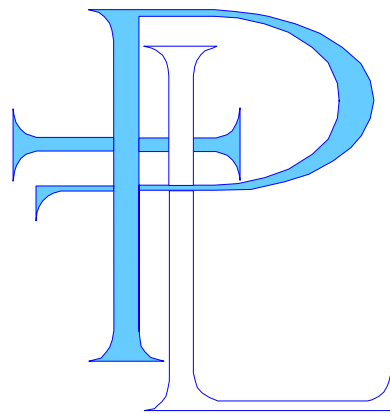


The Parish of Iver
The churches of St Peter and St Leonard



Annual report
of the
Parochial Church Council
May 2008 - April 2009



On behalf of the PCC

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John Norfolk
Churchwarden

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Annual Report for 2009. The following pages indicate the breadth of the work that we are involved in, and my first task is to thank you for your commitment to the work of the Gospel in our parish. I believe it significant that St. Paul refers to the church as 'the body of Christ'. As we look to Christ, our head, we each have a part to play, so it is essential that we continue to work together, seeking to discern our common calling as God's people.

There are so many people to thank, but reference must be made to this year's 'retirees'. John Norfolk stands down after six years as churchwarden. Special thanks are also due to Rob Penn, who retired as Treasurer last April, and yet, twelve months on, is still doing the job! Thanks are also due to Mike Kennedy, who, due to work commitments, could no longer continue as PCC Secretary, and to Glenda Collins, who has stepped in for recent meetings. Karen Hall has taken a well-earned rest from Sunday morning children's groups. And Brian Griffiths has laid down the mantle as co-ordinator of youth activities. We do thank you all, for all that you have done in both churches.

Churchwarden, Treasurer and PCC Secretary are just three of the significant posts that must be filled with some urgency. Please pray that the right people will be found for these responsibilities.

This year has seen other changes. We have said 'farewell' to Darren who has moved to new pastures, and we welcome Clare Gordge, as Youth Pastor. She is settling in well, and making friends across the parish. Joe Gibbs has been appointed to the new role of Children's and Families' Pastor. And whilst on youth work, thanks are due to John and Sharon Plaskett who retire this season after fourteen years with St. Peter's Football Club, which has grown to almost 200 members, every Saturday morning. An inspirational commitment!

It has been a great encouragement to see growth in our midweek parent and toddler groups, and, growing out of that, an increase in children's numbers on Sundays. We have just come to the end of a very lively and upbeat Alpha Course, fifteen members of our parish were Confirmed by Bishop Alan in December, and it is an enormous joy to see new faces coming to church on a regular basis.

Perhaps the most noticeable change in the last year has been the new Sunday service pattern at St. Peter's. We now have three services, three very different styles, but worshipping One God. Add our two services at St. Leonard's, and midweek groups, and, together, these represent our desire to reach out to the whole community. We are still in early days, but there are signs of growth. Indeed the new PCC will be looking at our Mission Statement in the next few months, as we seek to make more explicit our aim to be of service, in the name of Christ, to our community.

I encourage you to come to the Annual Meeting on April 23rd, so that together we discern God's promptings for the way forward in our parish.
Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!

Tim

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1. The Aims of the Council

The primary aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the Vicar in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In particular, the PCC supports the mission statement of the Parish to:

“Go out and serve the people of Iver in the name of Jesus
by offering Jesus to them,
by sharing his love in word and in deeds,
by encouraging them to walk in his footsteps.”

The Annual report of the Parochial Church Council gives an opportunity to present an overview of whole mission of the Church in addition to the formal documentation associated with the accounts and the fabric reports.

2. The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Iver

Council members for 2008/2009

<i>Vicar</i>	Tim Eady
<i>Ordained Local Ministers</i>	Tony Williams Kate Wilson Brian Griffiths
<i>Lay Minister Churchwardens</i>	Jim Dashper John Norfolk Maureen James
<i>Deanery reps</i>	Steve Baynes Lesley Willoughby

Elected members:

Joe Gibbs
Jackie Griffiths
Wendy Jenner
Angela Lindstrom
Gerald Paine
Paul Walker
Pete Gibbs
Roy Johnston
Glenda Collins
Fliss Akehurst
Leslie Rimell

Co opted Members
Darren Quinnell (part)
Clare Gordge (part)

The PCC met on nine occasions during the year, including one "Away Day".

Committees for 2008/2009

Standing

The legal requirement, with power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings.

Tim Eady (chairman)
Maureen James
John Norfolk
Brian Griffiths
Tony Williams
Paul Walker

Fabric

Attends to all matters concerning our buildings and churchyard, their maintenance and improvement.

John Norfolk (chairman)
Mike James
Tim Eady
Peter Gibbs
Pete Owen
Gerald Paine
Maureen James
Paul Hutton
Roy Johnston
Leslie Rimell

Finance

Oversees general finances, prepares budgets and monitors income and expenditure.

Glenda Collins
Wendy Jenner
John Norfolk
Fliss Akehurst
Maureen James

3. A review of the year

Electoral Roll:

As at 31st March 2009 we had 197 on the Electoral Roll (177 in 2008).

Attendance at Services:

At St Peter's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2008 Jan – Dec, * Jan - Oct, ** Oct - Dec	Attendance 2009 Jan - Mar
8.00am	5 – 18 (9 - 23)	(4 – 16)
10.00am (Adults)*	31 – 71 (40 - 78)	NA
10.00am (Children)*	3 - 29 (2 - 25)	NA
9.15 am (Adults) **	17 - 32 N/A	18 – 28
9.15 am (Children) **	0 - 1 NA	0 – 1
11.00 am (Adults) **	39 - 60 NA	45 - 60
11.00 am (Children) **	12 - 24 NA	19 – 28
Comb 9.15, 10.00 & 11.00 (Adults)	31 - 92 (40 – 78)	NA
Comb 9.15, 10.00 & 11.00 (Children)	3 - 29 (2 – 25)	NA

Figures in parenthesis are previous year's attendances for comparison.

At St Leonard's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2008 Jan - Dec	Attendance 2009 Jan - Mar
10.00am (Adults)	17 - 35 (20 - 36)	NA
10.00am (Children & young people)	1 -10 (1 - 14)	NA
6.00pm	2 - 12 (2 - 15)	NA

Figures in parenthesis are previous year's attendances for comparison.

