



Annual Report 2013

and

Activity Reports

As presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

8th April 2014

THE VICAR'S REPORT

It has been a fruitful year for our church family. Our Diocesan common purpose is to seek and to strategise for growth in three key areas:

1) Growth in numbers

We continue to see people both come to faith and others come back to faith. The Alpha Course continues to be a primary method through which we see people making a commitment to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Our church also continues to grow younger. There have been a number of families join and those with children in recent years, so that our church now has a thriving ministry to preschool and primary age children. This growth is further demonstrated by the launch of a new youth cell at the beginning of 2014, which is largely made up of children growing up in our church family. This growth is important as we have again entrusted to the Lord this past year many faithful servants of our church family as we have each year recently, and so it is encouraging to see new people coming to faith as others journey on to be with the Lord.

2) Growth in maturity

This has been demonstrated in a number of ways for us:

Leadership (authorised & local):- We have had one of our LLM's recommended for ordination as an OLM; this will further increase our local capacity and contribute towards our vision of being a resourcing church. Two other members of our church are exploring a call to ordained ministry. Before a couple moved away from the area we were enjoying a record number of seven Pastoral Assistants serving in our parish. Our worship band has continued to grow with a new worship leader established.

Financial Giving:- Our growing spiritual maturity has been further evidenced by a significant increase in our planned giving for the coming year. We now have a realistic strategy to complement faith-filled hearts to come out of deficit and look forwards to a healthy fiscal future in which we can seek to resource further growth.

Courses:- In response to a whole church questionnaire, we ran a 'Listening to God' course that many attended. We also hosted a team from Global Awakening which was a blessing both to our own church and also to many other local churches. Those who attend our regular small groups and post Alpha courses benefit greatly from them; we are looking forwards to hosting a confirmation in summer 2014 when many of our newer members can make a public commitment to faith in Jesus.

Unity:- Demonstrated through our joint services, and our increasing understanding of what it means to be one church of three regular congregations.

3) Growth as communities of faith and engagement.

We have installed the capacity for a cafe/ youth cafe, which was trialled very successfully at our Skatepark event, the first for our church. This was an excellent outreach into our community. We have also run successful fairtrade events, contributed to the 'Carols in Kingthorpe' responding to a local untimely death and supported both Addlestone Food bank and Tin-a-week campaigns.

We have heard with joy from our mission partners, with Tearfund reporting over 800 people now have access to clean water in Uganda through our giving. Jubilee's partner in India have recently been able to open a new house for the girls that are rescued. Hazel Thompson spoke inspiringly at church of her call to India and support of this work. We have rejoiced to see the expansion of East to West and Eikon locally in delivering Christian based youth work, with Eikon now overseeing Addlestone Youth Centre.

Our Assemblies Team, Youth & Children's work leader and clergy now deliver an unprecedented amount of Christian content to the schools of our town, many enjoying a weekly assembly, lunch-club and our church school of St Paul's coming over for regular services at church, for the first time in recent history.

I have continued to liaise on behalf of our church with Runnymede Borough Council with the proposed development for Addlestone Town Centre in 2014-2016, championing local needs such as youth provision and affordable housing. We have planned to run a 'Work Course' which will further equip our members to be effective servants and witnesses for Jesus in workplace environments.

Challenges:

A key challenge for us is to grow sufficient leaders who will take responsibility and lead areas of ministry. We have a number of new Christians and it is a challenge to effectively discipleship them and to transition people from being attenders to being fully devoted followers of Christ.

It is a challenge for our church family to integrate those new to faith who perhaps know only one or two existing members, if anyone at all. God calls us to make room always for the outsider, and to offer hospitality and friendship as well as a warm welcome.

Budgeting remains a challenge, as seeking to reduce our deficit inevitably means cutting back on areas of ministry we would rather be investing more resource in.

Busyness of life in the southeast continues to be a challenge, helping people who already feel stretched through family and work commitments understand how they can too offer their God-given talents and time to the building up of His kingdom.

Chris & I remain grateful for all of your prayers and for the opportunity to lead a church which is increasingly hungry to encounter God and to make Him known and to have a staff and wardens team who share a united vision and values. We are thankful for all those who have sought to serve selflessly, sacrificially and with a generous heart this past year.

We look forwards to discovering together all that our wonderful God has in store for us, and our prayer is that more and more people encounter God's love through the ministry of St Paul's and choose to respond to Him, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

Rev Ben Beecroft, Vicar

Background to the PCC

The PCC is responsible, in co-operation with the incumbent Revd Ben Beecroft, in carrying forward the life and witness of the Parish of Addlestone in every area – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the task of maintaining the buildings of the parish.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or serve ex officio, in accordance with the Church Representation rules.

During the past year, the following have served as members of the PCC:

Ex Officio	Elected Representatives	
Revd Ben Beecroft (Vicar)	<i>Deputy Church Warden</i>	Jenny Waller (Treasurer)
Revd Chris Beecroft (Associate Vicar)	Fred Holmes	Mike Cann
Rev. Andy Reid (Curate)		Steve Carr
Lorraine Wright (Licensed Lay Minister)	<i>Deanery Synod</i>	David Dorey
	Sheila Murray	Sara Harding
Sam Waako (Youth Worker) co-opted	Faith Axten	Joanne Oxley
	Sarah Anderson	Danny Smith
Ex Officio - Church Wardens		Andy Wyeth
Trevor Lewis		
Michael Oxley		
April Gear (Honorary PCC Secretary)		

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees and working groups.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. Currently the Standing Committee consists of Vicar, Associate Vicar, Curate, LLM, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens and Treasurer.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Addlestone Parochial Church Council 2013

The full Parochial Church Council has met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 14. Minutes of PCC meetings are pinned on the church notice board once approved by the Vicar.

Matters discussed relating to the whole Parish: Platform Groups (Fabric and Finance), St Paul's School, Jubilee High School, Youth cafe, Deanery Synod, Termly programme and reviews, Alpha, Youth Group activities, Youth and Children's work, Memorial garden, Footprints Nursery, Skate park, Growing Healthy Churches, Church Weekend Away, Communication and signage, 175th year anniversary, 5 year plan, Christmas Carols in the Park service, Addlestone town centre redevelopment, Electoral role.

Staffing Matters: Youth worker and discontinuation of his contract, Licensed Lay Ministers, Trainee Ordained Lay Minister, Nominations for 2014 APCM, Fire Officer.

