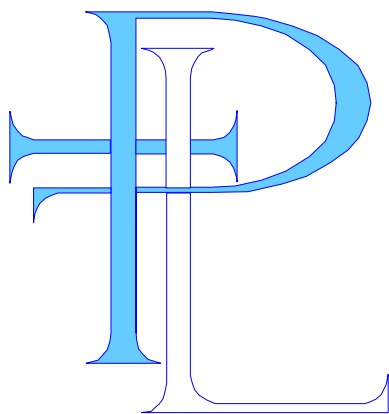


The Parish of Iver
The churches of St Peter and St Leonard



Annual report
of the
Parochial Church Council
May 2009 - April 2010



On behalf of the PCC

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Maureen James and Peter Owen
Churchwardens

From the vicar.....

Welcome to the Annual Report for the church year 2009/2010.

The following pages indicate the breadth of the work that we, as a church, are involved in, and my first task is to thank the entire church membership for your partnership in the Gospel. Our parish verse for 2010 is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians: *I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received,* (4:1), and it is my prayer that together we can discern how best we may express our Christian commitment in our corporate life. Living as disciples of Jesus Christ is undoubtedly the greatest challenge that any of us will ever face. We can only do so by the grace of God at work within us.

We have this year, given a copy of the booklet, *Into Membership* to every church member. If you have not yet received one, please pick one up from either church. Whilst it contains nothing new, it aims to summarise the calling which we each have to live out our faith in deeds, not just in words. That's a challenge for each of us.

This year's APCM sees us at a moment of considerable transition. We have said 'farewell' to Clare Gorge as Youth Pastor. Paul and Sheree Walker have moved to Maidenhead, and Paul has retired from his position as Director of Music. Joe Gibbs is retiring from her role as Children's and Families' Pastor to pursue a career in teaching, Steve Baynes, who has made a large contribution to our worship leadership team, feels called to serve God in his local parish in Egham, and over the last few days, Kate Wilson, after almost thirty years service to our parish, the last seven as an Ordained Local Minister, has been offered the post of vicar in the parish of Christchurch, Colbury, in the New Forest, and will finish work in Iver on May 2nd. We wish them all well in their future ministries. Words hardly seem adequate to express our thanks for all that they have corporately contributed to our church, but we send them on with our prayers and blessing. All will be missed, and it is good to know that for most, it not a final 'goodbye', just a moving on to a new sphere of ministry.

On a different note, we have welcomed George as curate, along with Jack, Rebekah and Tom, who have settled well into parish life, and are making an enormous contribution to parish life, and also Carina, who is with us for nine months, and has shared in many aspects of the parish. And sincere thanks to Jan Rowsell who has stepped into the breach to become PCC Secretary, and Karen Hall, who has taken on the role of Treasurer.

There are countless other people to thank: the entire staff team, churchwardens, PCC, and everyone who makes a contribution to parish life. It is only because we have such a large and diverse team that the church continues to grow and flourish. It's been great to have Peter join Maureen as churchwarden, and much has been accomplished this year. And a special thanks to Mike James, who works tirelessly for the church in so many ways.

It has been an encouragement to see new members growing in their faith, and the formation of a new house group. Other fellowship, teaching and social groups, including new dance classes, contribute to our corporate life. Cornerstone, too, continues to grow in its impact within the community.

We do, however, face considerable challenges. Last year we failed to meet our parish share – a cause of great sadness, but given the magnitude of the task that we have been set, perhaps not unsurprising. All of our Deanery Synod reps have retired this year – another cause for concern, as we must ensure that we are represented within the wider church. Paul's departure highlights the need for more musicians. We would prefer not to have to rely on disc or taped music, which is a poor substitute for the real thing. And most importantly of all, we need a leader to head our children's work. It is wonderful that we have volunteers to help, but without a committed, active leader to head up the team, our children's work will never achieve full potential. It is absolutely essential that we fill this post – the thought of a church without a recognised children's group is simply not an option. Who will inspire the next generation of believers if not the committed Christians within the church? Please make it an urgent item for your prayers.

I encourage you to come to the Annual Meeting on April 22nd, so that together we discern God's promptings for the way forward in our parish.

I 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 work and 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 2009-2010

<i>Vicar</i>	Tim Eady	<i>Elected PCC members: Date of retirement</i>	
<i>Associate Ministers</i>	Tony Williams	Fliss Akehurst	2011
	Kate Wilson	Christine Dalwood	2012
	Brian Griffiths	Jackie Griffiths	2010
		Wendy Jenner	2011
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Maureen James	Tina Lewis	2012
	Peter Owen	Angela Lindstrom	2010
		John Norfolk	2012
		Gerald Paine	2010
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Steve Baynes	Leslie Rimell	2011
	Paul Walker	Sarah Smith	2012
	Lesley Willoughby	Pauline Telfer	2011
<i>Invited to attend</i>	Jim Dashper		
	Joe Gibbs	Co-opted from May	
	Clare Gordge	Nicki Foggoa	2010
	Karen Hall		

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

Committees for 2009/2010

Standing

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

Tim Eady (chairman)
Brian Griffiths
Maureen James
Peter Owen
Paul Walker

Fabric

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

Peter Owen (chairman)
Mike James
Tim Eady
George Howard (From Dec.2009)
Gerald Paine
Maureen James
Leslie Rimell
John Telfer (from September 2009)
Pauline Telfer (from Sept. 2009)

Finance

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

Karen Hall (Chairman)
Fliss Akehurst
Tim Eady
Maureen James
Wendy Jenner
Angela Lindstrom

Licensed Lay Minister

Mr Jim Dashper

Youth Pastor

Miss Clare Gordge (until March 2010)

Childrens and Families Pastor

Mrs Joe Gibbs

Inspecting Architect

Mr Anthony Mealing Dip Arch.RIBA

Bankers

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SL3 8EU

Independent examiner

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Iver
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P.C.C. Secretary

Mrs Jan Rowsell
Church Office
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Bucks
SL0 9JU Tel 0175 651001

Hon Treasurer

Mrs Karen Hall
26 Ruffle Close
West Drayton
UB7 7BT

On 3rd April 2009 Iver Parish Church was registered with the Charity Commission as The Parochial Church of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter Iver Charity No.1228999. All PCC members are now trustees of the charity.