- Through the year, attendance at 10am services and subsequently the 11.00 am service was often significantly increased when the services included Baptism, but the

figures listed above do not show these increased numbers. Also the figures do not reflect the increased attendances at major festivals.

Occasional Services in 2008

Baptisms	21 Infant 8 Adult
Marriages	9
Marriage Blessings	1
Funeral Services in St Peter's or St Leonard's (followed by burial or cremation)	17
Burials in the churchyard or Burial Ground	13
Cremations	16
Interment of Ashes	9

SUMMARY REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

1. MAINTENANCE AND USE OF BUILDINGS

(see Fabric report for greater detail)

- In St Peter's the annexe and new audio visual equipment was used by many groups during the year. The repairs to the tower were finally completed in October and the ringing chamber re decorated. The west door and the sedilia were again inspected by a stone mason to identify restoration work required.
- Work on the urgent items from the St Leonard's Church quinquennial commenced and two ash trees that were threatening the stability of the building were removed in August.
- St Peter's Centre continues to be used by a variety of groups including marriage preparation courses, the Alpha course, tot zone and Kids Club and a "drop-in" evening for the youth of the community on a Wednesday evening. Our youth worker continues to occupy the flat.
- The Core continues to be used extensively for a growing range of youth activities (see youth report for more details).

2. PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

Special occasions

- We held our annual bereavement service at St Peter's in February, and more snowdrops were planted in the churchyard (snowdrops were also planted in the grounds of St Leonard's the following week).
- Hogfest was once again held in the St Leonard's garden
- The PCC Away Day was held at the Quiet Garden, Stoke Poges in May.
- Toy Services in support of the London City Mission were held in both churches in November.
- The second open air service was held in St Leonard's Garden in June.
- The biennial open gardens were again held in Richings Park starting at St Leonard's Church.
- We held our inaugural Christmas tree festival at St Peter's Church in December
- A number of messy church events were held at St Peter's for our growing number of young families

Regular activities

Additional Service

An additional service was added to the Sunday schedule, changing from an 08.00 and a 10.00 service to an 08.00, 09.15 and 11.00 schedule at St Peter's Church.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met regularly on Monday mornings

Children and Young people (see Youth Report for greater detail)

Work amongst young people continued to develop during the year under Darren's and subsequently Clare's leadership as youth pastor.

- Synergy, Gap and The Lounge continue to provide opportunities for young people of all ages to meet with each other and with God. "Emerging Culture" the young people's service continues to grow.
- Sally Vigurs continued her valuable work as a detached youth worker employed by the Parish Council.
- We finally employed a part time Children's and families worker to direct the growing number of Children's clubs and activities. These groups have seen real growth in both members and volunteers throughout the year.

St Peter's Football Club continues to grow. It meets regularly on Saturday mornings and has a full programme of matches in the Church League, both home and away. During the year there have been two "Football Fantasias" held in St Peter's Church, a mixture of fun and worship involving children and parents. PCC members have gone along to support the practices and a staff member normally "kicks off" with prayer before the matches.

The pattern of Home Groups continues with considerable variety in style and content. For a number of people they represent the most meaningful aspect of church life.

Courses

We have continued to run a number of courses, which have been greatly appreciated by those taking part. These have included Alpha, Discipleship groups, Prayer ministry, Marriage preparation and Baptism courses.

Women's Groups

The Mothers' Union have continued to provide welcome fellowship with a varied programme of both spiritual and general interest.

Web Site

Our interactive website is playing an increasingly important role for many people in both communication and fellowship. The website address is www.iverparish.co.uk

Opening up our Churches to the Community

St Peters is open on Tuesdays 12 noon – 2 pm for the Wednesday early morning prayer meetings and for holy communion on a Thursday at 12.00.

3. THINGS WE'VE DONE TOGETHER WITH OTHERS

- Groups went to New Wine, Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor this year.
- Tim leads the weekly Assembly in the Infant School every week. Both the Infant and Junior Schools have held special seasonal services in St Peter's and the Playgroup has also used St Leonard's.
- Clergy from the Parish have been on call to stand in for the Chaplain at Wexham Park Hospital and we have also continued to lead Sunday services there on a regular basis.
- Activities, together with other churches, in support of Christian Aid have included a summer barbecue, carol singing and a "Count Your Blessings" appeal and, of course, the annual house to house collection.
- On Maundy Thursday we shared in the Tenebrae meal at St Andrew's URC and on Good Friday there was a united walk of witness to St Peter's Church, which was very well supported. Throughout August the main service in Richings Park was combined with the St Andrew's congregation.

4. THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT ALL WORK

Again this year, God has worked through so many different people and, as always, we want to express our very warmest thanks to all those who help our churches to carry on their work throughout the year. Some of these are very obvious, whilst others serve much more "behind the scenes". We as a church rely on these gifts of time, effort and specialist skills, which are given with love and grace. All are of great value and are appreciated greatly by the leadership team and the PCC. They include:

- cleaning
- preaching
- catering
- coffee making
- children's and youth
- work
- bell ringing
- serving on the PCC and sub-committees
- keeping notice boards up to date
- pastoral caring and visiting
- sports organising
- web design and photography
- administrative help
- leading and helping with Alpha (and all helping with other courses too)
- publicity and bookstall management
- leading services
- stewarding as sides people
- helping with services by praying
- reading, etc
- magazine distribution (and the editor, of course!)
- flower arranging
- winding the clock
- counting and care of money
- book keeping and banking
- paying the bills
- operating the video and sound systems
- transcription of historic records
- playing and singing in music groups and choir
- DIY and maintenance
- gardening and grass mowing
- leading home groups and other groups and many more

The Church is still looking for someone to come forward and volunteer for the role as our Treasurer, A heartfelt thanks goes to Rob Penn for his continued support during this extended search for a suitable replacement.

4. Fabric Report

1. INTRODUCTION

For the year commencing April 2008, the Fabric Committee comprised; Tim Eady, Mike James, Paul Hutton, John Norfolk, Peter Owen, Gerald Paine and Maureen James, Peter Gibbs and Leslie Rimell.

