraising. The remainder comes from Donations made to the church and also collections from baptisms which we receive half of and the other half goes to the charity of the month.

The fundraising figure is exceptional this year and takes into account the money taken by the shop as well as money received from Bonusball (£500), Friday coffee morning (£1000) and 100 club (£547) to mention just a few.

Although the value of the investment has gone down we are still receiving dividends from it and these have come out slightly higher this year.

Donations from planned giving fell short from our expected budget by £852 but we still received £10364.11 tax back on these donations. We also received donations from baptisms during the year.

Fees received by the PCC were £2119 higher than expected. This money came mainly from funerals as we did not hold many weddings again last year. This resulted in the assigned fees payable to the Diocese also being higher.

We did not hold a Gift Day in 2011 so no income was achieved from this event.

Moving to Expenditure we managed to pay our full parish share again this year. In general the expenses remained within budget apart from Church maintenance as I have already mentioned.

I have again depreciated the church hall by 2% as in previous years and this came to £2999 leaving a balance of the value of the hall as £146961.00.

After last year's APCM Mr Gordon Beer, who had audited our accounts for many years, decided to retire. This left us with the need to find a new auditor. I would like to express our thanks on behalf of the PCC to Mr Paul Read, who kindly agreed to audit the accounts for us this year.

Finally my thanks go to the Fabric and Finance committee and the PCC for all their help and support that they give me as Treasurer, and I look forward to another year in this position.

Fr Mike said a huge thank you to Dawn for all her work this year as Treasurer.

Thanks also go to Jane Rice-Oxley and helpers for all the hard work at the shop and to David and Anna who continue to sell plants and bulbs in all weathers.

Jane Rice-Oxley asked "when an activity brings in money and Gift Aid is applied for, does the Gift Aid get applied to the activity when we get it back". Dawn said that Gift Aid comes back in a lump sum and is not divided up into the activities.

Fr Mike explained that Paul Read is a member of the congregation and had agreed to become Independent Examiner for the price of 6 bottles of wine.

7. **ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:** First of all thanks to the PCC members who have met 10 times over the last year. We are losing Marian Haughton, Dawn Hyett and Abi Morgan this year so a big thank you to them at the end of their 3 years. As Linda Wainwright has been elected as Churchwarden we now have 4 vacancies for the PCC and we have 4 nominations. Last year Abi stood for one year as Candy Williams became one of our Deanery Synod representatives so she has elected to stand again. We therefore have nominations from Abi Morgan, proposed by Linda Wainwright and seconded by John Johnson, Colin Monk, proposed by Eileen Oades and seconded by Jane Cook, Rachel Palmer, proposed by Richard Handy and seconded by Lesley Handy and Geoff Davies, proposed by Jane Cook and seconded by Dawn Trimby. These were all agreed unanimously.
  
8. **ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS:** Dick Handy read out the full list of names of people on the sidespersons rota for both 8am and 10am. Bronwyn Wood has stepped down at 8am and Graham Briggs has agreed to take over alongside Jaye Warren. Dick said that the job of sidesperson/meet and greet is a vital job as they are the first people that newcomers see as they enter the church and although it sounds like a lot of people we do actually need one meet and greet and 3 sidespersons at each 10 am Eucharist. Fr Mike asked if there is anyone else who would like to be added to these lists. As there were no other volunteers acceptance of the list of sidespersons and meet and greet was proposed by Dick Handy and seconded by Richard Spurgeon and agreed unanimously. If anyone else would like to join please see Fr Mike or Dick Handy.
  
9. **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**  
The congregation had either downloaded a copy of the APCM report including all the individual reports or had received a hard copy from Jane so Fr Mike quickly went through each report to ask if there were any questions.

Church Hall – Tony reminded everyone that next year (16<sup>th</sup> July 2013) is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church Hall being built.

Walsingham Cell – 40 people from St George's and neighbouring parishes went to Walsingham last weekend. For the big service on Saturday evening all 6 of our serving team led the procession and were complimented by the Bishop on how smart they looked and then also served at the next 2 services.

Holy Dusters – Thanks to Adina Burton and her team for all their hard

work to make the church look nice.

St George's News – Tony said advertisers are dropping like flies as the distribution has dropped dramatically to around 150-180. Tony said they will be running off extra copies of the magazine and ask that people deliver 10 free copies somewhere in their road. There will be a slip inside asking people to let us know if they would like a regular copy. Please let Tony Rice-Oxley know if you can help with the delivery in your road. John Johnson does a huge amount of work on the St George's News and on the website so a big thank you to John.  
St George's Band – Don Lloyd issued his usual plea for more band members. If you play an instrument please get in touch with Don.  
100 Club and Bonus Ball – thanks to the organisers of these which raise lots of money for the church.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Gordon Beer who has audited the accounts over the last few years decided to stand down last year and Paul Read kindly offered to be our Independent Examiner this year. It was agreed to ask Paul to be our Independent Examiner again next year and this was agreed unanimously.

Geoff Davies has joined the PCC and has taken over from David Cavey as Treasurer on the Church Hall Committee. Thanks go to David for all his work as Treasurer over the last few years.

### **AOB**

Fr Mike said there will be no 10 am service on 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Bishop is coming in the afternoon for a confirmation service at 4 pm and the PCC agreed to change the main service that day to 4 pm. Fr Mike said he has been asked to be the Mayor's (Gerry Shimbart) Chaplain this year. The Civic Service is usually held at St Faith's in Havant but they were keen for it to be held at St George's this year. This will be on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am. So the services on 13<sup>th</sup> May will be 8 am, 11 am Civic Service and 4 pm Confirmation and Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 12.15. As there is no Parish lunch this year Eve Inwood had made a cake and the retiring warden and the new warden were asked to cut it and there was wine.



# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

## Background

St George's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent (The Reverend Mike Sheffield) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churchyard and church hall. During 2012 St George's held two services every Sunday (a said Eucharist at 8.00 am and a sung Eucharist at 10.00 am). Normally there has been an evening service at least twice a month with one being traditional evensong sung by the Church choir. Other services have included Taize services, special festival services and a healing Eucharist. Our partnership churches were invited to the Taize services and there was a good response with refreshments after the service. During the seasons of Lent and Easter, St George's ran an educational programme together with the full range of traditional services and during the summer holidays, invited families and children to involve themselves in the special August Eucharists explaining Prayer.

