

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILTON
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

Background

All Saints' Chilton PCC co-operates with the Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This is summed up in our Vision "Sharing life at the heart of the Community, making followers of Jesus". We are also responsible for All Saints' Church building and churchyard.

The Church is located on Church Hill, Chilton and a Church Office, shared with St Matthew's Harwell, is situated in the Church extension at Harwell. The main address for correspondence with the PCC is that of the PCC Secretary, 9 The Orchids, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0QP.

The PCC banks with Lloyds TSB in Curie Avenue, Harwell and its Independent Examiner is Jane Moreton of Harrow House, Burr Street, Harwell, Didcot OX11 0DT.

Membership

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

Incumbent:

The Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey (from September 2011)

Assistant Curate:

The Revd Pam Rolls

Wardens:

Mr Andrew Hayes
Mrs Elizabeth Morris

Representatives on Deanery Synod:

Mrs Naomi Gibson
Mr John Pigott

Elected Members:

Dr John Berry	3 years from 2009
Mr Stuart Gibson	Treasurer
	3 years from 2011
Mrs Hazel King	3 years from 2010
Mrs Carol Pigott	3 years from 2009
Mrs Ruth Poole	3 years from 2011
Mr Alex Reich	3 years from 2009

Co-opted Member

Miss Avril Butler Secretary

Committees

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

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It meets occasionally when there are urgent or emergency decisions to be made between PCC meetings.

Joint PCC

The representatives of Chilton PCC to the Joint PCC (should one be required) are: the Revd Pam Rolls, Dr John Berry and the 'standing members' (the rector, the churchwardens, the secretary and the treasurer).

Finance Committee

Oversees the general financial dimensions of the work of All Saints' by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and reviewing the planned giving.

Missions Committee

Attends to matters relating to the support (both prayer and financial) of missionaries, missions and relief agencies.

Fabric Committee

Takes care of the Church building and surroundings.

Ministry Leadership Team

Comprises the Rector, the churchwardens from both Chilton and Harwell, the church administrator and those authorised to lead services. It is guardian and champion of the Churches' Vision.

Worship Group

A joint Chilton and Harwell Group with responsibility for all worship issues.

At the November 2011 PCC meeting the PCC passed a resolution to give the joint PCC the power to form further sub-committees and a Communications Group has been set up to improve communications within both Chilton and Harwell Churches and wider community.

There are two ad hoc Working Parties. The ***Audio and Visual Resources*** working party has met this year to work on improving our sound and vision equipment. The ***Community Mission Steering Group*** is in abeyance.

Church Attendance

There are 81 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, the same as the previous year. Of these, 10 are not resident within the Parish. 2 names have been added to the roll and 2 removed. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2011, was 44 adults and 6 children. This excludes Harvest Festival when the attendance swelled to 70 adults and 30 children.

Review of the Year

The two main events of the year were the ordination to the Priesthood of the Revd Pam Rolls on 26th June 2011 held in Reading Minster and the Institution by the Bishop of Reading and the Induction by the Archdeacon of Berkshire of our new Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey on Tuesday 6th September 2011. Jonathan's Institution and Induction service was held in St Matthew's Church, Harwell and was a mixture of the formal and the informal and was a really joyous occasion. The Church was full with many people attending from St Matthew's, All Saints' and also from Jonathan's previous Church, St Andrew's, North Oxford, where he had served as curate. Light refreshments were held in the Church Hall after the service so that Jonathan, Dawn and their four young children could get to meet as many people from St Matthew's and All Saints' as possible.

Some other highlights of the year were

On Sunday 29th May 2011 a Rogation Prayer Walk followed by a tea was held to which people from both Chilton and Harwell were invited.

Cream Teas were again served in Church on Sunday 14th August 2011. 75 people attended and about 20 of these were not regular churchgoers. Several people commented on how warm and friendly the atmosphere was and the event raised £200 for ROSY (Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters)

A Harvest Tea and auction of produce was held on Sunday 2nd October 2011. It was well attended and a magnificent £290 was raised for Tearfund.