Three members of the previous PCC were not eligible to become trustees at they were employees of the PCC but were invited to continue to attend PCC meetings although they were unable to vote.

3. A review of the year

Electoral Roll:

As at 5th April 2010 we had 185 on the Electoral Roll (197 in 2009).

Attendance at Services:

At St Peter's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2009 Jan – Dec,	Attendance 2010 Jan - Mar
8.00am	4-16 (5-18)	5-15
9.15 am (Adults)	18-41 (17-32)	24-42
9.15 am (Children)	0-5 (0-1)	0-5
11.00 am (Adults)	28-70 (39-60)	44-54
11.00 am (Children)	5-32 (12-24)	13-27
Comb 9.15 & 11.00 (Adults)	57-107 (31-92)	70-93
Comb 9.15 & 11.00 (Children)	5-32 (3-29)	13-32

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

At St Leonard's, a typical congregation was:

Service	Attendance 2009 Jan - Dec	Attendance 2010 Jan - Mar
10.00am (Adults)	17-34 (17-35)	19-30
10.00am (Children & young people)	0-8 (1-10)	0-3
6.00pm	2-14 (2-12)	4-5 (Note 2)

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

Note 1 Through the year, attendance at the 11.00 am service was sometimes 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, or other special services.

Note 2 Attendance at the three "The Way" 6 p.m. services during Lent are not included.

Occasional Services in 2009

Baptisms	17 Infant 7 Adult
Marriages	10
Marriage Blessings	2
Funeral Services in St Peter's or St Leonard's (followed by burial or cremation)	13
Burials in the churchyard or Burial Ground	11
Cremations	19
Interment of Ashes	7

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. The policy is reviewed each May.

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 A T Bell Ltd and appropriate adjustments were made to our policies with Ansvar Ltd.

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.

Health and Safety.

The PCC maintains its ongoing commitment to ensure that all activities are risk assessed and that appropriate training, equipment and processes are made available. All portable electrical equipment is tested each March and each building is monitored to ensure a safe environment for all activities. The policy is reviewed each May.

SUMMARY REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

1. MAINTENANCE AND USE OF BUILDINGS

(see Fabric report for greater detail)

- The down pipes and gutters at St Peter's church were painted, the nave floor was repaired following a small collapse and repairs were carried out to the chancel roof following theft of metal.
- In St Peter's the annexe is used by the Mothers Union for their meetings and on many occasions for teas and other refreshment events including tower tours in August and the Christmas tree Festival in December. It is used on Sunday mornings for 1-2 years group and refreshments after services. The church was used for Tower tours, the Christmas Tree Festival and Messy church.
- Work on the urgent items from the St Leonard's Church quinquennial commenced. The church was used to host the "Big Sing" in December.
- St Leonard's Hall was used by the Playgroup and let for play and singing rehearsals, and many meetings and children's parties during this year.
- St Peter's Centre continues to be used by a variety of groups including a marriage preparation course, the Alpha courses and Totzone and was let to various groups. Sally Vigors continues to use the Centre as her headquarters and for a youth drop-in on Wednesday evenings. Our youth worker continued to occupy the flat until March 2010 then the flat was let on a short term lease.
- The Core continues to be used extensively for a 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 on the St Leonard's green
- The PCC Away Day was held at St Leonard's Hall in June.
- The open air service was held on St Leonard's Green in June.
- Toy Services in support of the London City Mission were held in both churches in December.
- We held our second 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

- Prayer meeting at St Peter's on Wednesday mornings from 7.30-8.15 a.m.
- Holy Communion service at St Peter's on Thursdays at noon

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met regularly at St Peter's centre on Monday mornings

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

Work amongst young people continued under Clare's leadership as youth pastor.

- Synergy and Gap 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 provides an opportunity for informal worship
- Sally Vigurs continued her valuable work as a detached youth worker employed by the Parish Council.
- Children's and families pastor, Joe Gibbs has continued to direct the children's and families activities this year. The Sunday groups have grown in numbers and enthusiasm and Totzone is very well supported attracting fathers and carers as well as mothers with their young children

St Peter's Football Club continues to grow. There are now teams from 5 years to adults and there are about 70 adult managers and helpers. Nick and Louise Jones have taken over the leadership from John and Sharon Plaskett. There are regular planning meetings and two social nights for helpers. Teams and groups meet regularly on Saturday mornings and have a full programme of matches in the Church League, both home and away. During the year there was one "Football Fantasia" held in St Peter's Church, and two 11 a.m. services at which football was the focus, one to give thanks for John and Sharon's work and the other to commission Nick and Louise. Brian goes along on most Saturday mornings and Tim joins him when he is available. A staff member normally "kicks off" with prayer before the matches and chats to the parents.

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 website is playing an increasingly important role for many people in communication, Bible study and recorded sermons. The website address is www.iverparish.co.uk

Opening up our Churches to the Community

St Peters was open on Tuesdays 12 noon – 2 pm for prayer and from 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during term time. At other times access can be arranged by contacting the Church Administrator or the Vicar. Each Sunday in August there are tours of the tower and church.