## Membership

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

**Incumbent:** The Reverend Mike Sheffield Chairman  
Fr Timon Singh, Assistant Curate (part of the year)

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

**Wardens:** Mr Dick Handy  
Miss Linda Wainwright

**Representatives on the Deanery Synod:**  
Barbie Lloyd  
Candy Williams

**Elected Members:**  
Mrs Sheilah Hall  
Mrs Sandra Hewett  
Anne Morgan  
Lindsay Chalk  
Carol McKells  
Rachel Palmer  
Geoff Davies  
Colin Monk  
Abi Morgan

**Co-opted Members:**  
Mr Tony Rice-Oxley, Deanery Finance Chairman

## **Committees**

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

## **Church Attendance**

There are 179 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, of these 81 are outside the parish, 7 new members, 3 sadly removed through death and 8 moved away for various reasons. The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2012, was 100 adults and 14 children including weekday attendances, but this number increased at festivals.

## **Review of the Year**

The full PCC met 10 times during the year, with an average attendance of 76%. Fabric & Finance, Pastoral, Social & Fundraising and Hall sub-committees continued to meet in the interim, to enable items to be discussed in more detail, and reported back to the full PCC. The PCC will continue to invite outgoing Churchwardens to remain on the PCC for a further year to provide continuity.

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

We have supported over 18 wide-ranging charities, both at home and overseas, in particular £450.06 to the Children's Society (a large part of which came from a very successful Christingle Service on Christmas Eve) and continued support of four children under the African Child Trust Scheme. Other benefiting charities included the Bishop's Lent Appeal, Water Aid, Hannah's Holiday Home, The Rowans Hospice and Naomi House Hospice. These were all retiring collections. Money was constantly being raised for church funds over the year, in particular £2,327 at the Summer Fete, £1,440 at the Christmas Bazaar, £1,426 from the St George's Auction and £1,357 from the sale of plants, bulbs and votives throughout the year.

The giving through envelopes and banker's orders has decreased to £38,314, excluding tax. The tax recovered on all Gift Aid donations for the year was £9,282. £637 excluding tax, was raised on the St George's Day Gift Day. Contributions on the collection plate raised £1,894, a decrease of £151 on last year.

£88,014 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from St. George's Church, including the full contribution to the parish share of £49,743. The largest outlay during the year was £1,893 which related to repairs to the church wall. Our remaining fund balances are invested with the CBF Church of England Investment and United Trust Bank where we invested £10,000 from reserves during the year.

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

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

- The Parish breakfasts are still very popular and will continue.
- Taize services took place during the year.
- Fr Mike was the newly appointed Chaplain to the Mayor of Havant, Councillor Gerry Shimbart, and we welcomed Civic Leaders of the Borough for the Civic Service at St George's.
- Bishop Christopher confirmed 6 candidates at St George's and celebrated the Eucharist.
- Waterloo Music Festival – for the seventh year another very successful festival was held in June.
- We joined with our friends from the Baptist and Catholic churches for various processions throughout the year.
- Two school Christmas concerts were held in December with local schools taking part. This was again very popular with many people attending.
- There was a Special Service for Trafalgar Day.
- The Travelling Nativity again went round the parish during advent and was very popular. Many thanks to Sue Andrews for knitting the angels for another year and for the new donkey.

On behalf of the PCC

Dawn Trimby, Treasurer  
Jane Cook, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Reverend Mike Sheffield

April 2013

## Treasurer's Report 2012

Incorporating all the Church group finances with the main Church and Hall Accounts, the final figures initially show a deficit of £2050. If depreciation of the Church Hall at 2% amounts to £2939, the deficit becomes a surplus of £889.

For another year St George's hosted the Waterlooville Music Festival and the PCC received a generous donation of £2000 from that source. Other major donations received included £568.71 from the 100 Club, £1,000 from the Social & Fundraising Committee (including Friday Coffee Funds) and £500 from the Bonus Ball

Donations from Planned Giving fell short of the budget by over £2680 and we received £8767 in Gift Aid tax recovery. We raised £637 on our Gift Day this year.

Interest on bank and building society accounts amounted to £86 and the value of PCC investments increased by £2462. The Investment fund is currently valued at £27249.98. Throughout 2012 £1164 was received as dividends.

Fundraising again exceeded expectations by over £2600. This was achieved by the dedication and commitment of all St. George's fundraisers, together with a very successful auction.

Charity giving exceeded £3150 and we have supported a wide range of Charities both at home and overseas. Funds generated by the Wednesday Coffee Mornings have also supported a variety of Charities together with donations to the Church Hall.

The budget for 2012 was again very tight. It is difficult to predict income based on the generosity of those who support St. George's Church, against the knowledge that expenditure is likely to increase each year. Forming a realistic budget may not always be possible but will hopefully guide us through the year.

My thanks go to the Fabric & Finance Committee for all the work they put in and also for their support, together with the support of the PCC. On behalf of St. George's Church, my thanks are also due to Mr Paul Read, for examining the Accounts this year.

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

Dawn Trimby  
Honorary Treasurer to the PCC

**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, WATERLOOVILLE  
COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2012**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2012 YEAR TOTAL	YEAR'S BUDGET For PCC Account	2011 YEAR TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>					
Planned Giving S/Orders	27460.04		27460.04	29000.00	28071.00
Planned Giving Green Env	4852.15		4852.15	6000.00	5632.10
Gift Aided Pink Envelopes	6002.30		6002.30	5000.00	4786.95
Gift Aid Tax	8767.95		8767.95	11500.00	10446.07
General Collections	1893.79		1893.79	2000.00	2045.18
Gift Days	637.00		637.00	500.00	0.00
Donations & Appeals	6501.79	1259.64	7761.43	5000.00	10942.77
Liturgical Donations	262.04	1466.02	1728.06	1100.00	1432.45
Bookstall	724.30		724.30	800.00	437.65
Parish Magazine Advertising	650.00		650.00	900.00	845.00
Parish Magazine Sales	233.99		233.99	300.00	254.02
Fees received (PCC)	4401.00		4401.00	6000.00	5119.00
Fete, Bazaar, Fund Raising	8225.92	1418.55	9644.47	7000.00	13000.92
Sales	40.00		40.00	1200.00	1389.94
Photocopying Income	249.99		249.99	500.00	366.05
Income from Investments/Bank	1249.20	1.50	1250.70	1000.00	1186.77
<b>Unbudgetted items:</b>					
Fees received (Assigned)	2067.00		2067.00		2439.00
Other Funds (Charities)	879.00	3154.60	4033.60		5294.12
Hall Lettings	14270.16		14270.16		13743.30
Youth Group Activities		127.86	127.86		338.04
Toddler Group Income	908.33		908.33		908.33
Social Committee		692.00	692.00		1220.00
Ex.ord Income		165.64	165.64		0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90275.95</b>	<b>8255.81</b>	<b>98561.76</b>	<b>77800.00</b>	<b>108990.37</b>