Financial Matters: Budget, Income and expenditure, Financial situation, Ceasing financial provision for organist, Harvest Giving Campaign, Pledge Sunday, Administrator position, Giving to mission partners, Curate accommodation, Change of bank signatories,

Fabric: Working parties, Roofing, Gutter hoppers, AV projectors, Ongoing repairs and maintenance, Grass cutting rota, Maintenance days, PAT testing, Contents of the shed, Painting inside the church, The lift.

April Gear, Honorary PCC Secretary

Churchwardens' Report

Hi, I am Mike Oxley one of the two Church Wardens, the other is Trevor Lewis. Trevor and I are the leaders of the fabric and finance platforms respectively. We are assisted by Fred Holmes who is the deputy warden.

2013 has been a tough year financially for the church. We started the year with a budgeted shortfall of £48,000 and ended the year with an actual shortfall of £71,740. In general terms regular giving was down and in particular our one off giving was only half of what we had budgeted. On the expenditure side our fabric maintenance and repair costs, utility costs and building security costs were all up. 2014 will be another difficult year because significant and painful cuts will have to be made in order to try to arrive at a balanced budget. We need to run a balanced budget in order to stop reducing our reserves year on year because of our yearly shortfalls. Someone came up to me after I had presented the final year figures for 2013 and thought that the Finance Platform should be re-named the doom and gloom platform, I responded that I thought the finance platform as the faith and joy platform, faithful service through joyful giving. I would hope that is a sentiment that all church members could agree with.

The finance platform started to meet regularly from about the middle of the year when Trevor and I were appointed to lead the two main platforms. The finance platform members are Jenny Waller, the church treasurer, Seam McCarthy the gift aid administrator, Mike Cann, Lorraine Wright, David Dorey and Ben Beecroft the clergy representative. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and dedication on the finance platform. Their commitment, support, challenge, wisdom, probity and common sense have been a great asset to the church expressed through the output of the finance platform. We have prepared and successfully delivered a commitment to present to the church the status of the church finances every quarter, the Harvest One of Giving Appeal, and recently in February 2014 Pledge Sunday. We strive to keep the church informed of financial matters through the information board in the church porch. A much better and tighter control of church costs will be a feature of 2014.

The fabric platform has also started to meet more regularly since about the middle of the year. The members of the fabric platform are Trevor Lewis, Joanne Oxley, Andy Wyeth, Fred Holmes, Steven Carr, Faith Axten and April Gear, Andy Reid is the clergy representative. The fabric platform are charged with looking after the fabric of the church buildings, the health and safety issues of the building including electrical equipment testing, fire

extinguishers, evacuation plans, muster points, kitchen hygiene etc. This has become more important as the church rents out its building space for commercial purposes like the Footprint Nursery. Faith and Jeremy ran another successful grass cutting team throughout the grass cutting season. Lime wash painting of water stains on the main church nave walls was successfully completed in 2013. One of the two garden sheds was thoroughly cleaned out, obsolete and broken stuff thrown away and the storage totally reorganised in 2013. This is the first step in the bigger task of improving the management and storage of church property. As everybody knows keeping on top of all the jobs, big or small in the home is a challenge task now multiple that 100 fold and you can see the challenge facing the fabric team trying to look after our church which is a 175 years old!!! They cannot do everything on their own so that is why all church members that have a heart to see our local parish church of St Pauls remain at the heart of our local community need to help the fabric team when asked.

And finally a very big thank you to our clergy, Ben, Chris and Andy and our lay readers Vic and Lorraine for their spiritual leadership, pastoral care, personal commitment and sacrificially love to all at St Pauls. We thank God for your unity in delivering the weekly message week in and week out and challenging us to apply what we hear to our daily lives. We look forward to another year of working together in the service of Him who calls us all to go out into the world to share the Good News with all.

Trevor Lewis and Michael Oxley

Treasurers' report

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £153,265 of which £73,478 was unrestricted planned voluntary donations and a further £37,597 was from Gift Aid. The planned giving, through envelopes and standing orders, increased by 2.7% over the previous year. A legacy of £1,000 was received from the estate of Mr Alfred West. £223,988 was spent from unrestricted funds.

The deficit for the year on unrestricted funds was £70,723. A small percentage of the expenditure relates to previous years. To eliminate the deficit in the coming year Sam's contract as Youth Worker will not be renewed and letting the hall to Footsteps Preschool will increase income.

A balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments is needed to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This is equivalent to £47,000. The balance of free reserves at the year-end was £113,209.

There were a number of special charity collection during the year, totalling £826.65. The major collections were: Christian Aid £176.50, The Mission to Seafarers £154, Royal British Legion £140.84 and The Children's Society £245.31.

Jenny Waller, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S ADDLESTONE

Charity no: 1131087

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013

Prepared for the Annual Parochial Meeting
8th April 2014

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Paul's Church. Addlestone, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Signed:

Date:

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S ADDLESTONE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2013

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2013	TOTAL 2012
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
	Note					
Voluntary Income	2a	130,769	1,400		132,169	133,038
Activities for generating funds	2b	407			407	2,582
Income from investments	2c	10	795		805	790
Church activities	2d	22,079			22,079	20,055
Other incoming resources	2e					2,500
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		153,265	2,195	0	155,460	158,965
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church activities	3a	223,656	7,070		230,727	171,443
Costs of generating voluntary income	3b	332			332	1,405
Governance costs	3c					
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		223,988	7,070	0	231,058	179,541
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(70,723)	(4,876)		(75,598)	(20,576)
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	5	4,139	(4,139)			
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(66,584)	(9,015)		(75,598)	(20,576)
						(47,695)
Revaluation gains on fixed assets	6a	9,940			9,940	8,832
Gains on investment assets	6b & 7a		2,088		2,088	832
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(56,644)	(6,926)	0	(63,570)	(58,607)
Balances brought forward at 1 JANUARY 2013	9	402,899	30,937	1,413	435,249	493,856
Balances carried forward at 31 DECEMBER 20	10	346,255	24,011	1,413	371,679	435,249

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S ADDLESTONE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2013

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as investment in fixed assets for the PCC's own use abated in line with assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will remove any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

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

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 31 December 2013

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Northcote flat is included at a deemed cost being its 2010 cost of £200,589 adjusted in line with the Land Registry House Prices Index.