3. THINGS WE'VE DONE TOGETHER WITH OTHERS

- Groups went to New Wine, Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor this year.
- Tim leads a team taking the 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 church The Infant school made fantasy animals from fruit and vegetables helped by church members and exhibited them in church at Harvest Festival.
- The church entered a float in the Village Carnival and won first prize for originality.
- A very successful Duck Racing afternoon was arranged at Thorney Weir to raise funds for children's and youth work
- St Peter's church was opened for tower tours and cream teas during August. There was an art exhibition in conjunction with the Iver and District Countryside Association.
- A group undertook a sponsored bicycle ride to Oxford in aid of church funds.
- The Christmas tree festival attracted more trees this year and there was a very good attendance at all the activities.
- 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 "The Big Sing" and a "Count Your Blessings" appeal and, of course, the annual house to house collection.
- On Maundy Thursday we shared in a 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.

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 gifts are of great value. 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
- Sidespersons and welcomers
- Leading intersessions in services
- Lesson 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
- DIY and maintenance
- gardening and grass mowing
- leading home groups and other groups
and many more

4. Fabric Report

1. INTRODUCTION

For the year commencing April 2009, the Fabric Committee comprised; Tim Eady, George Howard (from January 2010), Maureen James, Mike James, Peter Owen, Gerald Paine, Pauline Telfer, John Telfer (from September 2009) and Leslie Rimell. .

During 2009/2010 the Fabric Committee were constrained by a very small budget so no large scale projects were started. There is a rolling maintenance programme for our buildings but if work is postponed it means that the fabric will continue to deteriorate and the costs will increase when the work is finally undertaken.

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.

Chancel Roof.

Six sections of copper sheet were stolen from the east end of the north side of the chancel roof in August. Repairs were carried out by Boshers (Cholsey) Ltd and the work was the subject of an insurance claim. (£21,051) The insurance company have asked us to improve our security in this area. More copper was stolen in March 2010.

Annexe

Following the completion of the former boiler room wiring, a certificate of completion of work was issued for the annexe by South Bucks District Council on 5th July 2009.

Remaining work
Boxing in of the pipe work below the boilers and repairs to kitchen units.

Tower Repairs

The final inspection by the architect took place on 3rd November 2009 and the work was signed off.

Nave Floor

A section of the nave floor collapsed in April 2009. Following investigation it was found that the problem was due to the breakdown of the mortar infill. Repairs were carried out by Boshers (Cholsey) Ltd (£977)

Miscellaneous

The guttering and down pipes were repainted in 2009 using Black Hammerite paint that was donated by a church member. Work carried out by D. Mayo of High Wycombe (£2,400)

Wooden infills were constructed to be fitted in the gaps between the tower crenulations during tower tours to improve safety for visitors. The infills were constructed by church members (materials £143). These infills can be easily fitted then removed and stored until needed again.

The fire appliances and portable electrical appliances were inspected.

Insurance

A risk management survey was carried out in May on behalf of our insurers Ansvar Ltd to update our church insurance cover.

Smartwater, (a liquid security marker) was applied to movable items of value in our church buildings in May (£86)

Quinquennial Report

Outstanding items from the 2006 quinquennial report

- Repair the brickwork on the monument near the west door and stonework on several monuments
- Rebuild part of boundary wall next to the lych gate

Faculties

During the year the following Faculty was granted:

No. 7634 Roof repairs to chancel following the theft of copper. (Mealing).

Churchyards

Upkeep of the Old and New Churchyards, and the Burial Ground is the responsibility of the Parish Council. We continued to have Churchyard Days in May and September 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 require repairs to the masonry to secure them.

Future Works

Repairs are needed to the stonework of piscinae and sedillia

Repairs required to window at the west end of the north aisle following frost damage.

Repairs to the west door of the church

Repairs to the stonework of the west door.

3. ST PETER'S CENTRE

The Centre has been used by the church and the community throughout the year. Most of the rooms are in need of redecoration and minor repairs. A new DeLonghi cooker and a new freezer were donated during the year. Carbon Monoxide detectors fitted near gas boilers.

4. ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH

Churchyard days were held in the spring and autumn. Both were not well attended but a considerable amount of tidying up was done.

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

Quinquennial Report

Major items from the 2007 Quinquennial report.

[4.1] Remove moss and lichen from the roof and replace missing tiles.

Moss and lichen growth has receded after the removal of the trees [5.7] £2050.00 undermining the foundations of the Church at the east end of the building.

Work on replacing missing tiles is yet to start.

[4.2] Repair damaged guttering, fascias and soffits.

Guttering replaced/repared and some fascias replaced. No cost work carried out by church volunteers.

[5.1] Re pointing work

Work still outstanding.

[5.2] Removal of bottom 150 mm of rendering.

Work started May 09 still ongoing.

[5.4] Address movement in gable end wall of the vestry.

Work still outstanding.
[5.11] Re lay paving outside vestry.
Work still outstanding.

[5.6] Paint vestry window frames.
Work still outstanding.

[6.10] Insulate vestry roof void with rockwool insulation.
Work still outstanding.

5. ST. LEONARD'S HALL.

Boiler serviced.
Urinals repaired. No cost work carried out by Church volunteers.

6. ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE.

Boiler serviced.
Tenants to complete internal repairs and insulate loft space.

7. THE CORE

The fabric of the Core is in poor condition and building has a short life span.
Major deep clean completed March **2010** all rubbish removed.

