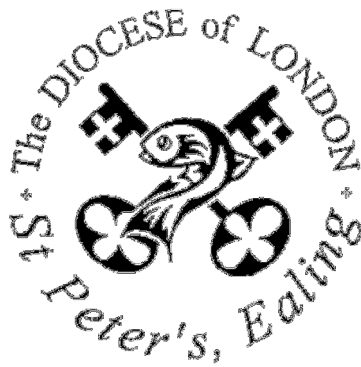


ST PETER'S CHURCH

EALING



REPORTS

For the calendar year

2010

APCM 10 April 2011

Foreword

Sadly, 2010 was a year overshadowed by illness and the deaths of three church members. Lindsey Pullin died in January; our oldest member, Margaret Williams died tragically in a house fire in September, and Christmas and New Year saw the sad decline of Tara Crisp, who died in January of this year, 2011. Our prayers are with their families and friends, and I have been proud of the way in which the good people of St Peter's have worked as a true community in supporting the sick and the bereaved.

The choir has continued to grow in confidence and ability under the expert direction of Dan Webb with fine performances week by week and at the special festivals, the Carol Service being an especial highlight.

During the year, we drew up detailed plans for major stonework repairs on the north side of the church roof and began making plans to raise the necessary funds. An application to English Heritage proved fruitful, gaining us £156,000 towards a target of £250,000. Another grant will allow us to reclaim VAT, leaving a target figure of around £58,000 to raise from further grant aid and donations. If we can raise this sum in time, the work should be completed in 2011, with a further similar project on the south side of the roof in 5 years' time. At the same time, we hope to raise funds for another scheme to improve the church hall by building a meeting room in the courtyard area. Installing a humidifier for the church organ would also be a positive move.

As always, St Peter's has supported a wide range of outside projects, both locally, in the UK and overseas. A map of the world, now placed in the church, shows the locations of the various charitable projects we have supported. Perhaps the project we can be most proud of is the support we have given to Fr Joseph's building of a new school in the Sudan. Apart from helping to build the school, thousands of books were gathered together to form a library, and St Peter's raised most of the money to make two shipments to Africa. Fr Joseph has decided to name the library after Margaret Williams, who was a generous supporter of the school from its beginning.

The summer was marred by the theft of the fine original handrails from the steps at the west end of the church; metal theft has become a major crime directed against churches. The process of replacing the rails in a metal less attractive to thieves has taken an inordinately long time, which has added to the distress. Worse still, a small amount of lead flashing was taken from the

roof in January, with very little scrap value. In order to remove the lead, worth around £15 as scrap metal, the thieves ripped out two areas of slates, allowing heavy rain to penetrate the roof, and costing £2,500 for repair and redecoration, fortunately covered by insurance.

2010 marked the 25th anniversary of my ordination, and the 10th anniversary of my Institution as Vicar of St Peter's. I thought I had managed to pass these milestones quietly, but was surprised and delighted when a cake appeared after the Carol Service for Helen and me, to mark our first 10 years in Ealing.

Mark Powell (Vicar)

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Annual Report

Background

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Mark Powell, in the promotion of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. In addition, it has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Hall and grounds adjacent to and on the north side of the Church.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either (1) ex-officio; or (2) elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2010, the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr Mark Powell (Chair)
Assistant Curate:	The Revd Dr Margaret Joachim
Assistant Curate:	The Revd Dr Joseph Choufar
Assistant Curate:	The Revd Keith Stephenson
Churchwardens:	Dr Richard Peatfield Mrs Valerie Stephens
Diocesan Synod Reps:	Mr Trevor Bates Mrs Rosamund Rowe
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr Trevor Bates Mrs Wendy Quill Mrs Rosamund Rowe
Elected Members:	Mrs Moria Babary Mrs Susan Brewin (Secretary) Mrs Jane Campbell (from April 2010) Mrs Tara Crisp (until December 2010) Mrs Carolyn Davage Mr Adam Grimley Mrs Susan Gould (from April 2010) Mr Simon Kingston (until September 2010)

Mrs Ann Lazarow (from April 2010)
Mr Angus McAvoy
Ms Erica Peacock (from April 2010)
Mr Duncan Reid-Thomas
Mrs Anne Reilly (until April 2010)
Mr Roland Stumpf
Mr Peter Wilkinson