Equipment used within the church is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, ADDLESTONE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2013

2 INCOMING RESOURCES		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2013	2012
		£	£	£	£	£
2a	Voluntary income					
	Planned giving	73,478			73,478	71,560
	Income Tax recovered	37,597	1,250		38,847	13,832
	Collections at services	7,726			7,726	9,140
	Donations	8,724	150		8,874	34,506
	Grants					3,000
	Appeals	2,245			2,245	
	Legacies	1,000			1,000	1,000
		130,769	1,400	0	132,169	133,038
2b	Activities for generating funds					
	Fetes and events					2,487
	Fund raising	407			407	95
		407	0	0	407	2,582
2c	Income from investments					
	Dividends and interest	10	795		805	790
		10	795	0	805	790
2d	Income from church activities					
	Hall letting	8,244			8,244	6,549
	Fees	4,529			4,529	2,560
	Parish events	2,591			2,591	1,948
	Youth/Childrens work	4,100			4,100	3,412
	Traidcraft	872			872	977
	Bookstall	164			164	716
	Other	1,579			1,579	3,892
		22,079	0	0	22,079	20,055
2e	Other incoming resources					
	Insurance claim					2,500
		0	0	0	0	2,500
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	153,265	2,195	0	155,460	158,965

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2013

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2013	2012
		£	£	£	£	£
3a Church Activities						
Missionary and Charitable giving						
	Overseas: Tearfund	2,980	620		3,599	
	Jubilee Campaign	9,030			9,030	
	Water Aid		756		756	
	International China Concern	1,986			1,986	
	World Vision	274			274	
	Home: East to West	4,515			4,515	
	Eikon	3,973			3,973	
	New Wine	662			662	
	CMA	662			662	
	Gideons	391			391	
		24,473	1,375	0	25,848	1,404
	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	71,666			71,666	70,227
	Assistant vicar	21,045			21,045	12,401
	Clergy expenses	5,585			5,585	6,784
	Curate's house rental	21,891			21,891	12,185
	Buildings & maintenance	9,522			9,522	10,278
	Buildings safety & security	7,601			7,601	5,513
	Utilities	9,922			9,922	4,951
	Insurance	2,051			2,051	3,782
	Cleaning	3,311			3,311	2,852
	Depreciation on church equipment	2,256			2,256	0
	Equipment	701			701	2,238
	Music	1,590			1,590	3,833
	Costs of services	891			891	704
	Hospitality	2,005			2,005	1,720
	Training	538			538	1,773
	Parish events	1,941			1,941	1,516
	Outreach	5,418			5,418	1,754
	Youth	15,499			15,499	19,574
	Administration & office costs	7,393			7,393	6,597
	Printing & Stationery	3,254			3,254	2,952
	Traidcraft	646			646	978
	Bookstall	321			321	751
	Misc/ other	4,136			4,136	3,368
	Needy of Addlestone	0	5,695		5,695	0
		223,656	7,070	0	230,727	178,136
3b Generation of voluntary income						
	Fetes & other fundraising events					1,189
	Stewardship costs	332			332	216
		332	0	0	332	1,405
3c Governance costs		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		223,988	7,070	0	231,058	179,541

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, ADDLESTONE						
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
For the year ended 31 December 2013						
4(a)	STAFF COSTS					
			2013	2012		
			£	£		
	Wages and salaries		27,618	28,958		
	NICS		1,842	1,814		
	Pension		4,132	3,016		
			<u>33,592</u>	<u>33,788</u>		
During the year the PCC employed an assistant vicar, administrator and organist (all part-time) and a youth worker (full-time).						
4(b)	PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS					
The incumbent, assistant vicar, curate and youth worker, who are all PCC members were paid a total of £7,892 for expenses related to their work.						
Mr A Watson's company, was paid £415, while he was a member of PCC, for work in the church grounds.						
No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.						
5	ANALYSIS OF TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			£	£	£	
	Coffee machine		4,139	(4,139)	0	
The coffee machine was purchased and the coffee bar area set up in October 2013. £4.139 from grants held in the Needy fund, was used for this.						

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, ADDLESTONE					
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS					
For the year ended 31 December 2013					
6 FIXED ASSETS					
6(a) Tangible (all unrestricted)					
			Northcote flat (Freehold)	Church Equipment	TOTAL
			£	£	£
Actual/deemed cost	At 1 January 2013	203,651	17,126	220,777	
	Disposals				
	Additions at cost		3,322	3,322	
	At 31 December 2013	203,651	20,448	224,099	
Depreciation					
	Charge for the year	(9,940)	2,256	(7,684)	
Net book value					
	At 31 December 2012	203,651	17,126	220,777	
	At 31 December 2013	213,591	18,192	231,783	
Northcote's valuation has been calculated from the purchase price and the Land Registry House Price Index.					
6(b) Investments					
	Market value at 1 January 2013		17,877		
	Disposals				
	Purchases at cost, Net gains		2,088		
	Market value at 31 December 2013		19,965		

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, ADDLESTONE								
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS								
For the year ended 31st December 2013								
7	CURRENT ASSETS			2013	2012			
				£	£			
7(a)	Stock			0	0			
	Investments			0	0			
				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
7(b)	Debtors (Unrestricted funds)							
	Tax recoverable			16,629	21,000			
	Prepayment and accrued interest			1,804	245			
	Other debtors			2,891	442			
				<u>21,324</u>	<u>21,687</u>			
8	LIABILITIES							
	Amounts falling due within 1 year (Unrestricted funds)							
	Accruals for utility and other costs			1,995	1,344			
	Creditors for goods and services			5,949	7,535			
	Other creditors (Restricted funds)			8,027	25,574			
	Other creditors			799				
				<u>16,770</u>	<u>34,454</u>			
9	FUNDS							
The restricted funds comprise the Charities fund, the Choir fund, the Fabric fund and the Needy of Addlestone fund. The endowment fund is the Red Room fund.								
Money received from attendees at Youth and Childrens group is held in a designated fund for spending on the running of these groups. The designated Appeals fund holds money for short term appeals, which this year were for the Youth Worker's visa application and for altar frontals.								
Fund movements (restricted funds)								
				Charities	Choir	Fabric	Needy	Total
				£	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1 January 2013			1,894	41	19,863	9,139	30,937
	Incoming resources					945	1,250	2,195
	Resources expended			1,375			5,695	7,070
	Investment gains					2,088		2,088
	Transfer						(4,139)	(4,139)
	Balance at 31 December 2013			<u>519</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>22,896</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>24,011</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PAUL'S, ADDLESTONE						
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
For year ended 31 December 2013						
Fund movement (designated funds)						
			Youth			
			£			
	Balance at 1 January 2013		2,402			
	Incoming resources		4,100			
	Resources expended		3,253			
	Investment gains					
	Transfer					
	Balance at 31 December 2013		<u>3,250</u>			
10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS						
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	BY FUND		Funds	Funds	Funds	
			£	£	£	£
	Tangible fixed assets		231,783			231,783
	Investment fixed assets			19,965		19,965
	Current assets		130,443	4,844	1,413	136,701
	Liabilities					
	Amounts falling due in one year		15,971	799		16,770
			<u>346,255</u>	<u>24,011</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>371,679</u>