During 2008/2009 much of the focus of the Fabric Committee was on the completion of the repairs to St. Peter's church tower and the commencement of work on the St Leonard's Quinquennial report. No new major problems were identified with respect to St Peter's, or the St Leonard's site.

Our very sincere thanks continue to go to the volunteers who clean and tidy the churches, the churchyards and provided flowers throughout the year.

2. ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Tower works

To preserve St Peter's as a place of worship for generations to come we completed extensive renovations to the tower in 2008, this work was undertaken by the principal contractors Boshers under the oversight of our Architect Tony Mealing. We hope that this work will enable us to continue to make full use of the building for the community here in Iver.

The works began in April of 2008 with the erection of a comprehensive scaffold on all aspects of the tower, the stone masons commenced work in early May and did not complete the renovation until late August, During the works we took advantage of the scaffolding to renovate the clock face and gears with 50% funding from the Parish Council, this work was undertaken by Gillett and Johnston. We also completed a full re-decoration of the ringing chamber which had been outstanding for some years. Unfortunately the presence of the scaffold facilitated the theft of lead flashing and sections of lightning conductor from St Peter's, we have therefore made a significant insurance claim to replace the stolen material.

A requirement of the English heritage grant for the tower was to extend the hours that the Church is open to the public, the completion of the work has now triggered the extended opening hours. To protect the valuable musical equipment during these extended hours an additional cupboard has been built at the east end of the south aisle.

The chancel was re-lamped, with like for like lamps

The work on the external security lights on the north side of the church was completed and the wiring of the annexe and the storage area under the chancel was completed. A certificate of electrical safety was obtained for the church in April 2009

Quinquennial Report

Outstanding items from the 2006 quinquennial report are

- Repair the brickwork at the lych gate and boundary wall
- Repair the brickwork on the monument near the west door
- Repaint the guttering and downpipes
- Rebuild part of boundary wall next to the lych gate

Faculties

During the year the following Faculties were granted:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Description</u>
6973	Jun 08	Aug 08	Clock Repairs
7151	Oct 08	Jan 09	Installation of musical instrument storage cupboard

Churchyard

Upkeep of the Old and New Churchyards, and the Burial Ground is the responsibility of the Parish Council and during the year. We continue to have Churchyard days in April and October to deal with the things that are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Any tilting monuments must be checked and either secured or laid flat. A small number of monuments required repair to the masonry to secure them.

Future Works

The Fabric Committee again considered the longer term implications of floor levels and seating in the nave and continues to recommend that:

- All floor levels within the nave and side aisles should be raised to the same level.
- The PCC should consider the replacement of the pews in the nave and south aisle with alternative more comfortable seating.

as and when funds allow.

The chancel was re lamped, with like for like lamps.

3. ST. PETER'S CENTRE

Extensive repairs to the guttering, flashing and slates on the St Peter's Centre roof following theft of lead flashing in 2008. An insurance claim covered part of the cost.

4. ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH

We suffered far less vandalism at St Leonard's Church this year and hope that taking a few prudent steps to protect the fabric of the building means that we can now support all of the groups who enjoy the use of the St Leonard's site including the vibrant community youth work that takes place there.

The two ash trees in the garden of St Leonard's were removed by Pinewood tree surgeons after root damage was identified during the 2007 quinquennial.

Churchyard days were held in the spring and autumn. Both were very well attended and a considerable amount of tidying up was done.

The piano in the vestry at St Leonard's was transferred to St Leonard's hall, the old piano in St Leonard's hall was disposed of.

The installation of an inside main door at St Leonard's remains outstanding pending the receipt of a suitable second quote.

Quinquennial Report

Major items from the 2007 Quinquennial report.

Remove moss and lichen from the roof and replace missing tiles
Repair damaged guttering, fascias and soffits
Re pointing work
Removal of bottom 150mm of rendering
Address movement in gable end wall of the vestry
Re lay paving outside vestry
Paint vestry window frames.
Insulate vestry roof void with rockwool insulation

5. ST. LEONARD'S HALL

A richly used asset by the community in Richings Park the hall at St Leonard's had the kitchen renovated in the autumn of 2007; this was followed by the re plastering and redecoration of the toilets and entrance hall in 2008.

6. ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE

The soak away for the septic tank at St Leonard's house became blocked, it has been agreed to have this investigated when the tank is next emptied.

7. THE CORE

The core continues to support the youth work taking place there, with new youth services and the youth groups consistently oversubscribed we have again enjoyed real value out of what 3 years ago was a valueless falling down shed. However we do need to recognise that the fabric of the building is poor and will require replacement in the near future.

8. VICARAGE

We hope that Tim and family have enjoyed their second year in Iver, the vicarage was used for a number of parish social events and continues to provide a suitable environment from which Tim can perform his ministry.

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

IVER P.C.C. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Policy Statement

Iver P.C. C. believes that excellent standards of safety and health are essential for the well being of everyone involved in any of our church activities. Our aim is to integrate health and safety into every activity carried out by our churches. We are committed to ensuring that all our activities are conducted in accordance with best practice to ensure the health and safety of members, visitors, contractors and all others affected by our operation.

In order to implement this policy, the P.C.C. will:-

- Demonstrate leadership and commitment to health and safety.
- Set objectives and measure progress to ensure continuous improvement in performance
- Ensure that safety is an integral part of all organisational changes and business decisions.
- Require all employees and volunteers to exercise personal responsibility in preventing harm to themselves and others.
- Openly communicate our health and safety performance.
- Allocate sufficient funds to implement this policy.
- Provide appropriate safety training and information to our staff, contractors and all others who work with us.

The P.C.C. will ensure the effective implementation of this policy within our church.

Supervisors Responsibilities

Supervisors are responsible for:

- The health and safety of church staff, voluntary helpers and anyone else working in or visiting areas under their control.

- Ensuring that arrangements are in place to comply with all legislation that may apply to areas under their control.
- Consulting with employees and volunteers on issues that may substantially affect their health and safety.
- Issuing instruction, ensuring that these are communicated clearly, understood and monitored effectively.
- Provide appropriate training to allow employees and volunteers to work safely in their environment.
- Ensure that safety procedures are followed and enforced if necessary.
- Take appropriate action to address any reports related to safety.
- Ensure that all safety related incidents are investigated.
- Provide information to employees and volunteer on safety related issues.