8. CHURCH AND HALL BOILERS

All boilers were serviced £755.00 (This included some repair work)

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

The Fabric committee maintains its ongoing commitment to ensure that all activities are risk assessed and appropriate training, equipment and processes are made available.

The risk assessments were reviewed in April 2009 and circulated.

5. Finance Report and Accounts

Financial review

Introduction

The financial year ended 31st December 2009 was a difficult financial period for the PCC who continued to face the challenge of managing its cash in the midst of a global financial recession.

We are committed to exploring other means of increasing income to further our Mission and to meet the running and refurbishment costs of our church buildings. The PCC administer strong financial disciplines in the management of the Church's monetary resources and are steadfast in maintaining our commitment to not spend more than our available funds.

The PCC continue to inform the congregation of our financial situation through finance newsletters, hot spots during services and items in the weekly pew sheets.

The year ahead will also prove a financial challenge and may lead to some difficult financial decisions. The PCC will aim to meet its commitments through God's grace and prayerful actions and would, whilst appreciating the current economic climate, ask parishioners to prayerfully consider their giving.

Incoming resources

Income resources from generated funds

Voluntary Income

The majority of our income continues to come from standing orders. Despite the economic recession, income received in this manner was on a par with the previous year. We are also extremely grateful for the one off donations and donations in memory of those who have passed away during the year. This income amounted to £9,875 in 2009 and is used to further our Mission in Iver.

The refund of tax from the Inland Revenue in 2009 relating to unrestricted donations amounted to £15,600. We 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.

A grant for £1,000 was received this year for an older people's luncheon event. Last year's grants were with respect to the costs of repairing St Peter's Tower.

Money relating to Youth work is classified as restricted funds and used solely for youth work in our churches and youth centre. During the year we were the beneficiaries of two grants, one from the Dani Taylor Trust and another from the Children's Fund. We are grateful to both for their financial support during the year.

Our Children and Family's worker, who was employed towards the end of 2008, is supported through donations from members of the congregation and also raises money through fund raising activities and grants. Our thanks go to Mars who provided us with some grant income during 2009.

Income for restricted purposes continued to be received during 2009. This money is ring-fenced and only used for the purpose for which it is given.

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

A number of fund raising events occurred during 2009 including a sponsored bike ride and the Christmas Tree festival. It is hoped that these events, along with others planned in 2010, will become annual events.

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 relate to the rental of St Peter's Centre and St Leonard's Hall. The revenue for the two Church halls in 2009 was as follows: St Peter's Centre £6,585.50 (2008; £7,557.80) and St Leonard's Hall £8,614.62 (2008; £6,443.73). A considerable amount of effort is involved in encouraging bookings and managing rentals of these facilities which continues to be difficult in the current economic environment.

Magazine Advertising Income in 2009 was £9,090.16, a small increase on last year. Income of this level is no mean feat given the competition from other local publications in Iver.

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

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. Due to financial pressures the PCC had to take the difficult decision not to pay the full 10% tithe and were only able to afford to pay £7,972 (6% of unrestricted income in 2009).

Ministry costs incorporate the payment of the parish share to the Diocese. This year was first time the PCC were not able to pay the full amount determined by the Diocese. The PCC managed to pay £62,500 towards their parish share (82% of the £76,321 that was owed). The PCC will continue to be challenged in this area in 2010 as the parish share is due to increase. 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 and the costs of George Howard, our curate, who started in October 2009.

Continued efforts were made to reduce Church running expenses. Contracts have been renegotiated as far as possible and alternative suppliers used. Despite this careful financial control there was a small increase in expenditure in this area compared to 2008 (£300 increase).

Church Hall running expenses for the two Church halls were as follows: St Peter's Centre £12,423.49 (2008; £16,073.44) and St Leonard's Hall £2,452.76 (2008; £7,138.68). Minimal repairs were undertaken in 2009 compared with the previous year.

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.

Most of the repair work for St Peter's Tower was carried out in 2008, leaving a small residual to be paid in 2009.

Governance Costs

This covers the cost of an Independent Examiner for the Church's Accounts for the previous year. In 2009 the Independent Examination was undertaken free of charge.

Other Resources Expended

Expenditure in this area was significantly reduced. In 2008 the PCC decided that an amount of owed by IET would be written off, this accounting adjustment was not repeated in 2009.

Overall net incoming/ outgoing resources

Overall income exceeded expenditure by £5,958.89

The financial year ended 31st December 2009 was a difficult financial period for the PCC , income exceeded expenditure as the result of strict financial control and decisions made by the PCC not to fulfil its obligations in terms of the Parish Share and Missions Donations.

Investments and Gains and Losses on Investments

Investment funds are held with M & G Investments. Both funds managed to make a small amount of realised gains in 2009. The level of gains was as expected given the global financial situation.

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 any aspect of financial activity undertaken at St Peters and St Leonard's. Their commitment is greatly appreciated and is fundamental in ensuring the smooth financial running of the Church.