**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, WATERLOOVILLE  
COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2012**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2012 YEAR TOTAL	YEARS BUDGET For PCC Account	2011 YEAR TOTAL
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Parish Share	49743.00		<b>49743.00</b>	49743.00	<b>49561.00</b>
Gas/Elec/Water Insurance	2761.75		<b>2761.75</b>	3185.00	<b>2880.56</b>
Church and Grounds Maintenance	4871.77		<b>4871.77</b>	2500.00	<b>6440.06</b>
Clergy Expenses	3197.12		<b>3197.12</b>	3100.00	<b>2888.16</b>
Asst Clergy Expenses	817.69		<b>817.69</b>	1000.00	<b>1291.40</b>
Liturgical Costs	517.95	2173.02	<b>2690.97</b>	1300.00	<b>1781.81</b>
Magazine, Bookstall & Bulletin	803.07		<b>803.07</b>	700.00	<b>256.31</b>
Piano and Organ tune	390.18		<b>390.18</b>	500.00	<b>670.80</b>
Honoraria and Salaries	2700.00		<b>2700.00</b>	3000.00	<b>2700.00</b>
Administration	1779.87		<b>1779.87</b>	1500.00	<b>2005.12</b>
Photocopier Costs	1043.85		<b>1043.85</b>	1500.00	<b>1712.76</b>
Fees paid out	1948.00		<b>1948.00</b>	2600.00	<b>2101.00</b>
Capitation Fee	60.00		<b>60.00</b>	80.00	<b>80.00</b>
Fundraising & Sales costs	128.00	100.00	<b>228.00</b>	150.00	<b>740.64</b>
<b>Unbudgetted items:</b>					
Assigned Fees	2214.00		<b>2214.00</b>		<b>2312.00</b>
Ex. Ord. Outgoing	(443.45)		<b>430.80</b>		<b>5463.14</b>
Hall Running Costs	15031.22	874.15	<b>15031.22</b>		<b>9916.34</b>
Hall Depreciation @ 2%	2939.22		<b>2939.22</b>		<b>2999.00</b>
Youth Group Activities	254.96	240.14	<b>495.10</b>		<b>314.79</b>
Social Committee		1681.71	<b>1681.71</b>		<b>1954.75</b>
Giving to Charities	200.00	3855.30	<b>4055.30</b>		<b>5078.74</b>
Quinquennial costs	254.96		<b>409.50</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>91687.80</b>	<b>8924.32</b>	<b>100612.12</b>	<b>70858.00</b>	<b>103148.38</b>





## **Churchwardens Report**

I write this report towards the end of my first year as Churchwarden and the task is what to leave out as so much happens at St George's. We continue to try and balance the public face of the church, spirituality, worship, music, outreach against the inevitable business side of church life, administration, finance, upkeep, planning and building works etc.

We give thanks for Fr Mike's ministry, leadership and guidance and enjoy a variety of services and worship throughout the religious seasons of the year. Our youngsters are fully involved in the Family Eucharists and it is good to see Sunday School thriving again, the stepping stone for all young Christians, the future of the church. We are indebted to Fr Ray for his continuing support for Fr Mike and the parish.

Much of the early part of the year was dominated by uncertainty over the future of Fr Timon Singh's ministry and every effort was made to help him secure a position. He was finally appointed to St Dunstan's, Bellingham, Lewisham as Priest in Charge and Licensed on 25<sup>th</sup> September supported by many of his friends from St George's at the service. We will not forget Fr Timon's valuable contribution whilst with us, nor will the community.

Fr Timon's departure initially to Purbrook and the resultant ever increasing workload for Fr Mike meant some help with administration was required. In line with most other local churches it was decided to appoint a paid Parish Administrator to assist the clergy, churchwardens and PCC and this role started in November and continues to evolve with the position competently filled by Lesley Handy. Part of the sacristy was re-arranged to set up the office which operates on most Monday mornings.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May Fr Mike, as the newly appointed Chaplain to the Mayor of Havant, Councillor Gerry Shimbart, welcomed the Civic Leaders of the Borough for the Civic Service at St George's. Then in the afternoon the Bishop of Portsmouth, Christopher Foster, confirmed 6 candidates and celebrated the Eucharist at a splendid service. Both events were followed by a reception in the church hall. It was quite a day!

St George's strives to be a friendly welcoming church, making visitors feel at ease. Reaching out into the community we joined with our friends from the Baptist and Catholic churches for the Good Friday Walk of Witness, the Palm Sunday procession and Christmas carols in the precinct, and a service at the Catholic Church to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Outreach through the ever popular Waterlooville Music Festival, the schools carol concerts and for the first time the Naomi House Hospice Carol Service

brought hundreds of people through the glass doors who may never otherwise have entered a church.

It is with sadness that I include in this report the names of those members of our congregation who have died during 2012 – Betty Bishop, Canon Peter Oades, Edwin Sheppard, Pat Palmer and Joe Greenwell. Many of them worshipped for a very long period of time at St George's as did the recently departed Ruby Bullock and Douglas Orsmond. Please continue to remember all of them and their families and friends in your prayers.

The finance and fabric committee now has an ongoing programme of inspection and maintenance in place to try and keep on top of work needed. The main expenditure this year was the repair of the low wall at the front of the church which was unsafe. Dick Handy has spent a huge amount of time on building work issues and preparing for the necessary faculty to redecorate the church and improve the safety of the gallery rail and stairs – the work should start soon. I could not be churchwarden without the help given by a group of men in the congregation with technical expertise and experience who give of their time to replace light bulbs, unblock drains, do electrical and wood work, put a hook here and a screw there and give general advice on building matters.

Since taking on this role it has become even clearer to me exactly how many of you give of your time and talents to work for our church and demonstrate faith in so many ways. Our services and events do not just happen. Christian folk inspired by the Holy Spirit are busying about behind the scenes making things happen. THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

However, we always need more helpers to spread the load and spread the word of God. Think about what you can do, pray for guidance and see where you are led.

Linda Wainwright

### **St George's Church Hall Report**

The hall continues to operate at a small profit and end of year figures show that income was £14,305 (Budget £13,190) whilst expenditure was £14,130 (Budget £15,670). The small profit margin is explained by the large amount of exterior refurbishment which took place during the year. Lettings and functions raised £14,270 an increase of just under 4% over the previous year.