Employees and Volunteers Responsibilities

All employees and volunteers responsibilities include:

- Taking reasonable care of themselves and of any one else who may be affected by what they do or what they fail to do.
- Co-operate fully with the P.C.C. policy on all health and safety matters.
- Working safely and complying with safety rules and work procedures.
- Using safety equipment provided.
- Complying with any health and safety legislation appropriate to their work place.
- Not interfering with or misusing anything that has been provide for their health, safety or welfare.
- Reporting all safety related incidents.

10. Heating

All boilers and heating systems were inspected in January 2009, work was required on the St Leonard's hall system, the St Leonard's Church system and the St Peter's centre system, this was completed in February by M.J. Williams & Son.

11. Finances

The PCC continues to maintain a close financial control over the parish and as a result expenditure on maintenance was restricted to essential items only.

5. Finance Report and Accounts

Financial review

Introduction

In 2008 the PCC faced the challenge of managing its cash flow to cover increased costs while experiencing a reduction in income. Despite the difficult financial environment the PCC fulfilled all of its commitments which were achieved during the year through God's grace and the prayerful actions in administering strong financial disciplines of the Church's monetary resources.

While we continually explore other means of increasing income to further our Mission and to meet the running and refurbishment costs of our church buildings, the PCC are concerned that with the prospect of increased costs in 2009 there will need to be a reduction in required expenditure to achieve balanced financial results. The PCC is steadfast in maintaining its commitment to not spending more than its available funds and while appreciating the current economic climate would ask parishioners to prayerfully consider their giving. We also continue to encourage the use of gift aid, where possible, as this enables the Church to reclaim from the government 28.2p for each £1 donated by a regular taxpayer.

Incoming resources

Income resources from generated funds

Voluntary Income

In 2008 57% of our unrestricted incoming funds came from voluntary income made directly to the Church, the majority of which was by standing order. There was however a reduction in unrestricted voluntary income of £21,799.41 compared to 2007 which equates to a drop of 22%.

The refund of tax from the Inland Revenue in 2008 relating to unrestricted donations amounted to £15,262.00.

During the year we received grants towards the cost of repairing St Peter's Tower which along with further parishioner donations amounted to £174,181.14.

Money relating to Youth work has been segregated as restricted funds, which excluding their fund raising activities, amounted to £30,389.22.

In October a Children and Family worker was hired and during the last three months of the year £3,259.00 was raised to cover costs.

Whilst we did not benefit from legacies this year we continue to have a dedicated legacy co-ordinator who can assist individuals who would like to investigate this method of giving.

Activities for generating funds

The only fund raising activities related to Youth work which amounted to £3,259.00

Investment Income

The income from investments is generated from short-term deposits held with the Church of England.

Our rental income continues to be generated through the rental of St Leonard's house.

Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

Church Hall lettings increased due to the decision made by the PCC at the end of 2007 that going forward St Peter's Centre would be included in the Church accounts. The revenue for the two Church halls was as follows: St Peter's Centre was £7,557.80 and St Leonard's Hall was £6,443.73.

Magazine Advertising Income in 2008 was £8,974.28 which is a reduction compared to £10,508.70 in 2007 and is the second year that there has been a decline in income. The Parish magazine has to compete with the Iver Directory which was introduced in 2006.

Fees payable to the PCC, relates to funeral and wedding services conducted during the year.

Other Incoming resources

There were two insurance claims during the year relating to the theft of lead from St Peter's Church and St Peter's Centre.

Resources Expended

Cost of generating voluntary income/ Fund-raising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs/Investment management costs

There were no costs associated with the above categories. The work involved in generating voluntary income was performed free of charge by the ministerial team and parishioners.

The majority of our investment funds are with the CBF Church of England funds and therefore no investment management costs were incurred.

Charitable Activities

The PCC views that part of its Christian duty is to tithe 10% of the Church's income to support the Christian work undertaken by overseas and home missions which amounted to £12,941.00 in 2008

Ministry costs incorporate the payment of the parish share to the Diocese. The amount payable, which is determined by the Diocese, increased by 12.2% (£7,518) between 2007 and 2008. These monies are used to pay and train our clergy provide and maintain clergy accommodation and provide access to various Diocesan support ministries. Additionally included in this category are costs relating to the Deanery.

Fees due to the Diocese represent the proportion of wedding fees and funeral fees payable as stated in the table of Parochial Church Fees.

Working Expenses of the Incumbent included the cost of secretarial support for the Vicar.

Despite the increase in utility costs during 2008 continued efforts were made to reduce Church running expenses and there was a reduction of £637 compared to 2007.

Church Hall running expenses increased due to the inclusion of St Peter's Centre in the Church accounts. The expenses for the two Church halls were as follows: St Peter's Centre was £16,073.44 and St Leonard's Hall was £7,138.68.

The costs associated with Youth work and Children and Family work were both self funded through restricted income and fund raising designated for these activities.

The major work carried out in 2008 was the repair of St Peter's Tower.

Governance Costs

This covers the cost of an Independent Examiner for the Church's Accounts

Other Resources Expended

The PCC decided that an amount of £14,978.41 which was shown in the 2007 Accounts as being owed by IET would be written off. This amount was loaned to IET, when it had a cash flow problem at the end of 2007, to cover commitments to paying staff salaries and associated taxes to the Inland Revenue.

Overall net incoming/ outgoing resources

Overall expenditure exceeded income by £45,612.31

Unrestricted funds showed that expenditure exceeded income by £37,466.06 which is mainly due to the reduction in voluntary income and the increase in Parish Share, the running cost of St Peter's Centre and the IET write off. The funding for these activities came from the Parish General account which had an opening balance at the start of 2008 of £37,508.90. With the additions of transfers from restricted funds to cover Church maintenance costs, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activity, the year end closing balance for the Parish General account was £3,782.04

Expenditure exceeded income for Restricted Funds by £8,146.25 due to the work carried out on St Peter's Tower for which there was funds to offset this deficit held in the CBF St Peter's Tower account.