Electoral Roll

We had 153 on the electoral roll at the beginning of 2013. At the end of 2013, three have died reducing the number on electoral roll to 150.

Sara Harding on behalf of Linda Griffin Electoral roll admin

Wider Church Links

Deanery Synod

Synod Meetings:- Synod meetings were held at Holy Trinity, Lyne & Longcross (March), St Paul's, Addlestone (June) and Christ Church, Ottershaw (October) with each church presenting "Parish Focus" reports about their church life and community involvement. March Synod revolved around the theme of lay vocation opportunities. June Synod saw presentations on the Addlestone Foodbank and the Egham BESOM Project, the focus of the October Synod was on end-of-life care/bereavement with a presentation on Sam Beare Hospice, testimony by a Pastoral Assistant and information on PA training.

Change of Rural Deanship:- Tim Hillier stood down in July after doing a great job as Rural Dean. October Synod welcomed our new Rural Dean, Revd Jeff Wattle, and Assistant Rural Dean, Revd Sandra Faccini. Collaborative rural deanship is being modelled in Runnymede based on a split of responsibilities with the Rural Dean looking after Chapter and half the parishes and chaplaincies, and the Assistant looking after Synod and the remaining parishes and chaplaincies. Designations and some responsibilities will be swapped in two years' time.

Deanery Administrator and Network Initiatives:- The monthly newsletters, website and communication hub continue to be appreciated and to stimulate cross-fertilization..

Kebbi Link:- The Kebbi link has been limited to prayer and financial support due to continued violence in northern Nigeria making visits there impossible.

Magna Carta:- A resolution about commemorating the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, proposed by St John's Church, was passed unanimously, and the new Rural Dean is working on local involvement of the churches/deanery.

Sheila Murray

SRC - South Runnymede Churches

We have had a good year as churches together. SRC is comprised of St Paul's Addlestone, Christchurch Ottershaw and All Saints New Haw Anglican churches, Addlestone and Heathervale Baptist churches, Beacon Church, Jubilee, Kings Church, Salvation Army, Methodist Church and Holy Family Catholic Church. The Vicar has been the Chair of SRC for recent years. Our churches are in good relationship with each other; one new initiative was for the leaders to go away for a retreat day together to share and to pray. The day was very successful and another has been planned. The churches had a number of shared occasions for worship and witness; Good Friday & Memorial services, Light & Laughter party and a special carol service - 'Carols at Kingthorpe' which brought the community together after recent distress. Healing on the Streets is a regular churches together outreach. When St Paul's hosted Global Awakening, we entertained leaders and members from at least 8 local churches for our healing conference, which was a great success, with members of three different churches helping to lead the sung worship.

Rev Ben Beecroft, Chair of the South Runnymede Churches

Ministry

Healing Ministry

We remain committed to offering healing prayer as often as possible and always within our 9.15 & 11am congregations. Healing on the Streets is a vehicle we are using to pray for the un-churched and to take prayer to

the streets and the marketplace after the example of Jesus. It is our continued aim that all of our church are ready, willing and able to pray for the sick wherever they meet them (home, office, school as well as church). St Paul's hosted an international ministry team from Global Awakening who were with us for three days- it will be remembered as a time of great empowerment and encouragement, undergirded by the love of Christ. Tom Jones, providing the training offered an inspiring quote: "When people come to me for prayer, I can't guarantee that they will all be healed, but I can guarantee they will all leave feeling loved." This is our intention whenever we offer prayer.

Rev Ben Beecroft

Hospitality

We have enjoyed a variety of shared lunches with lovely food generously contributed by our congregation. We had our Harvest Lunch in September, and the annual shared lunch in January 2014.

The rolling programme for Alpha continues, including the Lent course with excellent meals being produced each week by the team of Alpha cooks. We also provided a buffet for the Deanery Synod meeting and mulled wine and mince pies at Christmas services.

Teams of helpers did an excellent job providing refreshments during the Global Awakening Conference and running the Café at the half term Skateboarding event. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has cooked, set up, cleared away and given their help in any way over the last year.

Ellie Pool

St Paul's Church Choir

St. Paul's traditional robed choir continues to lead the sung worship each Sunday at the 9.15m Eucharist. Membership consists of fifteen very loyal singers and is a two part choir of sopranos and altos. We occasionally sing at weddings and funerals when we are often joined by members from nearby parish choirs.

Following the decision by PCC to withdraw funding for an organist/choir director we have had to say goodbye to the expertise of Rick Erikson who had been a tremendous support to the music at St. Paul's. We are very grateful that Ben Beecroft has stepped in to play for choir practices and services along with Juby our violinist. Our thanks also go to the other church family musicians who have come forward to help when Ben has been unavailable. This was particularly appreciated last Christmas when several people came forward at very short notice to ensure that all our music went ahead as planned.

This has been a very challenging year for our choir but what of the future? It will be important to search more diligently for a voluntary organist/choir leader who is prepared to develop and train the choir. With all his other important responsibilities we cannot expect Ben to continue this extra role indefinitely however much we enjoy working with him. We are an enthusiastic, caring and friendly group and would welcome new members both male and female to swell our numbers. While we enjoy singing well-loved traditional hymns we are always willing to try new music so our repertoire is very varied. Please do get in touch if you feel you can help in any way.