As said work continued through out the year to paint and repair the exterior of the building which included roof tiles and windows. The task will be

completed in early 2013. The front notice board was replaced with an enclosed model to stop fly posting on the board. A similar board was purchased for the church grounds to match the two.

There is still a need to fill several slots in the regular weekly bookings and advertisements have been placed in the church magazine and the front notice board for this.

The health and safety policy was updated during the year. Plugs were PAT tested and fire extinguishers serviced. The emergency lighting was renewed.

The cost of heat and light has rocketed by 12% and some of this is due to failure to turn off lights and heating at the end of sessions. The committee will give more thought to this in the new year.

Towards the end of the year, planning meetings took place to prepare for the major internal refurbishment programme to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the hall due in July 2013. The committee decided to remove money from the CCLA account in preparation for this expenditure which would hit early in the new year. In addition plans are under way to install a permanent water boiler and to start a fund raising campaign to purchase an industrial dishwasher sometime in 2013.

Finally thanks must go to the whole hall committee who have worked very hard keeping the hall up and running. Sometimes this becomes a full time job with taking bookings, invoicing, checking clients, locking and unlocking and carrying out a huge amount of DIY work to reduce our maintenance bill to a minimum.

Tony Rice-Oxley  
Chair, Hall Committee

### **The Mothers' Union Branch Report**

My first year as the leader of this branch has been a very busy one and has passed all too quickly, sadly one member left, this reduced our numbers to 19. This coming year the MU has produced a course entitled "THE SEEDS WE SOW" for discussion to encourage us to find more members as our numbers are decreasing in the UK. We need to encourage more people to join our branch.

#### Branch

Gillian Griffiths is standing down as treasurer and as no one would take on the position of treasurer after much prayer and thought, Andrew Clark was

asked and accepted the post with the committee's approval. All our information will be stored on computer and will be easily printed if required. When Andrew and Wendy are not available arrangements have been made.

Jean Goddard faithfully delivers the birthday and anniversary cards for which we are very grateful. The Wednesday tea and coffee morning are led by June Bradley and helpers – we express thanks and appreciation from church members and community.

Members have been busy knitting squares for blankets and Sue Andrews has stitched 10 together plus 12 others given to us by the Salvation Army. Sue's mother also knitted hats, gloves and balaclavas for us, these were presented to Donna Fleming for the Two Saints in Fareham at our September meeting. A letter of appreciation was received. We have sent several bags of clothing, bedding, towels, soft toys plus 16 toiletry bags to the Woman's Aid at Havant – they have changed the name to Southern Domestic Aid Service (SDAS). A letter of appreciation was received. These gifts were displayed on two occasions and were much admired. In March four of us met Nawal and her husband Faiz who is ordained and working with Canon Andrew White at St George's Baghdad. Nawal is the MU leader at St George's and spoke to us about the work she does with the women and children. It was great to meet up with them. They were given some of our soft toys. In June two visitors, Marjorie and her husband Ken from our link branch in Wentworth Falls New South Wales, Australia came to the Sunday service and as luck had it there was a Parish lunch in the hall where she met many of our MU members.

### Fundraising

**February** – we held two coffee mornings – we took £85.79 for AFIA and £133.00 for Cakes for Brakes.

**March** – The Rev Sandra Edwards led us in our Lenten Meditation March. The new leader Jennefer Higginbottom was commissioned at the morning service. Jennefer was presented with a lovely cake from the members of the MU.

The Rev Fr Ray Chapman gave a talk illustrated with a slide show on Poverty in Portsmouth and the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth.

**May** – Margaret Symonds took part in the annual sponsored walk arranged by the Lions on Hayling Island, round part of Portsmouth harbour raising £204.00 which will help to send a deprived child on the Away From It All holiday. Well done Margaret.

We also raised good sums of money for the Christmas Bazaar and the Summer fete for the church funds. Thanks to everyone who baked for us and assisted on both occasions. We also collected from the MU members £40.00, our gift "To Make a Mothers Day Gift".

Our programme for the year commenced with an Epiphany party with invited guests from The Sacred Heart Church and members of other MU branches in the Deanery. Mrs Margaret Lesley gave a presentation with slides of the families on holiday and a talk on the "Away From It All" holiday scheme. Ms Anne Laurie spoke on "Theme your Gifts".

**June** – Jennefer attended the General Meeting at LL.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, The Wave of Prayer was held in church and was led by Jennefer, Margaret and Gillian.

**July** – We held our Overseas Garden Party with the opening of the collection boxes and this raised £176.00 because of our low funds 10% was deducted and £134.00 was sent to Mary Sumner House.

It should have been a Garden Party but due to the inclement weather we used the hall, it was well attended with our guests and we still enjoyed the afternoon.

**October** – Refreshed from our holidays. On the 4<sup>th</sup> we had the very successful Fashion Show and this raised £704.00.

18th October – during the morning of our afternoon meeting, I was informed that the speaker had double booked herself. Andrew Clark was available and he had a superb paper on St Luke which was read then a questionnaire was completed. It was so appropriate as it was St Luke's tide – everybody had a great afternoon.

**November** – a Quiet Day was held at the leader's home led by the Rev Barry Smith and his wife Sue.

**December** – we had our Advent Miscellany.

For our annual outing we met in the Asda car park in the rain, cars were organised and we set off to Lower Farringdon for lunch. Continuing our journey, we arrived at Chawton to visit Chawton House Museum where we were escorted to a little room and were shown slides of Jane Austen and her family, then we went round all the very documented rooms – it was very interesting. Tea was taken in the lovely old fashioned tea-room, we then went to the church where we said Compline – a lovely way to end the day.

During the year we attended other events:

- The Womans World Day of Prayer was held at the Sacred Heart Church. Margaret Symonds was the speaker.
- Lady Day – four of us attended a service and lunch at Bedhampton.
- Several of our members attended the MU Diocesan Festival service at the Cathedral at which Bishop Christopher presided.
- Some of us attended the Strawberry tea at St Mary's, the Advent Service at St Wilfrid's and a Christmas party at Portsdown.

I am pleased to tell you we have our own cupboard in the hall.

This is my first report and what a busy year – arranging the Fashion Show was a huge learning curve and took up a lot of time over three months.

Thanks to all for your support and help.

Jennefer Higginbottom  
Branch Leader

### **Pastoral Committee**

The Sunday School has been the main agenda item during 2012. Following a sermon volunteers came forward to help with both the Sunday School and Youth Club and thus ensure these two so important Church activities could continue to run.

