

ST. LUKE'S WITH CHRISTCHURCH AND ST.MATTHEW MOORFIELDS
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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2007

St. Luke's with Christchurch and St. Matthew Moorfields is a local Christian community within the Anglican branch of the world wide church.

AIMS

To offer public worship
To present Christian learning
To celebrate the Sacraments
Offer prayer for the people of this parish
Provide small groups in which people can explore the Faith
To provide Christian Witness to young people through youth activities
Be a witness through involvement in local issues and city wide issues
To provide a church building and hall which can offer peace, stability and hospitality, either in worship or community use.

THE TRUSTEES

The PCC is a charity which is excepted from Registration with the Charity Commission

PCC MEMBERSHIP

Rev. D. Frazer	Priest in Charge (Oct. 16 2002 to date)
	Chair person
Mrs. W. Gardiner	Lay Reader
Mrs. L. Parkes	Vice Chair person
Mrs. B. Williams	Church Warden
Mrs. J. James	Treasurer & Hall Secretary
Mrs. A. Seaman	PCC Secretary/Deanery Synod Rep.
Mr. A. Dutch	
Miss J. Arnold	
Mrs. M. Noble	
Mrs. A. James-Brabham	
Mrs. P. Lockier	

Miss J. Babbage	Child Protection Officer
Mr. A. Milne	Child Protection Officer

Mr. S. Dawson	Fire Officer
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Mr. D. Cross	Independent Accounts Examiner
	Church House, 23 Great George Street, Bristol BS2 5QZ

BANK	National Westminster Bank	Church Road, Redfield Bristol BS5
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MINISTRY	Rev. D.Frazer	Priest in Charge
	Mrs. Wendy Gardiner	Licensed Lay Reader

WARDENS REPORT

Church Attendance Figures

The number of people on the Electoral Roll	49
Average adult attendance on Sundays	31
Average under 16 attendance on a Sunday	9
Total number of Weddings	0
Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child	1
Total number of Baptisms	5
Total number of Funerals	0
Total number of Confirmations	7

Repairs

Church Roof
Hall windows – twice

A Gift Day held in November raised £655. This helps to boost our general fund income and we thank all who contributed.

A performance of 'King Cotton' arranged by Mr. D. Mowatt was held in the Church in July and was enjoyed by all of us who attended. Some of us also went to the multi-cultural feast day at the Settlement and performed Christmas Carols during the entertainment section. We were such a good choir we were invited to sing again at the over 50's Christmas lunch!!

Several of us attended an Environmental Study Day at the Bristol Academy in October which we found very thought provoking.

We have two students from Trinity College with us at present, Jude and Leighton, who by now are well known to us, and I am sure they are making a big contribution to St. Luke's already. We greatly appreciate the help they are able to provide for Debbie.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking both Debbie and Wendy for their ministry to us at all times, also many thanks to all who have supported and helped me through this year.

General Report of PCC Activities – 2007

At the first meeting of the new PCC immediately after the Annual Church Meeting, the following were elected :

Chair – Rev. Debbie Frazer : Vice Chair – Leanne Parkes : Secretary – Ann Seaman : Treasurer – Jean James : Electoral Roll Officer – Joyce Babbage

The re-ordering of St. Luke's and the Partnership were both high on the Agenda during 2007 as was the completion of the 6 months License for New Covenant which would enable them to stay until November/December 2007, they in fact left us at the end of December for a new venue.

A Church weekend away has been discussed, some venues to be looked at and date to be decided, possibly Spring 2009.

Other social events are now being discussed at Standing Committee and confirmed at PCC.

It was felt that due to the subject of the Re-Ordering which was taking up a large portion of the PCC meetings, the PCC should meet on a monthly basis instead of the current bi-monthly.

We are currently in discussion with the Somali Community and are exploring each others faiths, a re-ordering sub committee is in place to take this forward. The PCC met with representatives of the Somali Community on an informal basis with lunch included.

GENERAL REPORTS

Reader

During the past year I have attended the Annual Readers Retreat at Warminster and also a special conference at Brunel Manor arranged by the Bishops. The latter was attended by 98 readers from across the diocese. They both gave fantastic opportunities to meet together to study the Bible and to listen to God speaking to us. There was also an opportunity to find space from our normal day to day busy lives. Within St. Luke's my ministry remains largely unchanged; leading services and preaching as required and meeting with Debbie, sharing ideas and prayer.

Deanery Synod

Ann Seaman is currently Deanery Synod Representative.

Meetings are held quarterly at a different churches within the Deanery.

The Diocese has a new Diocesan Director of Education – Jackie Waters-Dewhurst. By working and sharing with us Jackie hopes to continue the work of the Department so that it effectively meets the many and diverse needs of our parishes' work with children and young people in both formal and informal education. We had a report from a group who had visited Uganda on the progress of the building of a church at Ggulwly and loos at Lubajja.

The Deanery Growth Summit 'Creating Communities of Wholeness with Christ at its Centre' was a success. It was felt the role of synod should be extended with more communication between it and parishes.

A new Leadership Team has been formed to meet the needs of the City Deanery, this would consist of Rev. Debbie Frazer, Gerry Nichols, Bruce McKay and James Wilson. These four people would visit each Parish over the coming months either to PCC or Partnership meetings, this would be to give the parishes a chance to ask questions and to find out what goes on in the Deanery.

News and views from the different Partnerships is shared. Ministers from the Partnership met each week, not just as a business meeting but for prayer and fellowship.

It is hoped that for 2008 St. Luke's will have a second representative for Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

After many years of faithful service in keeping the Electoral Roll, Joan Ward has now given up this post and Joyce Babbage has now taken on this task. Very many thanks to Joan for all her hard work in keeping this up to date.