The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter 's and St. Leonard's, Iver						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
INCOME STATEMENT						
for the year to 31st December 2009						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2009	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS 2008
	Note	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from generated funds						
Voluntary Income	1 (a)	87,357.53	39,496.66	0.00	126,854.19	286,955.01
Activities for generating funds	1 (b)	2,313.38	0.00	0.00	2,313.38	4,809.06
Investment Income	1 (c)	8,752.32	0.00	0.00	8,752.32	9,492.68
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	35,171.28	0.00	0.00	35,171.28	33,219.81
Other incoming resources	3	872.81	0.00	0.00	872.81	15,415.22
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		134,467.32	39,496.66	0.00	173,963.98	349,891.78
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	128,236.04	37,771.77	0.00	166,007.81	379,204.33
Governance costs	8	833.75	0.00	0.00	833.75	822.50
Other resources expended	9	1,093.83	69.70	0.00	1,163.53	15,476.40
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		130,163.62	37,841.47	0.00	168,005.09	395,503.23
Net INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		4,303.70	1,655.19	0.00	5,958.89	-45,611.45
Other recognised gains and losses						
Realised		42.58	238.79	1,469.21	1,750.58	9,691.32
Unrealised		407.00		3,487.59	3,894.59	-23,247.51
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		449.58	238.79	4,956.80	5,645.17	-13,556.19
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2009		279,402.04	19,768.29	52,100.83	351,271.16	410,438.80
Transfer between reserves		1,553.61	-1,553.61		0.00	0.00
Rounding adjustments		0.86	-0.01		0.85	0.00
Balances CARRIED FORWARD at 31st December 2009	18	285,709.79	20,108.65	57,057.63	362,876.07	351,271.16

The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter 's and St. Leonard's, Iver				
BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2009				
			2009	2008
		Note	(£)	(£)
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Fixed Assets		11(a)	275,000.00	275,000.00
Investment Assets		11(b)	42,365.24	38,470.65
TOTAL			317,365.24	313,470.65
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		13	5,153.06	7,721.03
Short Term Deposits			26,032.52	24,281.94
Cash at Bank			27,608.68	22,779.78
TOTAL			58,794.26	54,782.75
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		14	-13,283.43	-16,982.24
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			45,510.83	37,800.51
NET ASSETS EMPLOYED				
			362,876.07	351,271.16
Unrestricted		18 (a)	285,709.79	279,402.04
Restricted		18 (b)	20,108.65	19,768.29
Endow ment		18 (c)	57,057.63	52,100.83
FUNDS EMPLOYED				
			362,876.07	351,271.16

The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter 's and St. Leonard's, Iver					
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES					
INCOMING RESOURCES					
for the year to 31st December 2009					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2009	2008
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
1. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
1 (a) Voluntary Income					
Giving under gift aid	55,311.79			55,311.79	56,135
Income tax recoverable on covenants	15,599.77			15,599.77	15,263
Uncovenanted	160.00			160.00	0
All collections (open plate) at services	6,388.64			6,388.64	5,605
Wall box donations	22.78			22.78	59
Grants		1,000.00		1,000.00	0
Donations	9,874.55			9,874.55	759
Youth Work		22,776.87		22,776.87	30,389
Children & Family Work		10,554.61		10,554.61	3,259
Audio & Visual Equipment	0.00			0.00	641
Tower Fund including tax reclaimed		3,851.00		3,851.00	174,181
Bells Fund		282.50		282.50	393
Worship Group		820.48		820.48	0
Chairs for St Peter's		211.20		211.20	269
TOTAL	87,357.53	39,496.66	0.00	126,854.19	286,955
1 (b) Activities for generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events	2,313.38			2,313.38	0
Youth Work				0.00	4,809
TOTAL	2,313.38	0.00	0.00	2,313.38	4,809
1 (c) Investment Income					
Share Account Income	228.62			228.62	214
Interest Received	823.70			823.70	2,079
Rental	7,700.00			7,700.00	7,200
TOTAL	8,752.32	0.00	0.00	8,752.32	9,493
2. INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Church Hall Lettings : St Leonard's Hall & St Peter's Centre	15,200.12			15,200.12	14,002
Magazines	9,090.16			9,090.16	8,974
Fees	10,881.00			10,881.00	10,244
TOTAL	35,171.28	0.00	0.00	35,171.28	33,220
3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
Insurance Claims	0.00			0.00	15,247
Miscellaneous	872.81			872.81	168
TOTAL	872.81	0.00	0.00	872.81	15,415
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	134,467.32	39,496.66	0.00	173,963.98	349,892

The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter 's and St. Leonard's, Iver						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
for the year to 31st December 2009						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	(£)	(£)	(£)	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
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	16	4,782.00			4,782.00	4,841
Relief and Development Agencies	16	140.00			140.00	3,500
Home Missions and Other Church Societies	16	3,050.00			3,050.00	4,600
Ministry		67,721.00			67,721.00	73,931
Working expenses of incumbent, curate & parish office		10,561.43			10,561.43	9,206
Church Running Expenses		12,929.33			12,929.33	12,626
Church Maintenance		6,631.49			6,631.49	18,525
Upkeep of Services		951.05			951.05	847
Upkeep of Churchyard		0.00			0.00	97
Expenditure on Parish Magazine and Bookstall		5,675.00			5,675.00	5,954
Parish Training & Mission		334.40			334.40	0
Youth work			25,527.15		25,527.15	33,073
Children & Family Work			7,384.58		7,384.58	1,747
Church Hall running costs St Leonard's & St Peter's		14,876.25			14,876.25	23,212
Other PCC Property Upkeep - St Leonard's House		584.09			584.09	419
Major Works - St Peter's Extension		0.00			0.00	0
Major Works St Peter's Tower		0.00	4,860.04		4,860.04	186,627
TOTAL		128,236.04	37,771.77	0.00	166,007.81	379,204
8. Governance Costs						
Accountancy and independent examination fees		833.75			833.75	823
TOTAL		833.75	0.00	0.00	833.75	823
9. Other Resources Expended						
Worship Group Expenses			69.70		69.70	0
Audio and Visual Equipment					0.00	0
IET Write Off					0.00	14,978
Organ Expenses					0.00	0
Bells Fund					0.00	0
Miscellaneous		587.65			587.65	50
Bank Charges and Loan Interest		506.18			506.18	448
TOTAL		1,093.83	69.70	0.00	1,163.53	15,476
TOTAL RESOURCES USED						
		130,163.62	37,841.47	0.00	168,005.09	395,503

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

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to 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 18 (b). Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in note 18 (c).