The overriding criteria for Sunday School instruction was that it must coincide with the Church Year and relate to the theme of the service in Church each week. Particular thanks are due to Anne and Abi Morgan for producing the weekly instruction programmes for the team of 3 helpers, each leading a different age group. Grateful thanks are due to Jess Deal and Lisa Toft for starting a baby and toddler section, so all ages are now catered for and welcomed. The Nativity Play, written by Amy McKells, was performed for the congregation this year, instead of at the Christingle service, and this proved to be a popular change.

A Pastoral “Audit” of all areas within the Church where further support or action could be beneficial is ongoing, including stewardship support of the bereaved, provision for the disabled, etc. Large print orders of service are now available and a lot of work has been done by Rosemary Monk on the Baptism information packs, but more Baptism visitors are needed.

The Youth Club successfully relaunched as the Team Ascalon Youth Scheme in January 2013.

My personal thanks go to the Pastoral committee members for their hard work and support, and to all of you who have willingly assisted us in so many different ways.

Linda Wainwright  
Chair of Pastoral Committee

## **Vulnerable Adults**

Definition of a Vulnerable Adult:

A person aged 18 or over, who is, or maybe in need of a community care service by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is, or maybe, unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.

I will continue to D.B.S check all pastoral visitors who visit vulnerable adults. In view of this, we ensure that the procedures we have in place not only safeguard vulnerable adults and/or children, but serve to protect volunteers from unsubstantiated allegations, improper conduct and misunderstandings.

## **Child Protection**

Since my last report there has recently been a change to the CRB forms. They are now under the heading of Disclosure and Barring Service, in short D.B.S. The filling of these forms however is much the same.

I have continued to be very busy renewing applications that have run out and for people in new roles.

In September 2012, I went on a Safeguarding Policy Training Course. I do try to go on as many training courses as possible. I feel it does help to do this, to refresh and keep on top of things. It is my hope that anyone with regular contact/building relationships with children will go on one of these training sessions. It is important to keep our children and young people happy and safe. I will continue in this role with the support of the PCC and Pastoral Committee.

## **Youth Coordinator**

Following on from my previous report, things have continued to run smoothly and I will visit the youth groups whenever possible. If any matter arises I will take them to the Pastoral Committee and non pastoral items will be further carried to full PCC.

Sandra Hewett  
Safeguarding Representative and Validator

## **St George's Ladies' Group**

St George's Ladies Group meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month and our selected charity for 2012 was the Queen Alexandra Hospital "Rocky Appeal".

We started off the year with a Beetle Drive, followed by a Charity Auction with Cheese and Wine. In February we had a talk by Ollie Butler entitled "Monologues". Later in the month we had a talk by Steve Harris entitled "Glamour, Gumboots and Guernsey Cows". In March we had two more talks the first by Andrew Negus on "Harlots, Dung and Glory" and the other by Rob Hailey on "The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall". In April we had a visit to Emsworth Museum and then a skittles evening at Waterlooville Aston Rooms. In May there was a talk by Brian Kidd on Gardening and another talk entitled "Bare Necessities" with the speaker Ruth King.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June we held our AGM and Bring and Buy followed at the end of the month by the presentation of a cheque for £750 to the Queen Alexandra "Rocky Appeal". On 12<sup>th</sup> July we had our End of Season dinner.

We met again in September for a talk by the "Southern Domestic Abuse Service" and another talk on 27<sup>th</sup> September by Paul Bowers on "Everest Explored". In October the author Dee Williams came and spoke to us and at the end of the month we had a talk entitled "Mary Rose" by Mr Bullivant. On 8<sup>th</sup> November there was an Open Meeting by the Phoenix Singers and also a talk by Steve Jones on the "History of Leigh Park". We rounded off the year with our Christmas dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Anne Brown  
Chairperson

## **George's Men**

The name tells the story - George's Men is open to all the gentlemen who regularly worship at St. George's Church. There is no membership and no subscriptions, with each event being open to all men and paying for itself. The group was originally formed eight years ago to study the Lent Course "People of the Passion". After five weeks those involved were keen to continue and George's Men started to meet monthly. The 2012 programme included the now traditional Cribbage Night and Skittles Match, but sadly both the Glendene Cricket Evening and Croquet at 'Edge-o-Beyond', succumbed to the bad weather. The group did enjoy a talk from Audrey Mentor about her experiences working with Save the Children and the gentlemen spent an evening doing all kinds of small maintenance tasks around the Church for which the PCC was grateful. All the evenings are publicised in the weekly



Bulletin and all gentlemen of St. George's are welcome to come.

Fr Mike  
George's Men

### **Tweenies**

The year started with the annual Christmas dinner, organised by Rosemary Monk at Barnards - with an enormous number attending. The following month, we had the task of coming up with three books that we had read that were important to us. The range of people's book collection was astounding

In Lent, we studied for four evenings on 'Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue and in April, Sue Hodgens organised a brilliant evening - first feeding us, then we listened to a speaker from the Women's Refuge in Havant. The amount of horror that many women have to endure is incredible and all the Tweenies were astounded to hear about this refuge. A collection was held and £80 donated immediately.

Dawn Trimby hosted a 'Sentimental' evening - everyone guessing which item belonged to which Tweenie. Very revealing! Food and drink featured during the summer with Jane Rice-Oxley and Barry Haughton giving us much to eat and games to play. And then we stepped it up a bit and David Cavey hosted a wine-tasting evening in October. We had an excellent time (with thanks to George's Men for driving!) but the range of wines and the ladies' descriptive talents were amazing. Ask Linda Wainwright about the creosote!

Two indulgent evenings finished the year with star-gazing at Hugh Grant in the film 'Notting Hill', then stuffing chocolate at the Vicarage in December. Numbers ebb and flow in the Tweenies - this shows that the group does not stand still and can welcome new members of the congregation. Long may that continue.

Lynda Sheffield

### **Walsingham Cell Report**

The group of 18 pilgrims set out on the Friday after Easter - fewer than the previous year. As usual we travelled with our friends from St. Alban's, West Leigh and St. Faith's, Havant. Neither of these two churches had a priest with them. This meant that Fr Mike and Fr Timon were responsible for the whole party and so we were altogether for the Eucharists. There were several new faces joining the pilgrimage for the first time - Ben Singh, June

Webster, Sheilah Hall, Lisa Toft. It is always good to have new people as it keeps the group fresh.