During 2011 you may have noticed that we have been trialing a projector supported from the eaves. in the main aisle. A laptop computer is connected to the projector, so that

words of songs, notes from the talk, and notices can be displayed at the front of the church. Video clips can also be shown. The projector has been used very successfully at special services such as the Christmas services and the Harvest service and also in the All Ages Worship services so the Churchwardens will be applying for a faculty so that the projector can be mounted permanently. A similar arrangement will be made for the South aisle.

Prayer continues to be an essential part of the life of our Church, a weekly prayer meeting is held on Saturday mornings and once a month evening prayer, led by the Choir, is held on a Wednesday evening. All are very welcome to join these times of prayer. We also have a small group of people who are part of a prayer chain. This enables emergency and continuing prayer for anyone within the church or for issues known to church members. Home Groups have met during the year for prayer, Bible study and mutual support.

Children are a very important part of our church family. Discoverers, which is for children between 3 and 9 years, has seven children on the roll with on average three children attending the weekly sessions. During the last year the children have been studying various saints including local saints; Brinus and Friedeswide. The children have enjoyed this different form of study and style of teaching. The "Check it out" group, for older children over the age of 10, continues with 5 children attending regularly. They have a chance to explore the Christian faith further, ask questions, discuss topics of interest and nurture their relationship with God. Our children have also continued to enjoy taking part in Activity Days, which take place in Harwell. They continue to support World Vision, a Christian organisation working to alleviate the effects of poverty, hunger and injustice in over 100 countries, by buying gifts from their weekly giving. We are very grateful to the leaders and helpers who faithfully support these groups.

During the past year the Y-Club has continued to thrive with a fairly constant membership of 14 children from Foundation Stage 1 to Year 4. Eight of these children live in Chilton, 1 in North Drive and the remainder live in Didcot, Wantage and Grove. The children take part enthusiastically and some are definitely growing spiritually and talking about what they have learned in their homes. Some are learning to take responsibility for helping to set

out the chairs, to take the register, or to set up for our 'candle and prayer time' at the end of our meetings. We continue to be grateful to the 5 people who join with Pam Rolls on a rota basis to help in leading the group. They show genuine care and concern for the children and several are greatly gifted in creating our craft activities. Our resources over the last year have included 'Impact' which relates accounts from the Bible to real people's lives (such as Gladys Aylward), Son Seekers (we've learned a lot about Moses and the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness), and Barnabas Story Bags (with stories illustrated by small figures on a cloth, rather like 'Godly Play') which retell some of Jesus' parables.

Both children and adults were invited again to a "Light Party" which was held last autumn in Chilton Village Hall as an alternative to Hallowe'en. Approximately 100 people came which far exceeded attendance in previous years. We threw ourselves into a number of fun party games, great activities (salt dough modelling, 'stained glass' creations in tissue paper and smiley faces created with cake decorations), enjoyed a delicious feast of food and shared in a short act of worship at the end. In previous years the event had been well attended by 2 to 6 year olds but lacked older children. The 2011 event attracted a good spread of ages and was a real answer to prayer.

It has been a great delight to prepare 4 young people from All Saints' for confirmation. Laura Thompson, Hannah Glover, Oliver Clark and Natalie Smith took part in a Confirmation Group run by Naomi Gibson and Pam Rolls, based on Nick Aiken's book 'Being Confirmed'. A great deal of ground was covered over the 7 week course which considered major matters of faith such as God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, why Christians read the Bible, why and how we pray, and why we celebrate Holy Communion. Discussions were accompanied by the use of two DVD's – 'The 10 Commandments' and 'The Miracle Maker'. Our young people were confirmed by the Bishop of Reading, Rt Revd Andrew Proud, at a service in All Saints' North Moreton on 5 November 2011.

In September the building of the new housing development at Chestnut Fields started and we look forward to welcoming many new people into our Church family.

Financial Review