Cyndy Smith

Worship Group

This year has been a very fruitful and inspirational for the band led worship with many new ideas; such as some joint services with the choir and the introduction of evening worship once a month. The church is blessed to have an enthusiastic and rich group of volunteers now taking part in singing and playing instruments. These individuals have volunteered time and energy into producing such inspiring worship music, yet maintaining a sense of reverence and dedication. Positive feedback and support from the congregation has been encouraging and is a testimony to the central role the worship bands play in this service and in the life of St Paul's.

Worship leadership at the 11am service has predominantly been lead by two worship leaders rotating weeks throughout the year. The preceding worship leader has now relocated to make way for a new member of the worship group to start to lead with plenty of support and encouragement. The 'All-age' services are richer in

worship than in the past, due to the extra effort and input from some of the more recent band members. Even with the members we have, we are still short of musicians and male singers and we are hoping that more members of the congregation or their friends will join in the months to come.

Music played by the worship band is often being requested at special events including weddings, christenings, and funerals especially for members of our own church family. One of the highlights this year was playing as a band with other local churches at the three day 'Global Awakening' conference in March.

One main challenge at present is that the PA and microphone system of the church is now become outdated and, together with worn out equipment, will need funds for electrical items.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the members of the worship team who have worked tirelessly in a completely voluntary capacity to resource all the services and evening practices despite other commitments with their work and family, and also within the church.

"I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise." - Psalm 101:1

Andy Wyeth

Pastoral Assistants

The Pastoral Assistant's have continued to assist the clergy in meeting the Pastoral needs within the church and Parish. The Pastoral Assistant's team comprises of Jean Smith, Ann Hatzfeld, Jane Arnold, Sara Harding, and Linda Medhurst. Jim and Ann Bale who were licensed as Pastoral Assistants left last year to live in Dorset. The Pastoral Assistants meet regularly with Rev Chris Beecroft who oversees them, and the meetings continue to include times for prayer and mutual support.

In addition to the regular visiting that the Pastoral Assistants have done during the last year, they were available again to help at the 'Blue Christmas' service in December 2013. At the service, they manned various stations around the church, and were available to talk and pray with those who attended.

Rev. Chris Beecroft

The Fabric Group

The Church fabric is dominated by our current financial position. Whilst essential maintenance work including, but not solely, repairs to the flat roof by the kitchen, clearing and repairing the guttering etc. have been completed, there are still expensive works required. The outside door frames to the hall need refitting and masonry repairs by the guttering to the nave are outstanding, along with other issues raised in the quinquennial report.

Discussions are currently taking place to establish whether it is our responsibility or the Local Authorities, to deal with the diseased tree(s) which need to be taken down at considerable cost within the church grounds.

A big thank you to everyone who has given up time and energies to maintain our church especially to Jeremy Axten for his work regarding the tree issues as well as Dave Smith and Andy Watson for their day to day assistance. I for my part have 2 left thumbs, it does pain me that we have had to recently pay for a plumber for a minor fix in the ladies loo due to my inability to do the work!

The greatest and most challenging area in fabric at the moment is managing the increase in hours for Footprints nursery moving from mornings to full days. As a result we understand that it has put additional strain on other groups that meet, or used to meet, in the hall and we are thankful for their understanding and cooperation bearing in mind our limited resources and facilities. The nursery is a blessing as they are bringing in much needed revenue for the church to be able to carry on its core business. They are also accommodating, cheerful and sympathetic to the needs of other day time church users. This successful partnership has resulted in Footprints wishing to run throughout the school holidays (bringing additional revenue). There are also ongoing discussions to expand further to accommodate a crèche during their new core hours.

Please may any issues which arise from this operation be directed, in the first instance to me.

I am encouraged by the response of assistance for the Church Spring tidy being held on 12th April 2014, and would welcome a list of willing volunteers to share the load of the never ending routine maintenance the church buildings and grounds demand.

With every Blessing

Trevor Lewis

Children and Young People

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Thanks to Sam, our excellent Children and Young people and Pastoral teams, and their careful following of good practice guidelines, it has thankfully been a quiet year for the Safeguarding team. However, we must never become complacent. Although it is great when people volunteer to help with children or youth work we have to ensure that procedures are followed carefully. All new people involved in children's work have been DBS checked with Self Declaration Forms being completed for those with only occasional, supervised contact.

Carol continues to deal with day to day issues as they arise and gives advice when required, with the help of the Diocesan Child Protection Adviser. Faith is available to offer assistance, especially with the practical task of arranging for disclosures to be completed. Risk Assessments for all children and young people's groups have been updated recently.

In January a Safeguarding training session was run at St Paul's for a lot of volunteers and Pastoral Assistants. This was very well attended and the trainer was very pleased with the turnout. The session was interesting and reminded us all of our responsibilities with regard to safeguarding the children in our Parish. The Diocesan Guide to Safeguarding 'In Safe Hands' is available in the Parish Office at all times.

The Diocese continues to renew DBS checks, after five years, on a rolling programme.

The Parish Safeguarding Team - Carol, Faith and Ben

9.15 Kid's Church

We continue to have a small group of children who come, with their parents, to the 9.15 service. We feel blessed to have these children and feel it is important to provide activities for them. They start in church with their parents and then come out into the hall for their own activities - stories, prayers, games, colouring, sticking, playdough, cooking etc.

We have a small team of volunteers who take it in turns to lead these sessions – and would always welcome more! On the second Sunday each month we stay in church and provide colouring activities on a table at the back of Church.

Anne Lane

11 O'clock Kids and Youth Church

11 o'clock kids church meets at least 3 Sundays a month and on the 2nd Sunday of the month spending it in the adult church for All age services. The children that meet in this group are between the ages of 5 to 11 with two adult leaders/helpers and at least two young helpers (teens). There is between 15 and 30 children that attend kid's church at the moment, with slightly higher numbers on special Sundays. The structure of the group is that the children start off in church for praise and worship; they are then prayed for and sent out after the 2nd or 3rd song, they then meet in their church for different activities that include games, teaching, craft, refreshment break, creative prayer and a few other things.

At the moment, we only have Anne Lane, Lindsey Warr, Faith Axten and myself that can lead the group and the rest being helpers, we could do with a few more leaders willing to lead sessions. And in the past year we have finally got some consistency especially with the structure of sessions thus beginning to see more fruit in especially the spiritual development of the children.