Our motto is that during the weekend, we pray hard and we play hard. This was borne out again with the beautiful liturgies that we experienced, the fantastic food and the new friends we made. The outdoor processions were enhanced by St George's enormous contribution - that of the numerous and dignified serving team. This annual trip is always the weekend immediately after Easter and costs approximately £180 per person. More details from Lynda Sheffield.

Lynda Sheffield

### **Holy Dusters**

We have a loyal band of cleaners but would like more than we could clean St George's church weekly instead of fortnightly. It is quite a big area to keep looking clean and welcoming. A few more younger men or women volunteers would be great, as we are all getting older!

Adina Burton/Jaye Warren

### **Church Flower Fund**

Thank you to the small band of people who regularly contribute to the Flower Fund each year. Flowers are very expensive and, whilst we all would probably prefer to see fresh flowers each week, the monies in the Fund do not stretch that far. We have a huge stock of artificial flowers, which are used extensively with fresh greenery during 'lean' times. Needless to say, donations of artificial flowers are very welcome. (If you would like to donate but are unsure as to which type and/or colour to buy, we are happy to advise).

Lastly, thank you to the small team of flower arrangers for their time each week and especially for preparing the Festival Flowers at Easter, Christmas and for the Music Festival.

June Diaper and Lynn Winter

### **Bible Reading Fellowship**

Sixteen people continue to subscribe to the Bible Reading Fellowship "New Daylight" notes. Published 3 times a year the church group annual subscription rate remains at £12 for 2013.

The readings can now be sent to your computer or phone as well as coming in the standard booklet format. Copies of a new free sample guide, giving details of all the BRF daily bible reading publications available and the various methods of obtaining them, are on the church bookstall.

Linda Wainwright

### **Deanery Synod Report**

Candy Williams and Barbie Lloyd continue to represent St George's on Deanery Synod. The following report is extracted from the minutes of the meetings:

#### **1. 23rd February – Hart Plain Church:**

Main subject:

##### Hot Topic Speed Debating.

Tim Jessiman introduced the rules and parishes set themselves up and discussions started.

Some examples of discussion and exchange:

*Problem:* Financial struggle

*Feedback:* Common issue, inspire generosity, keep moving forward

*Problem:* Tarmac – contractor

*Feedback:* Possible contractor

*Problem:* Fundraising

*Feedback:* Openness

*Problem:* Mums – Toddler Evangelism

*Feedback:* Engage – process – relationships

*Problem:* Green Car Park Mesh

*Feedback:* Possible contractor

*Problem:* Pastoral Care / youth into church

*Feedback:* Getting people to volunteer

#### **2. 10th July – St Peter's, Hayling Island:**

Main subject:

Presentation: Revd Canon David Isaac (Head of Mission and Discipleship and Revd Canon Robin Coutts (Diocesan Director of Ordinands & Diocesan Director of Non-Stipendiary Ministry) on Ministry for Mission.

Revd Canon David Isaac talked about the need to establish what God is calling us to do now and in the future, which involves emotion, vision, energy and openness.

Revd Canon Robin continued and spoke about the need to identify people and their gifts and skills to further God's kingdom in any kind of position from Churchwardens to curates. The emphasis was on growth in terms of depth and vision not numbers necessarily. He warned about the problems of an ageing worshipping and clergy generation.

Revd Canon David Isaac talked about the strands setting out the framework for Ministry for Mission: Called for growth / Trained for growth / Supported in growth / Structured for growth

With regards to vocation, training and support, Revd Canon David Isaac spoke about Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling, Spirituality Advisor, who has been visiting deaneries and advising on developing spirituality as a way of life in churches. Amongst other courses the "Inspire Spirituality Course" was going to be revamped and community-based Pentecost celebrations in 2013 including a Deanery-wide events on Pentecost Sunday evening were going to take place.

Leadership training programmes were also planned for 2013 he said, starting with Deanery seminars in Spring. The course "Exploring Christianity" would be launched this autumn as a 2-year course for General Discipleship as well as the Readers' Training course and was already nearly fully booked. A series of 1-day seminars (one per deanery) for leadership training was planned in autumn 12 and spring 13 both for ministry teams and PCC members. In-depth leadership programs were planned to be put in place for 2013.

The new Mission Development Officer, Revd. Charlie Peer, is going to start work with parishes in August this year to support parishes in growth. Stewardship campaign support for parishes is also being planned.

A working group on Clergy Deployment had just begun looking at ways how decisions were made and how clergy resources were used in the context of Structured for Growth. This will also include examining the structure within the Diocese and how far this is supporting or hindering MforM.

He underlined that the many strands connected with Ministry for Mission depended on individuals and their response to ensure our church was able to continue in the future.

David handed out information on training and formation courses as well as leaflets and prayer cards on ministry.

Questions concerned the :

- practicalities of the courses on offer.
- principle of working collaboratively in groups, clusters and deaneries
- £100k Mission Opportunity Fund for small scale and short term Mission-directed initiatives for parishes ( application process through Diocese and advertised in Pompey Chimes)

### **3. 2<sup>nd</sup> October: St Francis, Leigh Park.**

Main subject:

#### Speed Debating

Synod discussed various “Hot Topics” in small groups.

#### Issues raised:

Rowlands Castle:	Regenerating mission and vision
Cowplain:	Balancing books
Purbrook:	Clergy support and vicar shortage
Crookhorn:	Making use of money
West Leigh:	Funds / Car park surfacing and garden work – costs
Hart Plain:	Changing electricity suppliers
Leigh Park:	Stewardship / Inviting to church and making people stay in church
Havant:	Care of building and money
Waterlooville:	Church school provision in new building area
Bedhampton:	Managing change
Clanfield/Catherington:	Raising money for parish share
Denmead/Purbrook:	Fundraising / Interacting with community / Ministry for Mission
Emsworth:	Churchmanship / Length of sermons
Idsworth:	Historical church(es) – maintenance

### **4. 28<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Trinity, Blendworth.**

Main subjects (2):

Bob Thomas, Haslar Visitor Group:

The Haslar Immigration Removal Centre in Gosport was the last station for men before their removal from the country, Bob explained. Many of the 160 men, who had come from anywhere in the world and for a vast variety of reasons, from poverty to oppression, stayed there for any length of time, from days to years in some cases. It cost £120 per day to house a man in Haslar and the centre was run by the Prison Service, not a profit making private company.