Investments and Gains and Losses on Investments

The impact of the financial crisis in the global economy had a negative impact on the investments funds held with M & G Investments. The Iver - Church Fabric Maintenance & Improvement Fund recorded an unrealised loss in value of £18,034.38 and the Iver - Ethel Leach Memorial Fund recorded an unrealised loss of £4,780.13.

During the year the PCC decided to sell units in The Iver - Church Fabric Maintenance & Improvement Fund amounting to £14,000 to cover the deficit being carried in the Church Accounts for St Peter's Extension.

Bank accounts and reserves

The Church continues to manage funds in its current and reserve accounts. We did not go overdrawn throughout the year and continued to maintain strong disciplines against our expenditure.

Thanks and appreciation

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the people involved in the fund raising, collecting and banking of monies from all the activities undertaken at St Peters and St Leonard's. Their commitment to the financial running of the Church is greatly appreciated.

Parochial Church Council of Iver, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year to 31st December, 2008

	Note	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2008 (£)	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS 2007 (£)
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from generated funds						
Voluntary Income	1 (a)	78,462.14	208,492.02	0.00	286,954.15	127806.13
Activities for generating funds	1 (b)	0.00	4,809.06	0.00	4,809.06	47.23
Investment Income	1 (c)	9,492.68	0.00	0.00	9,492.68	8445.48
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	33,219.81	0.00	0.00	33,219.81	25416.10
Other incoming resources	3	15,415.22	0.00	0.00	15,415.22	1933.26
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		136,589.85	213,301.08	0.00	349,890.92	163648.20
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund raising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Management costs	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	7	157,757.01	221,447.32	0.00	379,204.33	138323.72
Governance costs	8	822.50	0.00	0.00	822.50	822.50
Other resources expended	9	15,476.40	0.00	0.00	15,476.40	24593.21
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		174,055.91	221,447.32	0.00	395,503.23	163739.43
Net INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		-37,466.06	-8,146.25	0.00	-45,612.31	-91.23
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds	20d	1,451.05	-1,451.05		0.00	0.00
	20e	2,417.06	-2,417.06		0.00	0.00
	20f		14,000.00 -	14,000.00	0.00	
	20g	-1,459.89	1,459.89		0.00	
	20h	1331.49	-1,331.49		0.00	
	20i		0.34 -	0.34	0.00	
Other recognised gains and losses			1,502.98	8,188.34	9,691.32	3766.24
Realised				-22,814.51	-23,247.51	-184.30
Unrealised		-433.00				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,306.71	11,763.61	-28,626.51	-13,556.19	3581.94
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2008		313,561.39	16,150.92	80,727.34	410,439.65	406948.94
Balances CARRIED FORWARD at 31st December 2008	20	279,402.04	19,768.29	52,100.83	351,271.15	410439.65

Parochial Church Council of Iver, St. Peter and St. Leonard
BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2007

	Note	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	11(a)	275,000.00	275000.00
Investment Assets	11(b)	38,470.65	69547.85
TOTAL		313,470.65	344547.85
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	7,721.02	19275.80
Short Term Deposits		24,281.94	43578.04
Cash at Bank		22,779.78	3794.96
TOTAL		54,782.74	66648.80
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	14	16,982.24	757.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS		37,800.50	65891.80
NET ASSETS		351,271.15	410439.65
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	12 20 (c)	279,402.04	313561.39
Restricted	20 (b)	19,768.29	16150.92
Endowment	20 (a)	52,100.83	80727.34
TOTAL		351,271.15	410439.65

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on its behalf by

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Parochial Church Council of Iver, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCOMING RESOURCES
for the year to 31st December, 2008

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2008	2007
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
1. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
1 (a) Voluntary Income					
Giving under gift aid	56,135.15			56,135.15	63,090
Income tax recoverable on covenants	15,262.00	0.00		15,262.00	18,583
Uncovenanted	0.00	0.00		0.00	0
All collections (open plate) at services	5,605.29			5,605.29	9,759
Wall box donations	59.29			59.29	119
Grants	0.00			0.00	0
Donations	759.41	0.00		759.41	8,891
Youth Work including tax reclaimed		30,389.22		30,389.22	0
Children & Family Work including tax reclaimed		3,259.00		3,259.00	
Audio & Visual Equipment including tax reclaimed	641.00			641.00	
Organ Fund including tax reclaimed		0.00		0.00	641
Tower Fund including tax reclaimed		174,181.14		174,181.14	25,348
Bells Fund including tax reclaimed		393.43		393.43	735
Worship Group		0.00		0.00	641
Extension		0.00		0.00	0
Chairs for St Peter's including tax reclaimed		269.22		269.22	0
TOTAL	78,462.14	208,492.02	0.00	286,954.15	127,806
1 (b) Activities for generating funds					
Bookstall	0.00			0.00	47
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events	0.00			0.00	0
Youth Work		4,809.06		4,809.06	0
TOTAL	0.00	4,809.06	0.00	4,809.06	47
1 (c) Investment Income					
Share Account Income	213.72			213.72	1,043
Interest Received	2,078.96			2,078.96	1,303
Rental	7,200.00			7,200.00	6,100
TOTAL	9,492.68	0.00	0.00	9,492.68	8,445
2. INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Church Hall Lettings : St Leonard's Hall & St Peter's Centre	14,001.53			14,001.53	3,680
Magazines	8,974.28			8,974.28	10,509
Fees	10,244.00			10,244.00	11,227
TOTAL	33,219.81	0.00	0.00	33,219.81	25,416
3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
Insurance Claims	15,246.73			15,246.73	1,533
Miscellaneous	168.49			168.49	400
TOTAL	15,415.22	0.00	0.00	15,415.22	1,933
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	136,589.85	213,301.08	0.00	349,890.92	163,648

Parochial Church Council of Iver, St. Peter and St. Leonard
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
RESOURCES EXPENDED
for the year to 31st December, 2008