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 and 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 2009

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 2009	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 2009	235,000.00	40,000.00	275,000.00
11(b) Investments		2009	2008
		(£)	(£)
Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Fund			
4273.56 shares in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund			
Historical cost at 31st December 2009 £24,179.72 (4273.56 shares value £24,179.72)			
Market Value at 31st December 2009		30,401.80	27,807
Ethel Leach Memorial Fund			
1020 M & G Charifund Unit Trust unit			
Historical cost at 31st December 2009 £1,000.00 (2006 : 1020 units value £1,000)			
Market Value at 31st December 2009		10,936.44	10,044
Other Investment			
100 Banco Santander Shares previously Abbey National 10p Ordinary Shares			
Historical cost at 31st December 2009 £130.00 (2002 : 100 shares value £130)			
Market Value at 31st December 2009		1,027.00	620
Total Investment Assets		42,365.24	38,471

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Fixed Assets	275,000.00			275,000.00	275,000.00
Investments	1,027.00		41,338.24	42,365.24	38,470.65
Current Assets	22,966.22	20,108.65	15,719.39	58,794.26	54,783.59
Current Liabilities	-13,283.43			-13,283.43	-16,982.24
Fund Balance	285,709.79	20,108.65	57,057.63	362,876.07	351,272.00

13. DEBTORS	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Income Tax recoverable	4,453.06	3,133
St Leonards House	700.00	600
Ansvar Insurance (St Peters Centre)	0.00	3,988
TOTAL	5,153.06	7,721

14. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Creditors for goods and services	13,283.43	16,982
Overdraft	0.00	0
TOTAL	13,283.43	16,982

15. Wages and salaries

The PCC employed one full time worker and three part time workers during 2009. Gross salaries for the financial year totalled £35,581.60, employer's national insurance contributions totalled £1,596.42.

No members of the PCC received payments of expenses during 2009.

**Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the Year Ending 31st December 2009**

16. MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

	Expenditure	
	2009	2008
	(£)	(£)
Giving to Overseas Missions		
Joy Centre	700.00	700.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	350.00	700.00
Sat 7	350.00	700.00
Paula Carey - World Horizons	700.00	700.00
South America Missionary Society	350.00	700.00
Bible Society	350.00	350.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	698.00	950.00
Compassion	234.00	216.00
Tear Fund	350.00	700.00
Church Mission Society	350.00	700.00
The Leprosy Mission	350.00	700.00
Total	4,782.00	7,116.00
Giving to Missions at Home		
Scripture Union (Wayne Dixon)	700.00	700.00
London City Mission	300.00	700.00
Church Pastoral Aid Society	300.00	700.00
Scripture Union (General Funds)	300.00	700.00
The Children's Society	300.00	700.00
Church Army	300.00	0.00
Church Mission Society	300.00	700.00
Iver Youth Work	0.00	1,000.00
Salem Project	0.00	50.00
Historic Churches	75.00	50.00
Interserve (Urban Missions)	400.00	0.00
Clergy Fund	75.00	0.00
Total	3,050.00	5,300.00
Sundry Donations	140.00	525.00
Total	7,972.00	12,941.00

17. LOANS

There have been no loans in 2009.

**Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the Year Ending 31st December 2009**

18. SPECIFICATION OF FUNDS HELD AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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, the FMIF account for the income from the FMIF trust fund and 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)

18 (a) Unrestricted Funds	Note	2009	2008
		(£)	(£)
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)		1,027.00	1,053
Parish General Account		9,682.79	3,350
TOTAL	12	285,709.79	279,403

Notes to the FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued)
for the Year Ending 31st December 2009

18 (b) Restricted Funds		2009	2008
	Note	(£)	(£)
St Peter's Tower Fund (CBF Account)		906.00	892
St Leonard's General Purposes (CBF Reserve)		120.05	118
Long Term Maintenance Fund (CBF Reserve)		767.39	647
St Peter's Bells Fund (CBF Account)		6,923.50	6,821
Chairs for St Peter's (Current Account)		660.42	449
Youth Work (Church C/A & Youth C/A)		-625.47	2,125
Children & Family Worker (Church C/A & Childrens C/A)		4,682.13	1,512
Bells Fund (Current Account)		314.93	32
Worship Group (Current Account)		750.78	0
Organ Fund (Current Account)		1,190.95	1,191
Tower Fund (Current Account)		3,417.97	4,427
Older people's grant (Current Account)		1,000.00	0
PCC General funds (CBF Reserve)		0.00	1,554
TOTAL	12	20,108.65	19,768

18 (c) Endowment Funds		2009	2008
	Note	(£)	(£)
<i>Mills Memorial Fund (CBF St Leonards)</i>		1,000.00	1,000
Ethel Leach Memorial: Income Account (CBF St Leonards)		5,925.66	5,836
Maintenance Trust Account (FMIF CBF Account)		7,044.27	5,939
<i>Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Trust (Trust Account)</i>		30,401.80	27,807
<i>Ethel Leach Memorial Trust (Investment Account)</i>		10,936.44	10,044
<i>Graveyard Maintenance Trust (CBF Reserve)</i>		1,749.45	1,475
<i>* Items in italics are capital sums</i>	12	57,057.63	52,100.83

FABRIC MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT TRUST

The Fabric Maintenance and Improvement Trust is invested with the Central Board of Finance. The income and interest are available for the maintenance and enhancement of the churches.