The Haslar Visitor Group was a registered charity, non-judgemental and non-political offering friendship and support to the men who often suffered from anxiety and depression. Where other providers and supporting groups had disappeared the Haslar Visitor group was now one of the main supports running a drop-in centre at All Saints Church, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, visiting the men at the Haslar site as well providing a “destitution fund” to help financially as there was no state support benefits were curtailed and time-limited, as Bob explained. Families were often split and children were detained with their mothers at different sites, he said.

He asked for parishes to support the group with prayer, money and practical support. A training programme for volunteers was available. Even though Haslar Visitor Group was not a Christian charity, many working within were Christians. He felt that the people they helped in the depth of despair were the “face of Jesus” and reflected Jesus in need, Bob concluded.

<http://www.haslarvisitors.org.uk>

Charlotte Page, Christian Aid:

Charlotte handed out the latest Christian Aid pack “*From Hope to Action*” which laid out the vision of a world without extreme poverty. She reminded Synod that other issues had been resolved such as slavery and small pox and that the man-made issue of poverty was changeable, too.

The Bible was full of references to poor people and Jesus had a heart for the poor and we should respond to this, she said.

She showed a DVD on the fight for land rights in India, which allowed people to become self-sufficient and lift themselves out of poverty.

In 2013 the UK were hosting the G8 summit and a number of aid agencies were coming together then to look at why there wasn’t enough food for everyone and setting up strategies for change, she pointed out.

Charlotte reminded Synod that she was the local “staff member” for Christian Aid and was happy to respond to any enquiries from parishes and share

Christian Aid's vision with congregations. She finished her presentation with a Franciscan benediction prayer.

This meeting took place just after the General Synod vote on Women Bishops, and we had just heard that the Archbishop's Council press release, which said that the process to admit women to the episcopate needed to be restarted in July 2013 at General Synod, with recommendation to the House of Bishops to put in place a process for discussions in the New Year.

Wendy Kennedy had asked Area Deans and Lay Chairs for a motion to be considered at Bishop's Council on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Bishop had asked that Bishop's Council to look at all motions received from the Synods and prepare a composite motion "with the aim of expressing a coherent view capable of strong support from this Diocese, which can be sent to General Synod."

Revd Tim Jessiman, as a member of GS, gave more details on the voting at General Synod:

Bishops:	44 in favour against 3
Clergy:	148 in favour 45 against
Laity	132 in favour 74 against –

Vote was lost on 5 votes, he explained.

He underlined that the vote was not for or against Women Bishops but if the provision for those who were unhappy with having women in authority was good enough.

A lengthy discussion about the necessity, timing and the wording of a motion followed.

It was decided to show our support without unnecessary time delay or extra meetings and Synod agreed eventually on the following motion to be sent to Wendy Kennedy:

In reply to your email from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 concerning the recent vote on Women Bishops at General Synod and the Press Release from the Archbishop's Council we would like to inform you that at yesterday's meeting the Havant Deanery Synod passed the following motion to be brought forward to Diocesan Synod:

"This Deanery welcomes the news of the Archbishop's Council through their Press release from the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and supports the Bishop in resolving this issue as a matter of urgency."

All 18 clergy and 25 lay members attending voted for this motion. No members against and no abstentions.

Barbie Lloyd and Candy Williams

**St George's News and Website – [www.stgeorgesnews.org](http://www.stgeorgesnews.org)**

St George's News, the Parish Magazine, continues to be published every other month. As well as selling copies to the congregation, we are distributing 50 copies each issue complimentary by delivery to different households each time, as a means of outreach. We need to find more advertising, and if you are able to get any local businesses to advertise with us, it would be a great help. Also it would be good if members of the congregation would make use of the magazine advertisers whenever possible, and when doing so mention St George's News as the reason for coming to them. Advertisers need to know it is worthwhile advertising with us. With no advertisers, there is no magazine.

We continue to look for articles for publication of originally written material, and new contributors, with new ideas, will be especially welcome.

During the year, the church photocopier has been replaced, out of necessity as the old machine was becoming very unreliable, parts were becoming unavailable, and the servicing contractor was declining to continue support. The replacement is at a cost little different to the earlier contract, but a far more advanced machine that can now print in colour (albeit at a cost), but also the print quality now is much better, hopefully you will have noticed how much better photographs are being reproduced. The photocopier is available for use by members of the church, currently 2p per black and white copy per side, 5.5p per colour copy per side. To open an account, see John Johnson.

The St George's News website continues to expand, there are many features, such as a comprehensive diary of coming events, regularly updated, message boards, photo galleries, minutes of PCC meetings, the Sunday Bulletin, forms for Baptisms and Weddings, graveyard records to name but a few. If you run a church organisation, why not have your own web pages on the St George's News website? And if there is anything we can add to the website, please let us have your ideas. In particular, it would be good if we could improve on the Social Media presence of St George's. If you would like to be involved in promoting the church via Facebook or Twitter, please let us know.

John Johnson



## **St George's Servers**

St George's remains fortunate to have a large number of servers prepared to assist the clergy at the Eucharist, and other services when called upon to do so. Our preparation for worship is no different to that of the congregation. After checking that everything is in place for the service, we say our prayers both before and after the service, and are invariably joined by the clergy for these before the service.

St George's servers are by far and away the largest contingent of the Portsmouth Chapter of The GSS, and regularly assist at the various services, either serving, or reading the intercessions.

I am extremely grateful for the patience extended by the various thurifers to the children who have undertaken the duty of boat boy/girl. My thanks to Wendy, Jasmine, Oliver, Martin, Simon and Stevie for enhancing the Eucharist in their own individual way. If any other children would like to be part of the "smoke team" please let me know, and I will arrange it.

I am grateful to Adrienne who prepares the rota for the Wednesday services, and to Anne and Abi who assist me in preparing the rotas for the other services. If anyone would like to join the serving team, please let me know. You will receive all the training you need to assist at the altar.

As ever, I am extremely grateful for the support of all the servers and clergy over the last year

David Palmer  
Head Server

## **Sunday School**

Following on from last year's report, a huge change has taken place in Sunday School. We now have a team of eleven Leaders whom, in groups of three, take turns to deliver set lessons to the children each week. This is excellent news, not only in terms of numbers involved now, but this enables the children to benefit from new strengths and talents.

We have reverted to using the 'Stepping Stones' series of books, which comprise age appropriate lessons that follow the themes in the Church Year. Sunday School time has been divided into a strict time structure that enables worship time together and then the splitting up into three age groups for the activity to underline the teaching aim. To this end, we are all extremely grateful to Anne and Abi Morgan for their guidance and advice in preparing

the initial lesson plans and the organising of the rota. It was a huge undertaking.