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2008	2007
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
4. Cost of generating voluntary income					
Fees and costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
5. Fund-raising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs					
Bookstalls & Fetes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
6. Investment management costs					
Professional Advice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
7. Charitable Activities					
Missionary and Charitable Giving	4,841.00			4,841.00	5883
Relief and Development Agencies	3,500.00			3,500.00	2600
Home Missions and Other Church Societies	4,600.00			4,600.00	6000
Ministry	73,931.34			73,931.34	67045
Working expenses of incumbent	9,206.05			9,206.05	3521
Church Running Expenses	12,626.04			12,626.04	13263
Church Maintenance	18,524.57			18,524.57	7138
Upkeep of Services	846.54			846.54	0
Upkeep of Churchyard	96.72			96.72	365
Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall	5,953.52			5,953.52	6128
Parish Training & Mission	0.00			0.00	196
Youth work		33,261.76		33,261.76	7726
Children & Family Work		1,558.61		1,558.61	0
Church Hall running costs St Leonards & St Peters	23,212.12			23,212.12	9223
Other PCC Property Upkeep - St Leonards House	419.11			419.11	479
Major Works - St Peter's Extension	0.00	0.00		0.00	8757
Major Works St Peter's Tower	0.00	186,626.95		186,626.95	5269
TOTAL	157,757.01	221,447.32	0.00	379,204.33	143593
8. Governance Costs					
Accountancy and independent examination fees	822.50			822.50	823
TOTAL	822.50	0.00	0.00	822.50	823
9. Other Resources Expended					
Worship Group Expenses		0.00		0.00	0
Audio and Visual Equipment	0.00			0.00	18022
IET Write Off	14,978.41			14,978.41	0
Organ Expenses		0.00		0.00	200
Bells Fund		0.00		0.00	180
Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00		50.00	524
Bank Charges and Loan Interest	447.99			447.99	398
TOTAL	15,476.40	0.00	0.00	15,476.40	19324
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	174,055.91	221,447.32	0.00	395,503.23	163739

10. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (2005) and applicable accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted special purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided in note 20 (b). Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in note 20 (a).

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 or those that are informal in gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is reasonably certain.
Funds raising events are accounted for gross.
All trading income is recognised gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on a revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan share is accounted for when paid. All other costs are accounted for under the accrual method.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act
Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time)

Investments

Investments are valued at market rate at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

**Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the year to 31st December, 2008**

11. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	St Leonard's House (£)	St Leonard's Hall (£)	Total (£)
11 (a) Tangible Fixed Assets			
Gross Book Value at 1st January 2008	235,000.00	40,000.00	275,000.00
Depreciation: Charge for Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Book Value at 31st December 2008	235,000.00	40,000.00	275,000.00
11(b) Investments			
			2008
			(£)
Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Fund			
4273.56 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund			
Historical cost at 31st December 2008 £24,179.72 (4273.56 shares value £24,179.72)			
Market Value at 31st December 2008			
		27,806.71	53671
Ethel Leach Memorial Fund			
1020 M & G Charifund Unit Trust unit			
Historical cost at 31st December 2008 £1,000.00 (2006 1020 units value £1,000)			
Market Value at 31st December 2008			
		£10,043.94	14824
Other Investment			
100 Banco Santander Shares previously Abbey National 10p Ordinary Shares			
Historical cost at 31st December 2008 £130.00 (2002 100 share value £130)			
Market Value at 31st December 2008			
		620.00	1053
Total Investment Assets		38,470.65	69548

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2008 (£)	2007 (£)
12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND					
Fixed Assets	275,000.00			275,000.00	275,000.00
Investments	620.00		37,850.65	38,470.65	69,547.85
Current Assets	20,764.28	19,768.28	14,250.18	54,782.73	66,648.79
Current Liabilities	-16,982.24			-16,982.24	-757.00
Fund Balance	279,402.04	19,768.28	52,100.83	351,271.14	410,439.64

	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
13. DEBTORS		
Income tax recoverable	3,132.44	3,604
Iver Educational Trust	0.00	14,978
St Leonard's House	600.00	600
Diocese of Oxford	0.00	93
Ansvar Insurance (St Peters Centre)	3,988.58	0
Other debtors and prepayments	0.00	0
TOTAL	7,721.02	19,276

	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
14. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Creditors for goods and services	16,982.24	757
Overdraft	0.00	0
TOTAL	16,982.24	757

15. Wages and salaries

The PCC employed a Vicar's Secretary, Youth Worker, Childrens & Family worker and Caretaker for St Peter's Centre.

No members of the PCC received payments of expenses during 2008.

16. LONG TERM MAINTENANCE FUND

The Long Term Maintenance Fund is invested with the Central Board of Finance. The income and interest are available for the maintenance and enhancement of the churches.

17. MILLS MEMORIAL FUND

The capital relating to this fund is invested with the Central Board of Finance, and the income is used to defray the cost of tuning the organ at St. Leonard's Church.

Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the Year Ending 31st December 2008

18. MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

	Expenditure	
	2008	2007
	(£)	(£)
Giving to Overseas Mission		
Joy Centre	700.00	700.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	700.00	700.00
Sat 7	700.00	700.00
Paula Carey - World Horizons	700.00	700.00
South America Missionary Society	700.00	700.00
Bible Society	350.00	350.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	950.00	350.00
Compassion	216.00	200.00
Tear Fund	700.00	500.00
Church Mission Society	700.00	700.00
The Leprosy Mission	700.00	700.00
Total	7116.00	6,300
Giving to Missions at Home		
Scripture Union (Wayne Dixon)	700.00	700.00
London City Mission	700.00	700.00
Church Pastoral Aid Society	700.00	700.00
Scripture Union (General Funds)	700.00	700.00
The Children's Society	700.00	700.00
Church Army	0.00	700.00
Church Mission Society	700.00	700.00
Iver Youth Work	1000.00	700.00
Salem Project	0.00	700.00
Historic Churches	50.00	0.00
Clergy Fund	50.00	0.00
Contingency Fund to support training/projects	0.00	400.00
Total	5300.00	6,700
Sundry Donations		1483.16
Total	12416.00	13,000

19. LOANS

There have been no loans in 2008

Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the Year Ending 31st December 2008

20. SPECIFICATION OF FUNDS HELD AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008

Church Funds are held in one of the following locations:

Current Account	Cheque Account with Nat West Bank. The PCC and St. Leonard's Hall have cheque accounts.
CBF	Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. The PCC has four CBF accounts: the Reserve that contains the majority of our savings, the St. Leonard's account for St. Leonard's Hall, and the FMIF account for the income from the FMIF trust fund the St Peter's Tower fund
FMIF	Fabric and Maintenance and Improvement Fund. There are two accounts of this name: an income account (see CBF) and a trust fund.
Ethel Leach Fund	There are two accounts in this name: a trust fund (investment account) and an income account (part of the CBF reserve: see above)