Sam Waako

St. Pauls Church Toddlers Group

We have had another good year at Toddlers. On a typical week there are 25 children with their parents/carers, a core group of them attend every week. We have had a variety of craft activities, lots of singing and many stories. We had 2 parties, one in July with a bouncy castle and a Christmas party when every child was given a book. Kat Thomas took over as leader in February and has brought in new ideas for crafts and activities. In October we moved from the church hall into the church. The parents/carers and children have welcomed the new space but for the team this has made more work.

Toddlers relies on a small band of regular helpers. The jobs include: setting up the church space with tables and chairs; getting out the toys; serving tea and coffee; supervising the craft activities; reading a story and leading the singing; preparing the children's fruit and clearing everything away at the end. A big thank you to everyone who helps.

Kat Thomas and Jenny Waller

Parish Youth Group

This is a youth club for those between the ages of 11 and 15, meets every Monday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Because of the numbers, the group is divided into two groups for the first 30 minutes to have a bible discussion, one up in the gallery led by Andy Wyeth and the other led by myself in the main church. The rest of the time is free time and it's all spent in the hall, youth space and kitchen, the phones are collected from the young people as they come in to encourage better listening, less disruption and improving social skills. With discipline issues associated with this group in the past, has to be said last year was a great improvement with the introduction of a discipline policy that the young people and their parents/carers read, understood and all agreed to sign, evenings now are much more than just policing.

In July we took a group of 12 young people to our annual weekend away Polyapes Youth Camp, which is a Christian youth camp in Cobham, it was a great success as has been in the past and even more youth want to go this year and I really hope they can. I think the leaders of this group Andy Wyeth, Chris Dreher, Alice Gould and Joanne Oxley deserve huge appreciation for their patience, commitment and passion to see this group to where it is right now, and I think going forward they are going to need more support and encouragement to continue ministering to this group of young people.

Sam Waako

Youth Cell Group

In January 2014, a new youth cell was planted to complement our outreach youth group. The purpose of the new group was to take committed Christians and those wanting to explore becoming Christians and to take them deeper in terms of discipleship and further in terms of empowerment for ministry. The group is presently doing Youth Alpha and the young people are increasingly participating through writing and performing dramas, puppet sketches, powerpoint shows and through forming a youth band.

Ben Beecroft

Hippos After School Club

This is a children's after school club for only those in Reception to year 4, it meets every other Friday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The structure of this group is that the children use the first 30mins for crafts, games and socialising, have a refreshments break, then back to complete their crafts, the last 30mins, they gather to watch a vegetable DVD telling/teaching a bible story. The group is mainly attended by children from St Paul's and Sayers Court School and just a few from other schools.

The aim of the group is mainly to provide a safe environment where after a long week/s children can come relax and have fun, meet new and old friends while also learning about God. The parents greatly appreciate the ministry of this group and have expressed great interest in having this group run weekly even if it means they have to help. Which prompted me to have a discussion with Michelle Lewis (co-leader) about this plan and we had agreed to trial having hippos every Friday after the Easter break! Of course, this was before we had known I wasn't going to be extending my contract after it ends in May. It's something to prayerfully think about going ahead.

Sam Waako

Sam's Safari After School Club

This is a children's after school club for only those in year 5 and 6. It meets every Tuesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The past year this group has had a dip in numbers, with sometimes only between 7 and 15 children attending a session, we hope to have more attending during the summer time. That said, this gave us the opportunity to have our first outdoor social, where we went to Woking for laser questing in December and it was a huge success, and those that went have been begging we do that again and we plan to have another social soon. We also had a volunteer who was visiting from Germany, her name is Sophie Nagel and she was with us from October to December last year.

This group has a strong and committed team of leaders, mainly Lindsey Warr, Jonathan Liddell and Anne Coombs, who I feel confident will carry on the vision of the group even when am gone. However small the group has been last year, they are a fantastic group of young people, interested and willing to learn more about God and get along very well with each other and with the leaders and we have high hopes in all of them.

Sam Waako

Baptism Ministry

There have been 20 Baptisms at St Paul's in the year 2013. As part of the Baptism team Jane Watson and Sara Harding have both made visits to Baptism families. Early in 2013 Ben made the decision that those who wanted a child baptised at St Pauls but did not worship there regularly should be offered a private Baptism on a Sunday afternoon. So out of the 20 Baptisms in the year, 7 have been private Baptisms on a Sunday afternoon and 13 have been at the 11am service. Andy Reid our curate has also performed his first Baptism in the last year. 9 of the Baptisms in the last year have been families living out of the parish but with connections to St Pauls.

Jane Watson

Uniformed Organisations

1st/4th Addlestone Scouts

1st/4th Addlestone (St. Paul's) Scout Group has had a fantastic year once again and our sections remain almost full to capacity.

The Beaver Scout section have been on a sleepover, taken part in a hike, had a badge day, learned about caring for animals and taken part in a Pow-wow with all the District Beaver Scouts at our HQ. The cubs have taken part in cooking, fishing and football competitions, they have been swimming, donuting and in August went to an activity centre in Osmington Bay near Weymouth. Not to be outdone, the Scouts have been camping during a very cold and wet January at Gilwell Park, the home of the Scout Association enjoying a variety of activities including rafting, quad biking, climbing, 4x4 driving amongst other things.

Probably the most exciting event for all sections was a District Camp for 500 young people at Bentley Copse in Guildford. We had a gloriously sunny weekend and the young people enjoyed drop slides, climbing, shooting, archery, canoe football, sports amongst dozens of other activities.

Our aim is to provide an exciting and inventive programme for our young people and leaders and in the coming year we will continue to offer our young people a huge variety of activities including trying new sports, learning new skills, making things and learning to look after themselves. We are always happy to welcome new members –

adults and children. If you are interested in becoming involved in any way, please feel free to contact Lyn on 01932347410. Alternatively, when you see us out and about, just come and say hello!

Penny Lympany

1st Addlestone Guides

We have a unit of twenty guides, the first time for a while we don't have a waiting list. We thought it would be nice for them to tell you what they have been up to and enjoy.

Over the past 12 months at Guides I have enjoyed going to Brooklands and doing the adventure climbing ropes. I also enjoyed completing my first Go For It which was Globalistics. I have really enjoyed making new friends. I have taken part in lots of church parades such as Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday.
Lucy-May

I've had a great time at Guides last year. I personally love patrol time as it can be really fun and hilarious. I've had a very funny and cheerful time this year. We've had the one night camp at the Scout hut. We went to Paxmead, Shepperton for the day where we did canoeing and built our own canoes. I've attended church parades and helped with the Christmas shoebox charity. I've become good friends with lots of people. I always love coming to Guides, the activities that are planned are great. I especially loved the wide game round Addlestone.