The Family Eucharist is no longer automatically on the third Sunday of the month. This has helped with the continuity of lessons, especially at Christmas and other festivals.

Babies and toddlers also now have a place with play mats, toys and sometimes a corresponding activity and we welcome their presence with us.

The Sunday School Team

### **Youth Club**

Fr Timon continued to lead the Youth Club with the help of Jane Cook, Dave Clark, Dave Flint and Rachel Palmer. Numbers had dwindled considerably but we still had regular attendance from the small band of remaining children. The Youth Club continued to meet twice a month in the hall and played games such as bench ball, badminton, dodge ball, table tennis and snooker. They also had an evening of card games and we did baking with them a couple of times. The Youth Club had an input to the worship at the Taize service which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March. A party was held at the Vicarage before Easter. With Fr Timon leaving in the summer it was decided to close the Youth Club and re-think how it would run in the future.

The PCC and Pastoral Committee worked to encourage plans for a new Youth Programme. Twelve possible leaders were invited to meet and plans are now well in place for a new ministry among our young people to begin early in 2013.

Jane Cook  
Youth Club Leader

### **St George's Choir**

This has been a good year for the choir with a very busy schedule. Attendances have been regular with choristers attending choir practices whenever they have been able, in spite of busy lives.

The year 2012 started with a new venture - a miscellany of music and readings. The music of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany were amalgamated into a celebration of candlelight, incense and all our favourite Carols. The choir performed with great enthusiasm and expertise.

The next highlight was at Easter with music of some difficulty by Bach and Handel.

In the month of May, the choir sang at a Confirmation Service, conducted by the Bishop of Portsmouth. Later in the month we enjoyed a joint Evensong with Hayling Island Choir singing music by Walmisley and Stanford.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, singing the anthem used at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton - 'This is the day' by John Rutter.

Another highlight at the beginning of October was singing Evensong at Portchester with Portchester Church Choir. The huge programme contained an arrangement for double choir. At the end of the same month we combined again with Portchester Church Choir at St George's to sing the same programme for our Evensong. October was a busy month. Several members of the choir showed their many talents by joining a Recorder Consort in a "Music-making day" and Rachel Palmer has played the violin for us at Communion on two separate occasions.

At the end of the year we celebrated Advent with a carol service. Iain Renfrew sang the solo in 'Matin Responsory'. The Christmas Carol Service opened with a beautiful duet, "Once in royal David's city" by two young people - Wendy Lloyd and Jasmine Flint (Barbie Lloyd trained the two girls). Lesley Handy sang the solo in 'Holy Night' and Cat Emery the solo in 'Ballulalow'.

My thanks go to Len Palmer who very generously gave us a donation so that we could buy music copies of 'The Bethlehem Carol Sheet'. In the Christmas season of 2012 he promised a further sum of money to be spent on music. I would like to thank him publically.

The choir continues to give its support. Julia Spurgeon, in particular, gives me good advice and her true (in perfect tune) soprano voice leads the choir. The choir is in a healthy state and to date has been able to welcome three new members:

Marjorie Evans - Alto  
Sonja Pask - Soprano  
Chris Barrow - Bass

I look forward to another successful year.

Stella Starr

## **St George's Band**

This has been a difficult year for the church band, members have left for many reasons and at times I have been unable to recruit new members to make an effective ensemble for family services.

This trend will continue this summer when more band members leave for University, there are three very young members of the congregation who are willing to take part, they should be ready to be part of the church band from Christmas onwards.

I am aware of other church members who do play, but they also have family commitments so may be only able to take part on an irregular basis.

I am always trying to recruit new band members and encourage people to take an active part in music making, if anyone plays an instrument please let me know, all standards welcome.

Current band numbers:

Flute

Clarinet

Violin

Cornet

Alto Saxophone

Keyboard

Piano

Band numbers after September 2013:

Cornet

Alto Saxophone

Keyboard

Piano

Don Lloyd

## **St George's Social and Fundraising Committee**

The traditional Burn's Night shared between the Church and the Twinning Association took place on January 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a lively evening with a piper, addressing the haggis, a superb meal and dancing. The event raised £353 for St George's.

The pantomime Alice in Pantoland took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February with a strong cast drawn from the congregation and plenty of support. St

George's Players gave £100 for the Summer Fete raffle prize.

The jumble sale raised £278, thanks to you all for the good quality tat! £195 came in from the traditional Easter Saturday Seder Meal.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we held a Spanish Evening. Fr Mike cooked us a Paella. There was a competition of melon carving and a rendition of Fawlty Towers which was voted better than the original!

A Jubilee lunch was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of Church families attended and there were games for all.

June 9<sup>th</sup> saw the Church Fete which raised £2255 and the start of the Waterlooville Music Festival

In July we had the Glendene Proms which once again had to be held in the Church Hall due to inclement weather. The theme was songs and music from films.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> there was a farewell American lunch for Fr Timon and his family which was followed by a coach trip on September 25<sup>th</sup> to Bellingham to witness his installation

October 27<sup>th</sup> saw the Auction to which the congregation had donated generously. Due to enthusiastic bidding £1426 was raised.

In November we held a Race Night for Naomi House and a donation of £1008 was sent to them.

Our bazaar was held on the first Saturday in December with decorations and seasonal music which engendered a good Christmas spirit. £1400 was raised.

A group from the parish attended The Kings to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. We didn't have a coach this year as it was deemed too expensive.

The Bonus Ball club raised £500 for church funds and the Friday coffee mornings £800. The Social funds also supported wine for the APCM, the Jubilee celebrations, Fr Timon's farewell, Christmas and Carol services and refreshments for the Confirmation.

Jane Rice-Oxley

## St George's 100 Club and Accounts

As you will see from the accounts below, the 100 club has been able to make a donation of £568.71 to Church funds this year. Unfortunately this is slightly below our potential of £600 plus interest as we have sadly lost a few of our long standing members this year. We currently have spare numbers so if anyone would like to join please let me know. To those of you who are members, thank you for your continued support and yes, I know, your number never comes up, but maybe this year you will be lucky!

Colin Monk

### ST GEORGE'S 100 CLUB ACCOUNTS 1 JANUARY 2012 TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### EXPENDITURE

PRIZE MONEY PAID OUT	£560.00
DONATION TO PCC	£568.71
BANK AT 31.12.12	£336.00
CASH AT 31.12.12	£20.00

**£1,484.71**

#### INCOME

BALANCE AT 1.1.12	£390.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID	£1,094.00
BANK INTEREST	£0.71

**£1,484.71**



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