20 (a) Endowment Funds	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
<i>Mills Memorial Fund (CBF St Leonards)</i>	1,000.00	1,000
Ethel Leach Memorial: Income Account (CBF St Leonards)	5,836.00	5,693
Maintenance Trust Account (FMIF CBF Account)	5,939.18	4,064
<i>Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Trust (Trust Account)</i>	27,806.71	53,671
<i>Ethel Leach Memorial Trust (Investment Account)</i>	10,043.94	14,824
<i>Graveyard Maintenance Trust (CBF Reserve)</i>	1,475.00	1,475
<i>* Items in italics are capital sums</i>	52,100.83	80,727

20 (b) Restricted Funds	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
St Peter's Tower Fund (CBF Account)	892.41	20303
St Leonard's General Purposes (CBF Reserve)	0.00	2,417
Long Term Maintenance Fund (CBF Reserve)	647.00	633
St Leonard's Hall Fund (St Leonard's CBF)	118.23	1,451
Other Restricted (CBF Reserve)	1,553.61	6,542
St Peter's Bells Fund (CBF Account)	6,820.50	0
Chairs for St Peter's (Current Account)	449.22	180
Youth Work (Church C/A & Youth C/A)	1,936.52	0
Children & Family Worker (Current Account)	1,700.39	0
Bells Fund (Current Account)	32.43	690
Extension (Current Account)	0.00	-14,591
Worship Group (Current Account)	0.00	1,331
Organ Fund (Current Account)	1,190.95	1,191
Tower Fund (Current Account)	4,427.01	-3,996
TOTAL	14 19,768.28	16,151

20 (c) Unrestricted Funds	2008 (£)	2007 (£)
St Leonard's House	235,000.00	235,000
St Leonard's Hall	40,000.00	40,000
Banco Santander (Abbey National plc Ordinary Shares)	620.00	1,053
Parish General Account	3,782.04	37,508
TOTAL	14 279,402.04	313,561

Gross Transfer between funds

- 20(d) Transfer from St Leonards Maintenance fund to cover maintenance costs for St Leonard's Church
- 20(e) Transfer from General Reserves restricted funds to cover maintenance costs for St Leonard's Church
- 20(f) Sale of units in Iver Church Fabric Maintenance & Improvement Fund to cover carried the majority of the carried over deficit for St Peter's Extension
- 20(g) Transfer of funds from current account to cover part of the deficit carried over for St Peter's extension
- 20(h) Transfer from Worship Group to cover outstanding costs for Sound System in St Peter's Church
- 20(i) Accounting adjustment as transfer of Graveyard Maintenance Trust was £1475.00 instead of £1475.34

Reviews undertaken during the year

Statutory and legal risks - Child Protection Policy

The PCC complies with the Child Protection Policy in the parish to ensure compliance with the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy and diocesan procedures.

Data Protection

The PCC complies with the eight principles under which personal data may only be obtained, held or disclosed to others under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Financial risks – Budgeting and cash monitoring:

The PPC prepares an annual budget and, through the Finance Committee, monitors cash flow and budgetary control on a monthly basis.

Insurable risks – Review of insurances:

During the year all our insurance policies were reviewed in conjunction with our insurance adviser and appropriate adjustments were made to our policies.

Operational risks – Identifying essential repairs:

In addition to the quinquennial inspections of St. Peter's and St. Leonard's churches, there is a policy of continual maintenance. A number of essential works were carried out; details of which are set out in the Fabric Report.

6. Youth & Children Report

Youth Work Report

This year has been one of changes for the youth with Darren leaving in September and myself joining the church in January.

Thanks must be given to the amazing team of volunteers, especially Helen James and Tina Lewis who have kept things running in the gap between Darren leaving and my starting.

As always however more volunteers for youth work in the parish would be much appreciated, especially with Sunday morning youth work.

Since starting in January I have been working mainly to develop relationships with the young people in all of the groups, as well as trying to discern the best way to develop youth work in the parish.

Gap and Synergy continue to run on a Friday night attracting a good number of young people each week and a steady stream of new people. I am looking to see how we can integrate these groups in to wider church life more and also ways of bridging the gap between the groups more to provide a smooth transition in to older groups once young people move up to older age groups.

The lounge is run on a Monday night with Sally Vigurs, the parish councils outreach worker. We are working regularly working with a group of 10 or so older teenagers who have been coming to the group for a long time, and we are looking at ways to effectively reach out to young people at the younger end of this age group more effectively as many of the teenagers we are currently working with are at the older end of the age group and will be moving on from our youth work provision at the end of the year.

Emerging Culture is going well with many of the young people who come getting involved in leading the event and leading us in worship, it has also been good to have had Luke leading worship in the main church services on a couple of occasions, something that I would like to develop as a more regular thing if possible before he leaves for university.

Since starting in January I have restarted Sunday morning youth work at both churches- once a month at St Leonard's and the other three weeks at St Peters. I am in the process of trying to develop a good team of volunteers at St Peters so that I can spend more time at St Leonard's, however at present I only have one regular volunteer- any more offers would be gratefully received! There is a core group of 4 who come on a Sunday morning at St Peters, however at St Leonard's the attendance has been much more variable, and my most regular attendee at St Leonard's has been from somebody coming down from St Peters. I am keen to develop links with youth work at St Leonard's on a Sunday, but to do this do need young people to actually attend things.

Many of the young people who I work with, who are likely to come in to church on a Sunday either work or like to lie in, so integrating them in to Sunday worship at both churches isn't always easy, however an objective of this coming year for myself is to find ways of integrating young people more in to Sunday worship at both Churches more.

This summer we plan to take a group from Emerging Culture to Soul Survivor, and I am looking at putting on a few one off events in the summer holidays for young people in the parish who we have contact with, particularly through Gap and Synergy.

And Finally we bid a fond farewell to Brian Griffiths who with the love and support of his wife Jackie has overseen the Youth and Children's work in the parish for so many years.

Thank you to everyone who supports or volunteers in youth work in any way.