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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.PETER'S and ST.LEONARD'S, IVER

for the year ended 31st. DECEMBER 2009

I report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st. December 2009 comprising of the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes 1 to 18.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

The members of the Parochial Church Council consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to prepare a report in respect of the independent examination that I have carried out under section 43 of the 1993 Act and in accordance with any directions given by the Charity Commissioners under subsection (7)(b) of that section which are applicable.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

My report is made solely to the members for the purpose of the statement below. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members for my work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

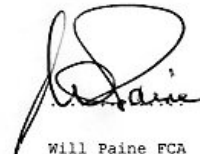
ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

3, Honeysuckle Close,
Iver,
Bucks., SL0 0LZ

13th. April 2010



Will Paine FCA

Independent Examiner

6. Youth & Childrens' Report

Youth Work Report

This year has again seen changes in the leadership of the youth work in the parish. Clare Gordge led the Youth work from January 2009 to February 2010. During the summer holidays Clare, Tim Eady and Aaron Lindon took a group to Soul Survivor and a youth Alpha course ran as part of Emerging Culture.

Following Clare's departure Tina Lewis is leading Emerging Culture on Wednesday evenings and recently a group attended a service at Holy Trinity Brompton. George Howard and Helen James lead Gap and Synergy on Friday nights with the regular support of Stuart Orr and Carina Freitag. All groups rely on a rota of volunteers for the evenings to run successfully. This will become more important with the growth of the group numbers and when Stuart and Carina leave this term.

'The Lounge' no longer runs on a Monday evening, but we continue to keep strong links with Sally Vigurs, the Parish Council's Outreach worker.

George Howard has taken over the leadership of the Sunday morning 'Thirst' group which is based at St. Peters.

The Core Youth Centre has recently been redecorated and spring cleaned. We hope to be able to apply for grants to buy new equipment and furniture in the future

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

George Howard, Tina Lewis and Helen James

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 (re)discovering 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. Alpha Report

2009 saw the end of an era for Alpha in Iver as Roy Johnston who organised the very first course here decided that the time was right to hand over the reins. God chose this occasion to really bless Roy and Margaret's ministry as on the Sunday morning before Alpha was due to start there were 7 names of people interested in attending - by Monday night the list had grown to 24! and Roy was desperately trying to draft in extra help!

This was how John Norfolk and Steve Baynes became involved with Alpha and a road which started as 'helping out' rapidly became 'run the programme' – God doesn't hang around!

Following the spring course, which saw 19 people attend and 12 people complete Alpha, we held an Alpha BBQ at the vicarage. This gave us the opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Roy & Margaret and to welcome John & Steve.

The new team ran their first course in the autumn 2009, and had 15 people attend with 10 people completing another successful programme. What was particularly encouraging was that out of the second course has grown a vibrant new home group meeting on a Thursday night.

It is very heartening to see that on occasion more than 50% of the 11 o'clock congregation attended Alpha in the last 18 months.

The next Alpha course is scheduled to start on 28th April and we pray that God will again bless our work, bringing the Gospel to those who are investigating their faith by providing a safe, welcoming introduction to Church life.

Blessings
John & Steve

8. Music Ministry Report

1. INTRODUCTION

For the year commencing April 2009, the Music Ministry Team consisted of the following members: Bill Buchanan, Paul Dutton, Alison Elcoat, Carina Freitag, Howard Gibbs, Pete Gibbs, Roger Hall, Duncan Halliday, Heather Harper, Tina Lewis, Amanda Norfolk, Mike Story, Anne Torrent, Stuart Wylie, Sheree Walker and Paul Walker. Other musicians playing for weddings, baptisms and funerals included Alexander Binns and Steven Gamble.

2. REVIEW OF THE LAST YEAR

During 2009/2010 the only expenditure on music within the parish was £69.70 for the repair of a powered monitor speaker at St Peter's.

After many years it is sad to report the folding of Richings Choral Society which formed in 1943. The closure is largely due to decreasing membership. The church would like to thank those that have been involved for supporting the church over the years with their gifts of singing. Special thanks are given to Peggy Bowers for her tremendous giving to music in the parish of Iver over many years as choir mistress.

The church is grateful for the fellowship shared with Paul and Tanya Dutton, during which Paul led 11am services at St Peter's. Paul is now a youth worker in Virginia Water. Following Paul and Sheree Walker's move to Maidenhead, Paul resigned as Director of Music at the end of last year after eight years of working to develop sung worship in the parish. During this time Sheree played the saxophone and took care of many of the administrative aspects of the music team.

The junior music group 'Shout' began rehearsing in November last year and presented their version of 'Little Donkey' in the family nativity service at St Peter's just before Christmas. Since then the members of the band have lead worship during some all age services. It is hoped that more young people will join and grow this area further.

3. CURRENT STATE OF ASSETS

St Peter's Church

There has been further depreciation of the sound equipment, which is now nearly ten years old. At some point it will be necessary to repair or replace individual leads, monitors and microphones, as they become ineffective with age.

It is important to note that while the church owns a number of microphones, monitors, leads, percussion instruments and stands, the vast majority of other instruments belong to individual members of the team. These instruments which are used almost exclusively for worship within the church- are maintained a cost by individual members of the team. The church would like to thank members for this.

The Organ in St Peter's continues to function well, with few operational issues and provides music for the majority of special services within the church. The instrument will require attention shortly, as the warmer weather and change in humidity affects the tuning of the various ranks of pipes.

St Leonard's Church

All equipment within St Leonard's is functioning without defect and the piano in the schoolroom has been given its yearly tune. The sound system would benefit from a set of smaller speakers, as the large speaker is not particularly effective in the transition of sound.