Mollie

Other activities included working on the team player badge, fitness evening in aid of Cancer Research, Hungarian Challenge badge and decopatch pigs. We celebrated all the Saints Day's which included making Welsh Cakes, dragon pom poms and St Georges Day cake competition

Helen & Olivia, 1st Addlestone Guides

1st Addlestone Brownies

We started with an Australian evening, Brown Owl helped us make Anzac biscuits, kitchen roll Didgeridoos that made a lot of noise(!) and Kangaroo puppets. We had a Bring and Buy evening to raise funds for our young leader Tigger to go to Peru with Guiding to help in schools and with the local communities. We made leprechaun hats for St Patricks Day and tried fizzy sherbet rainbow drinks. Some of the Brownies put on an entertainment for the parents which was excellent.

We had a magician which was great fun and when the weather was better did Tracking with stick /stone symbols round the grounds, compass games and knots in strawberry laces which were then eaten if correctly done. We learnt about being kind and including people so no one is left out or being bullied, and why we have rules to keep us safe. We did ink marbling jungle printing

The girls pretended to be Lady Baden Powell so that Tawny Owl could practise her new Trefoil Promise before she went to Hampton Court to be enrolled in the Founder of Guides "Grace and Favour " Apartment. It was hard to keep serious as they were all bent over imaginary walking sticks and pulling faces, is that how they see anyone over 50?? We made Christmas decorations for an old People's home with Wozzle and Baby Owl and Tigger gave a talk and activity evening on Peru. We finished the year with a Christmas party and reindeer biscuits.

Alison Senior - BROWN OWL

1st Addlestone Rainbows

We welcomed Tracy to share leading the Rainbows with me and Evie after Piglet sadly left though she is still part of our Rainbow family. We started with global Badge, "travelling " the world studying Egypt with Pharaoh masks and hieroglyphics, Chinese dragons and chopsticks. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for the Saints Days. We explored how we are all different on the outside but the same inside using red or green apples cut in half. We guessed if a horse outline was a zebra or unicorn or horse outline and added the differences. We did "growing"

up badge from babies inspired by a visit from Charlotte and Jacob. Tadpoles to frogs, caterpillar pegs to butterfly kites. We had a Teddy bears picnic making mini honey sandwiches and a Princess evening dressing up.

We were especially proud of the girls at church parades, carrying the flags on the Remembrance march. We welcomed Tigger's sister Hattie to help. We had a Scarecrow farm evening to start the Seasons Badge learning about Harvest festivals made chocolate hedgehogs, paper snowball fights and marbling icicles. Kathleen did her lovely crafts for Special occasions. We celebrated our 25th birthday in December with a party and past leaders and VIP guests all getting badges and 25 year teddies.

Thank you to Tracy, Evie, Hattie, Kathleen and all the Parents for their help and support and the Rainbows for making my 1st Rainbow leadership year such fun.

Nicky Boxer and Tracy Williams, Rainbow Leaders.

New Haw Rangers

This year we have been busy again at Rangers (senior section of Girl Guiding) we continue to have around 20 girls between the ages of 14-19 meeting regularly every two weeks. We are currently gaining girls all the time, despite losing five or six of our regulars in September when our 18 year olds went off to university.

Our main activities this year have been to attend the wedding of one of our leaders who was married in Ottershaw Church, the Rangers made up part of the guard of honour along with some of her Guides and Brownies who also attended. We have been out and about for meetings, an evening at Brooklands collage on the high ropes course in the summer and more recently an evening at the Big Apple for bowling. In January we had our annual sleepover at one of our Guiding Centres and in August we went to camp on Jersey getting there on trains, ferry and buses, we camped at the Jersey Scout Centre which was right on the beach and spent days out on the beach, visiting the zoo and Jersey war tunnels. Three girls went on international trips to Peru, India and Hungary. We continue to do many other activities chosen by the girls, mainly ones which involve food.

Most of the girls continue to work with other Rainbow, Guide and Brownie Units in the local area and this year we have had one girl gain her Commonwealth Award two girls achieve their Queens Guide Award, which entails community service project, service within Guiding, an outdoor exploration that also includes completion of a residential licence or permit, skill and residential project, this award takes around three years to complete. Three girls achieved their Chief Commissioners Challenge which is an award based on our Look Wider Senior Section Programme this involves leadership, outdoor activities, international trips, skills for living and community service.

Paula Russell, New Haw Ranger Leader

Addlestone & Chertsey Trefoil Guild

Another year has flown by! We have gained a few new enthusiastic members and have even had a birth this year, welcoming Jacob to our ranks! We decided that our charity this year would be to raise funds to help the guides and young leaders in our district who travel abroad working with Girl guiding projects.

As 2013 was the 70th birthday of the Trefoil Guild, the county executive committee set a challenge for the occasion. We set our programme round this challenge and at our meetings learnt how to say 70 in ten different languages, learnt about our local area, found out about significant events in the last 70 years, knitted chicks and hats for babies, collected 70 coins, played UNO and made an advent wreath. In our own time some of us challenged ourselves in different ways and several of us were successful in completing the whole challenge. As a result of this, Anne Hatzfeld made contact with the Trefoil Guild in New Zealand and we hope to keep this contact going.

As well as meetings based on the challenge, we celebrated Thinking Day, had a very interesting talk by Richard Skelton on the Black Rod, held coffee mornings which are purely social, and joined in county events such as the Picnic at Herons Wey, the county camp and campfire evening, Dabble Day, the county quiz and the county Advent service. We held a 70th birthday party in July and invited other guilds to join us. Our craft group has not met so many times this year owing to Jean not being well. We also helped at St Paul's holiday club. We also had 2 guild

outings – 1 to Dapdune Wharf on a beautiful afternoon and also to Smithbrook Studio where we saw a wonderful display of glassblowing. Many thanks to Pat Martin for organising this. We finished the year with our traditional Christmas lunch.

Ann Foley

Schools

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

Following the resignation of the Head Teacher in the summer, Mrs Louise Johnson, who had been the deputy head, became the Head of School. The school is on a journey of rapid improvement and this is recognised by external monitoring sources who all support that the school is making good progress.