Clare Gordge

Children & Families Work Report

In October 2008, the Church employed Joe Gibbs as part-time Children & Families Pastor. Joe has lived in the parish for 4 years, has worshipped at St Peter's for 14 years, is married to Pete and has two young sons.

The purpose of her role is to have responsibility for all our church children's work and outreach projects in the community specifically for children aged 0-11 and their families.

This is a vibrant area of growth for the church, and not just on a Sunday! Mid-week groups such as Totzone (for parents with pre-school aged children) and events such as Messy Church (a fresh expression of church for those on the edge of, or outside of, the Christian community) are proving very

popular, suggesting that our church is right to respond to the social and cultural trends of the society in which we live.

Teaching on a Sunday follows a 'post modern' approach with emphasis placed on the variety of ways in which a child learns and experiences faith and the sea of options and choices they must navigate to experience the world in which they live. There are four Sunday morning groups at St Peter's, spread across the age range 0-11 and all-age services allow everyone to express their faith and meet with God in a variety of ways.

There are now around 30 children regularly attending St Peter's on a Sunday morning. Whilst there are limited numbers of children attending St Leonard's on a Sunday, it is important to note that many children and families are discovering or rediscovering that the Church can be relevant and exciting. The St Leonard's site provides other important opportunities for outreach such as links with the nursery, the activities at the Core and special family events such as the outdoor service and picnics. The differences between St Peter's and St Leonard's can be celebrated as we meet the differing needs of our diverse congregations.

Sincerest thanks to the team of more than 20 volunteers who help to keep our Children's Ministry exciting, safe, relevant and fun for the children we meet each week.

7. ST. PETER & ST. LEONARD SPRING ALPHA COURSE

The course was advertised in both churches and by a large banner in the village.

It commenced on Wednesday February 4th at St. Peter's Centre and ran for a 10 week period, ending on Wednesday April 8th.

Leadership and helpers met each Wednesday at about 7pm for recap, comments and prayer before the guests arrived at 7.30 pm. We dined in the "Green Room" on food and refreshments catered for by various volunteers each week - all under the umbrella of Kate Wilson's direction.

At 8pm we retired to the "Pink Room" and, after notices and the requisite Alpha "joke" - heard different speakers on each evening covering the Alpha course subjects.

The Holy Spirit talks were all presented on Saturday March 21st in St. Peter's Centre by John Norfolk, Steve Baynes, Roy Johnston and concluded by Tim Eady, who led us into a final time of worship and prayer. We were particularly grateful for the musical input by Sarah Meere at various times during the day.

Original attendees were 17 guests, 3 course hosts and 3 helpers. Attendance at the Holy Spirit Saturday was 19 guests, 4 speakers and 3 helpers. Figures for attendance remained encouragingly high throughout the course and only dropped marginally at times - and in each case for a legitimate reason. Commitment was excellent.

It was envisaged originally that just one group would be required for after-talk discussions - but as the number of applicants increased, it became obvious that this was not enough. A call went out to John Norfolk for help and he and Steve Baynes left their own Wednesday evening home-group for the 10 weeks duration to assist. (Their group was then headed by Tim Eady).

Although the preparation, organisation and mid-course "fine tuning" required, which at times was evident, it was efficiently handled by our administrator and her helper.

Despite the organisational problems on many fronts - the Lord blessed us with what can only be described as one of the most "successful and rewarding" Alpha courses for many years. Praise the Lord!

Roy

8. MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry Team consists of 18 members (an increase of 2 from last year), 7 of which lead the music for the 9:15, 10am and 11am Services at St Peter's and St Leonard's. The team focus has, this year, been on developing leaders and worship styles for the varying services within the parish.

Providing the music for the majority of baptisms, weddings and most funerals, members of the team have also provided music for alpha away days and services at Wrexham Park Hospital. Rehearsals continue to be held on a weekly basis at St Peter's, which focus on various areas of music ministry.

Ministry based outreach [to include developing further relations with other churches within the area], youth and family links, and vocal development are to be the teams primary focus for the year ahead. People of any age or skill level are always encouraged to come along to Monday evening rehearsals [7:45-9:45] to worship together.

9. Cornerstone – More than just a Charity Shop

Cornerstone has gone from strength to strength during the past year and is funded by the generous donations from the community it serves, the takings from the shop and the income from the external speaking that Jackie does, all this means that it does not place a strain on the already stretched Church finances.

We are very grateful for the help of the 50 volunteers working in the coffee shop, charity and gift area and the library.

Events and Fund raising activities held during 2008:

- 2 Fashion Shows
- Salvation Army Rallies/Conferences
- Open Gardens
- Apple Day
- Richings Park Sports Club Christmas evening
- Lights-on at Village Hall
- Schools – stalls
- Royal Harmonics – Thames Hospice Care
- Police Beat Surgeries
- Local Community Meetings
- Open Evenings at Cornerstone
- Quiz Nights
- Story time for pre-schoolers (weekly)
- Speaking engagements to promote Cornerstone

Cornerstone continues to reach out into the community, especially to those who come for coffee and tea, plus helping other organisations with items donated to us, particularly clothes – Slough Homeless, Slough Social Services (Baby unit), Salvation Army Response Unit and those abroad needing clothes.

We are extremely grateful to all those who support the work of Cornerstone in so many ways.

10. Contact telephone numbers

Alpha	Kate Wilson	652105
Bells (P) – Captain Wedding Bookings	David Rowlands	652559
Bookstalls	Jackie Griffiths (P)	654768
Youth co-ordinator	Brian Griffiths	654768
Children's work - Squiggles, Tot zone, Stepping stones, Sunday Groups	Joe Gibbs	653532
Church Administration	Mike James	654843
Churchyard, cleaning and maintenance	Maureen James (P) John Norfolk (L)	654843 591522
Church Secretarial	Jan Rowsell	651001
Coffee rotas	Joy Troke (P) Phyllis Martin (L)	817977 639628
Cornerstone	Jackie Griffiths	631144
Covenant Secretary	Wendy Jenner	651071
Electoral Roll Officer	Wendy Jenner	651071
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Football Club		812159
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Lesson reading and prayers	Mike James (P) Jan Rayner (L)	654843 652567
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St Peter's Centre bookings	Jan Rowsell	651001
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