Electoral Roll numbers for 2007 now stand at 42.

Fire Officer

All the required fire extinguishers are in place and are not due to be re-filled until August '08 which will be arranged by the Fire Officer in due course.

Within the kitchen the socket feeding the fridge and microwave is currently using a splitter box – the Fire Warden will arrange for a safer and more appropriate 2 way extension lead to be purchased and used.

As a general note the electric heaters used throughout the various meeting rooms and halls are suitable but should only be used 1 per socket and should be either properly wall mounted or on appropriate legs – not freestanding or lent against walls as is the case in some rooms.

The gas bottle stored on the back staircase should be removed if it is not regularly used and if the PCC advise the Fire Officer he will arrange for the safe disposal, as this is significant potential fire risk.

As noted in the last audit the buildings are kept generally tidy and this is a credit to the Wardens – this should be maintained to ensure the exits remain clear at all times ensuring safe escape is possible.

Junior Church

Mandy Dutch and Ann James-Brabham have led the Junior Church throughout the year. Tony Britt and Jonathan James-Brabham have been regular and much appreciated helpers. Other helpers include Marie Noble and Julie Arnold, but there is always room for more, and a list of planned sessions is posted at the back of church for parents or helpers to sign up to.

Fourteen children attend regularly, and were rewarded for their commitment during the Junior Church Prize Giving Service in July 2007.

This year the summer trip was a day at the zoo. It was well attended and was shared with other members of the congregation and community. All enjoyed the sunny day out, which was planned for the end of term to take advantage of the better weather. 2008's trip is planned for the same time of year, possibly going further afield to the West Midlands Safari Park.

Christmas was a busy time in the Junior Church with a time traveling service to tell the story of the nativity, followed by a party that all enjoyed.

JUICE

JUICE continued to meet during 2007 and enjoyed the fellowship of sharing a meal together and spending time in worship and bible study. During 2007 we studied the diocesan bible study material 'Creating Communities of Wholeness' which had some good points but we found some sessions quite bewildering! We studied the book of Philippians and also looked at some Franciscan Spirituality after watching the film 'Brother Sun sister Moon' which was about the life of St. Francis of Assisi. During Lent we joined in with the Inner City Partnership course in 'Film and Creativity' at Easton Christian Family Centre. At the end of the year we prepared a short Nativity play and practiced some carols which we performed for residents of Rowan Court and the clientele of the Rhubarb Pub. The Nativity was well received at the pub and regular clients of the Rhubarb, including some of the local bikers joined in with the nativity play. We felt that we had brought something of the message of Christmas to local people who do not feel comfortable with coming into St. Luke's church for more formal services. This reflected the desire of members of JUICE to reach out to the wider community. The numbers of young people attending JUICE has grown and during 2008 we plan to still have some fellowship and worship time as a whole group but split into two groups for bible study, reflection and prayer. We hope that this will work better in meeting the spiritual needs of both the adults and young people. Some members of Hope's Place will be helping us to lead the sessions for the young people.

Video Library

The video library is still used but not on a regular basis and to date we have no one to co-ordinate this.

St. Luke's Church on the web - www.stlukesbartonhill.co.uk

Our Church website has been up and running for well over a year now and promotes our 'existence' to anyone with access to the internet in the local area, and indeed, the world.

There are lots of links to useful information including the Bristol Diocese, the monthly Newsletter from Bishop Mike and the podcasts from our very own Area Dean, Debbie. Also links to our Inner City Partnership churches, Churches Together in East Central Bristol and the other churches locally.

The site tells people just where we can be found and advertises our regular service times & announces any special services - It also gives details of any events such as Fayre's and trips to places such as Bilbury and Cotswolds and alike.

Coming soon we hope to include a section about the history of St. Luke's Church and the Barton Hill area with lots of photos...

- If you have any pictures or anything of any past events PLEASE pass them to Andy Dutch (he can copy your originals and give them back)

As news develops with the Church re-ordering and our links with other groups these will be updated on the webpages. Please pass any details of any events you are conducting for Andy to include on the site, and do look at the site regularly to keep up-to-date with what's happening.

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot meets every Wednesday morning from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.
It is going pretty well. We serve coffee and tea. We also sell Christmas Cards, Birthday Cards, Chocolates and Pickled Onions, also special occasion cards.

We have a steady flow of customers, but it is mainly regulars. We have a very friendly atmosphere.

St. Luke's Youth Club (SLYC)

2007 has been a successful year for SLYC with both groups growing in numbers. There are approximately 40 children using the group.

Jonathan James-Brabham joined the team of leaders in January, with Leanne, Simon, Ali, Matt, Steve and Debbie continuing through the year.

Both summer camps were enjoyed by the children that attended from the youth groups in the Churches Together area.

Music, arts and cookery have proved particularly popular and we have run workshops in photography and African drumming as well as served a high tea to members of the church.

Social Events

We held various Social events throughout this year, proceeds which have been put into our Building Fund. These include :

Italian themed meal instead of the traditional Christmas Meal, which was held in January and which was cooked to perfection by our 'professional chefs'

We held an Easter sing-a-long and have had a request to hold one again in 2008

We had a Games evening, Skittles evening and an American Breakfast which was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Summer and Christmas Fayres proved very successful and raised £715.00

Janice and Geraldine kindly hosted a Coffee & Cake morning one Wednesday in November in aid of McMillan Nurses and we were able to send them a total of £146.00.

Signed:

PCC CHAIRPERSON

PCC SECRETARY

30th March 2008