The school is a happy one and pupils are extremely well cared for and valued. The care and concern shown by pupils for one another is outstanding. The school continues to cherish its Christian foundation and there are strong links with St Paul's Church. The children regularly attend services in the church and worship is an integral part of school life. Our Youth and Children's worker takes a weekly assembly and also runs clubs in the school; as a result many children attend church activities. As you walk around the school there is strong evidence of the Christian distinctiveness of the school.

This year St Paul's School is scheduled to convert to an academy sponsored by The Good Shepherd Trust, an umbrella trust set up by the Guildford Diocesan board of Education.

'Schools in the Trust use the vision and values of Jesus Christ as the basis of their work. This means that they value each child as an individual - whatever their social, cultural or religious background. Our aim is to provide outstanding education that will help every child achieve their full potential and find spiritual and cultural wholeness.' (cofeguildford.org.uk/school-life/the-good-shepherd-trust)

The current governors of the school representing St Paul's Church are Ben Beecroft , Faith Axten and Andy Wyeth.

Faith Axten

Jubilee High School (Diocese Affiliated)

Jubilee has had a very good year related to continuity and stability in the leadership. Our church continues to be represented on the governing body and a development this year has been the invitation we have taken up to conduct a whole week of assemblies each half term. A new Christian union lunch club is being explored led by Jubilee Church. Other highlights include

1. Best ever results in the school history
2. Good judgments from OFSTED for teaching and learning, behaviour and leadership
3. Ever increasing roll number, with record year6 to 7 numbers for September 2014
4. New facilities in place for this year: new courtyard for students, new courtyard café, increased IT facilities with more IT rooms and a virtual learning environment
5. New website
6. Increasing numbers in Duke of Edinburgh accreditation
7. New house system to ensure students benefit from cultural, sporting and academic competitions

Rev Ben Beecroft, Trustee, Jubilee International High School

Mission

Alpha Course

The Alpha course has continued to be a blessing both to those who have attended the courses, and to those involved with leading/ helping to run the course. There was no alpha course in the summer term of 2013 due to a lack of demand. There was an Autumn alpha course in 2013, and there is a Spring course currently running on Thursday evenings.

The present alpha course started with an Introductory supper on Thursday Jan 16th, and will finish on April 3rd. Ellie Poole is now the person who is overseeing the catering for the alpha course, taking over from Jill Goldhawk. Ellie, together with a number of willing helpers have done a great job in producing tasty meals for the course.

Ben and Chris Beecroft and Malcolm Hickford have given most of the talks. The small group leaders/ helpers have included Andy Reid, Lorraine Wright and Malcolm Hickford. Sara Harding has continued to do the administration. The current alpha course has used the talks on DVD, as numbers were low. During this last year we have seen a mixture of people make re-commitments to the Lord; whilst others have made a commitment to Him for the first time, which has been wonderful. Most of the guests have wanted to have prayer on the Alpha Away Days which has been great.

It is the team of willing helpers that have enabled the alpha courses to run smoothly this year. The clergy would like once again to thank all who have helped in different ways over this last year to make the alpha courses a success: and we would like to thank the church family for their ongoing prayers and support for the alpha courses. There is also a Youth Alpha course currently running on a Wednesday evening.

Rev. Chris Beecroft

New Wine Summer Conference

Many from our church enjoyed our annual trip to New Wine. Ben & Chris co-led a seminar on 'Transitioning Church: How to help your church be renewed'. All those who attended benefitted from the teaching and the fellowship, together with the inspiring experience of joining with 6,000 others in worship. As a church, we have also benefitted throughout the year through New Wine Kids workers training, worship leading and women's days.

Rev Ben Beecroft, New Wine Area Network Leader

Church Groups

Mothers' Union

Meetings are held in the Church Centre on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm. We enjoy a cup of tea and chat after the formal part of the meeting. Over the past year we have enjoyed talks on The Ladies in Pink Tabards – Playworkers in Highdown Prison, Guildford Cathedral, Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Punch and Judy Puppeteer, Fire and Rescue Service and Christmas Crackers - Traditions, Myths and Christmas readings.

As a branch we continue to contribute goods and money to several Mothers' Union projects including "Away from it All" holidays, women's refuges, prisons, and for the fund raising shop we help to supply in Sheffield. We combined with other parishes in the Deanery to organise the "Pilgrimage of Prayer" at Guildford Cathedral in February. We also joined Deanery members for a social evening and a Garden Party. New members are always welcome.

Carolyn Heath

St. Paul's Ladies' Group

Our group has some 18 members who are friends and support each other when we need it. We have a variety of speakers including a talk by Andy Reid and a talk on recycling (which was an eye opener!). David Barnett talked on 'Mental Health', Cara Dungay shared her experiences in South Africa and Vic Hatzfeld entertained us with stories of his life. We had a Garden Party at my house, a social evening and, of course our Christmas Meal out at the Kingfisher in Chertsey to end the year.

We hold Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Church every 1st Saturday in each month with home-made cakes by the Ladies with tea and coffee, to raise money for the Sam Beare Hospice - do please call in to support us. Last year we raised £900 and over the years we have raised over £20,000.

Please join us, we are always looking for new members and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

Gill Wright

Parish Walkers

Eleven walks were planned for 2013 but four were cancelled or rearranged due to various reasons, the main one being the weather.

Our Christmas lunch was again to be held at Trevi's West Byfleet but three days before we were to go, we had a call to say that they had gone into administration. Quickly, a new venue was arranged at the Kingfisher Chertsey Bridge only for the bridge to be closed the following day as a result of the floods!!

We welcome any new walkers and walk on the last Monday of the month except when it is a Bank Holiday and then it is a Tuesday.

Mike Cann

Dad's Breakfast

Dad's Breakfast restarted in February this year with Richard Hart taking over from Andy Watson. The numbers attending the group have remained at a consistent level, normally attracting 20 fathers with their children each month. This year we have focused on maintaining the relationship with these fathers, as most of them are outside of the church family. During 2014 we hope to extend our group by reaching out to fathers from our local schools.

At the end of the year the group was £96 in credit (hall costs are excluded). As all toys and equipment are presently serviceable, the credit will be reinvested into the general church funds.

Dad's Breakfast continues to be supported by Vic Hatzfeld and Sean McCarthy, who provide a marvellous catering service.

Richard Hart