

The APCM

We held our Annual Vestry and Parochial Church meetings on Sunday 18th April. Copies of individual reports are available either at the back of church or as downloads from our website at www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.htm

Financial Summary

We ended the year with a surplus of £46.29 having transferred £10,000 into the Fabric Fund as shown below.

ALL SAINTS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

<u>2008</u>				
£		£	£	£
INCOME				
Voluntary receipts				
36,839	Planned giving	44,594.78		
19,740	Donations	21,096.38		
16,654	Income tax reclaimed	13,570.53		
5,700	Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	<u>9,247.35</u>		
			88,509.04	
317	Magazine	1,004.46		
(84)	Books	53.30		
9,990	Money raised for missions and charities	<u>4,367.99</u>		5,425.75
Other ordinary receipts				
1,529	Dividends/Interest			642.86
Extraordinary receipts				
4,498	Flower Festival (2008 Christmas tree festival)	2,145.05		
2,000	Soundbites contribution to costs	2,000.00		
2,865	Church hire	1,645.00		
<u>4,241</u>	Other events	<u>2,654.66</u>	<u>8,444.71</u>	
<u>£104,289</u>			<u>£103,022.36</u>	
EXPENDITURE				
The Ministry				
20	Visiting clergy	-		
3,111	Working expenses	3,723.37		
300	Honoraria	<u>300.00</u>		4,023.37
Church services				
8,123	Heating	7,271.64		
(2,542)	Cull Fund interest and donations	(3,161.60)		
2,075	Electricity & water	1,667.18		
5,470	Insurance	5,454.12		
814	Organ tuning	728.00		
1,184	Altar requisites and other sundries	1,164.82		
6,788	Organists salary and expenses and relief organists	7,516.24		
2,974	Choir pay	2,582.55		
498	Music	<u>670.91</u>		
			23,893.86	
4,984	Administration			5,016.85
	Transfer to Fabric Fund			10,000.00
Payments outside the Parish				
52,100	The Diocesan Contribution	53,574.00		
<u>10,240</u>	Charities (see page 3 attached)	<u>6,467.99</u>		
			<u>60,041.99</u>	
96,139				102,976.07
<u>8,150</u>	Excess of income over expenditure for the year			<u>46.29</u>
<u>£104,289</u>			<u>£103,022.36</u>	

Vicar's Report

Jo thanks "Team All Saints"

- ✓ Janet and Colin Bird for their energy, enthusiasm, love and generosity to all of us and All Saints.
- ✓ Geoff and Kath Oates for their dedication, their vision and concern to move the Church on, their great ideas and work with young people.
- ✓ Gerry & Renee and John & Sue who are always ready to roll up their sleeves literally and metaphorically both to host and minister.
- ✓ Dorothy and Richard for their hard work ensuring the working, maintenance and beauty of All Saints.
- ✓ For Andrew and Kay with their micromanagement skills and Kay's exceptional secretarial flair helping me with my secretarial work, weddings and baptisms.
- ✓ Martin for his multi tasking as DoM and Administrator, building and developing our worship through music and creative liturgy.
- ✓ Chris for continuing with the amazing concerts of such high standards.
- ✓ St John's Hall is extremely well looked after, and along with the magazine, making amazing profits, all so well managed by Rosemary and Don Graves, not to mention all the vergers duties and welcoming they both provide for All Saints. Even the hall hotline is taken with them on holiday!!
- ✓ Derek and his team for ensuring the fabric of the Church is wonderfully cared for and maintained.
- ✓ Brian Bromley for over 60 years of dedicated service to All Saints.
- ✓ The Choir and their hours of rehearsal and splendid singing now really joining in wholeheartedly as part of Team All Saints
- ✓ Gillian and the flower guild for reflecting the beauty of creation in all that they do and Gillian and her work with the children and electoral roll not forgetting Reg who

contributes behind the scenes and front of house when it comes to trains!

- ✓ The fun activities that Rosie Dean creates for our family services month after month.
- ✓ Denise and Brian Dilley working, in one case quietly behind the scenes and in the other case with laughter and verve, what a wonderful couple!
- ✓ Fiona and John great supporters and on the front line of everything All Saints
- ✓ Mary Geering and Pauline for their dedicated years organising Women's Fellowship, and honesty in realisation that it had run its course.
- ✓ For members of the PCC and committee members as they ensure the smooth running of the church, the business and busy-ness, outreach and the fun we have as team All Saints
- ✓ The cleaning groups for ensuring that all is polished – there is always that lovely polish smell- the sweeping, the vacuuming and keeping the Church in good order.
- ✓ The Mother's Union for looking after playing a pivotal role in our family life.
- ✓ Our Bible readers and intercessors who speak so beautifully adding to our worship experience.
- ✓ Enid Marsh for the beautiful Altar linen so lovingly laundered.
- ✓ The Servers, Vergers and the sides people ensuring that everyone has a warm and friendly welcome – people have remarked on how welcome they have been made to feel.
- ✓ Everyone deserves a mention as you are all an integral part of Team All Saints and I thank you all your love, support and devotion.

It has been another great year at All Saints, with worship, beauty and deepening spirituality flourishing.

Stewardship, generosity and charity were high priorities with church accounts well in the black, not just a cow being sent but a whole farm, Keech Cottage and Street

Pastors generously supported and the fabulous moving story and rhythms from the Watoto children!.

Great fun and fellowship really began for our teens when the youth club started up under the "cool" duo Kath Oates and Martin Bird. Grownups and young people enjoyed the January Jolly and the coffee mornings finding treasures and delicious things to eat.

Great music and fond farewells marked the Summer 2009 visit to Bristol Cathedral by the choir under the final direction of Chris Benham. Flowers, Flowers and more spectacular Flowers and fabulous music celebrated autumn with its Harvest Flower Festival.

Children were welcomed to receive communion for the first time in All Saints' long history. We hosted a great day for the Diocese on Spirituality and took up the new Bishop of St Alban's challenge to "go deeper" during Lent.

Great links were continually forged with the local community through our excellent networks and opportunities with the civic chaplaincy.

Now in 2010 we look forward to continuing to grow and develop, working to ensure that every member of our church feels that they each have a vital part to play in participating in the work of God's kingdom, serving one another and deepening our understanding of God and his creation. This means that we will look at our part in caring for the planet and our role in looking after our environment.

We are considering ways in which we can attract more families and considering fresh ways, which may well be "outside the box", with fun days for the whole family to participate in.

We will explore the possibility of a parish day out in 2011 to grow closer together as a family but in the meantime we look forward to some fun social events and more opportunities to learn and pray together.