During the year a question was raised as to the viability of restoring the organ in St Leonard's. It was noted that, during the period the organ was restored at St Peter's, the church had been told by the Oxford Diocesan Organ Advisor that it would not be worth restoring the instrument. The brown piano, originally from St Peter's, is now kept in St Leonard's Hall and used by Richings Players during their rehearsals.

4. RECENT CHANGES

Since Paul Walker's resignation, changes have been made in the way music is organised for various services. While Alison Elcoat continues to arrange music for services at St Leonard's, Sarah Meere now arranges music for the 9:15am service at St Peter's and Roger Hall has taken on the responsibility for music for the 11am Family service as well as the organisation of musicians for all Sunday and feast day services in both churches.

9. Cornerstone – More than just a Charity Shop

Cornerstone has grown even more during this past year. It is self-funding, with the help of those who support the project, financially, and also with time and prayer.

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 2009

Fashion Shows
Salvation Army Rallies/Conferences
Apple Day
Lights-on at the Village Hall
Schools – stalls
Royal Harmonics – Thames Hospice Care
Police Beat Surgeries
Local Community Meetings
Promoting the work of Age Concern in this area
Craft Evening 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 extremely grateful to all those who support the work of Cornerstone in so many ways.

10. Deanery Synod Report

Burnham and Slough Deanery Synod Report 2009/2010

Synod 14 have met 4 times since our 2009 A.P.C.M.. These 4 meetings took place in Wraysbury, Taplow, Slough Centre and Manor Park and encompassed churches right across the Anglican spectrum.

The main benefit of Deanery synod membership is to get to meet with other church members from outside of the parish. The opportunity for each host church to have a "hot spot" presentation provides great insight into the work being done across the deanery. It is of great encouragement to see that far from being a tired establishment, as is so often reported in the press, the Church of England is a vibrant, dynamic and serving entity of great energy.

This was in great evidence in the Living Faith in the Deanery event held at St Paul's Slough in June 2009. Attended by the Bishop of Reading there were stalls set by various churches showing various initiatives that were on going as well as a number of presentations. The major outcome of the event is the Living Faith in The Deanery week, which will take place from September 19th – 26th 2010.

The February meeting hosted a Q&A session with Roger Hawes the editor of the Slough Observer entitled "Making Good News". Mr Hawes challenged the church to make better use of the press by forming better relationships with reporters. Interestingly this is something the Muslim and Sikh community are very good at. Roger Savage, treasurer, presented the annual accounts and report for 2008/9. The cost of Quinquennial inspections was raised from £80- to £100- p.a. Plans for the aforementioned Living Faith day were outlined.

In July Mr Savage stressed that halfway through the financial year half of the parishes had yet to pay any Share. The Living Faith day was agreed to be a great success where people had enjoyed Bishop Steven's talk as well as the opportunity to see initiatives that were in place outside of their own parish. The Living Faith week was agreed. The Deanery Plan advisory group led synod in a SWOT analysis of the deanery to help them with their task of updating the Deanery Plan after 2012.

The November synod began with a dialogue on women in the Episcopate. The Revd Canon Sue Booy, Rector of Dorchester Abbey and Revd Will Hazlewood from St Margaret's Iver Heath each told of their personal journeys to ordination and the fears and isolation felt by both parties in the present situation. The discussion was held in a sympathetic and understanding fashion and the general agreement that a solution would be "God's will and God's timing". It was noted that 77% of the Share had been paid and more payments were hoped for by the end of January. The 2010 budget was agreed.

11. Contact telephone numbers

St Peter's and St Leonard's Contact telephone numbers 2009-2010

Alpha	John Norfolk	591522
Bells (P) Captain	David Rowlands	652559
Bookstalls	Jackie Griffiths	654768
Childrens' and Families Pastor	Joe Gibbs	653532
Church Administration	Mike James	654843
Churchyard	Maureen James	654843
Church Secretary	Jan Rowsell	651001
Churchwarden	Maureen James	654843
Churchwarden	Peter Owen	653654
Clergy Vicar	Revd. Tim Eady	653131
Assistant Curate	Revd. George Howard	650771
Associate Minister	Revd. Brian Griffiths	654768
Associate Minister	Revd. Tony Williams	653849
Associate Minister	Revd. Kate Wilson	652105
Cornerstone	Jackie Griffiths	631144
Electoral Roll Officer	Wendy Jenner	651071
Flowers (P)	Wendy Rowntree	652216
Flowers (L)	Maureen Carter	650073
Football Club Juniors	Nick Jones	650811
Gift Aid Scheme	Wendy Jenner	651071
Legacy Officer	Duncan Halliday	650915
Lesson reading and prayers (P)	Mike James	654843
Lesson reading and prayers (L)	Jan Rayner	652567
Licensed Lay Minister	Jim Dashper	572056
Magazine editor	Alan Carey	651617
Magazine advertising	Jan Rowsell	651001
Missions Secretary	Fliss Akehurst	817918
Mothers' Union	Maureen James	654843
Music Family Praise (P)	Roger Hall	01895 430374
Morning Worship (P)	Sarah Meere	650149
Morning Worship (L)	Alison Elcoat	540949
Notice boards (P)	Howard Gibbs	645616
Notice boards (L)	Ian Martin	639628
Refreshments (P)	Brenda Dashper	572056
Refreshments (L)	Phyllis Martin	639628
Sidespersons (P)	Maureen James	654843
Sidespersons (L)	Peter Owen	653654
St Leonard's Hall Bookings	Wendy Jenner	651071
St Peter's Centre Bookings	Jan Rowsell	651001
Treasurer	Karen Hall	01895 430374

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