Ex-officio Members: Mrs Susan Peatfield

Committees

The PCC operates through three committees that meet between full meetings of the PCC:

- **Standing Committee:** the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council;
- **Mission Committee:** chaired by the Revd Mark Powell. The committee meets twice during the year to agree the beneficiaries of the Charity Bazaar and outside giving. Any other matters are dealt with by the Standing Committee;
- **Events Committee:** charged with organising trips and social events, some of which are linked with significant liturgies. It also organises the Charity Bazaar, the profits of which are donated to charity. Surpluses from other social events may also be given to charities agreed by the Mission Committee.

Church Attendance

There were 142 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, as declared at the APCM held on 25 April 2010 (the 2009 APCM), of whom 51% were resident within the parish and 49% outside the parish. The average Sunday attendance, (counted during October 2010) was 75; however this figure increased significantly at the major festivals. The Church is open daily between 8.45am and 6pm or dusk during winter months.

Review of the Year

The PCC met seven times during the year, including the meetings of 21 March 2010 to approve the independently examined 2009 accounts and of 25 April

2010 (held immediately after the APCM) for the purpose of electing PCC officers. Average attendance at PCC meetings throughout the year was 66%.

○ **27 January 2010**

The Treasurer circulated copies of the end of year accounts to the PCC which showed a small surplus of £772. The Vicar provided an update on the most recent Mission Committee Meeting. The PCC agreed to support the work of Ramiro Pampos, a Jesuit priest, in Haiti;

○ **21 March 2010**

The independently examined accounts for 2009 were adopted;

○ **25 April 2010**

PCC officers were elected and committees appointed;

○ **12 May 2010**

The Standing Committee was given authority to make an offer in respect of St Peter's 2011 Common Fund Giving of up to the 2010 Common Fund offer plus 5%. It was agreed unanimously that St Peter's would adopt the Diocesan Child Protection Policy;

○ **20 July 2010**

The Treasurer reported that St Peter's made an offer to the Diocese of £67,500 in respect of 2011 Common Fund giving, which represented an increase of 3.85% on St Peter's 2010 offer. The Vicar presented details of the capital projects that St Peter's plans to undertake, which will begin in 2011;

○ **23 September 2010**

Val Stephens reported, on behalf of the Standing Committee, details of the theft of the bronze railings at the main west entrance of the Church overnight on 9-10 August. It was agreed that St Peter's apply for a faculty to replace the stolen railings and that the Standing Committee agree a design. The Vicar updated the PCC on details of a training course he had attended that outlined new safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults under the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA);

○ **25 November 2010**

The Treasurer presented St Peter's Budget for 2011 to the PCC and the PCC adopted the budget. The Treasurer also provided an update on this year's Stewardship Renewal Campaign, which saw an overall average increase of

3.8% versus the previous year. The PCC discussed the future allocation of profits from the Charity Bazaar and agreed, by a majority of 10, to maintain the current policy which is for all profits to be donated to outside charities.

Significant Events in 2010

Stewardship income, tax refunds and income from hall rental resulted in a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,029 for the year.

Special services held during the year included: the Baptism of Christ; the Presentation of Christ in the Temple; Ash Wednesday; Mothering Sunday; Passion Sunday; Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; the Easter Vigil; Easter Day; the Ascension of our Lord; Pentecost; Corpus Christi; St Peter (Patronal Festival); Dedication Festival; St James; the Blessed Virgin Mary; Harvest Thanksgiving; All Saints; Remembrance Sunday; Christ the King; Advent Sunday; Christingle; Midnight Mass of the Nativity; Christmas Day; and St Stephen.

Sung Evensong took place during Lent and Advent and on the first Sunday of most months; Healing Masses were held periodically during the year.

Guest Preachers during the year included: the Revd Richard Hayes; the Venerable Prof Erasmus Oji; the Revd George Bush; and Mr David Muir on behalf of Christian Aid. Mrs Susan Peatfield, Reader, St Peter's, and the Revd Harold Stringer also shared in preaching.

There were six baptisms and three funerals at St Peter's during the year.

A number of study courses were run throughout the year:

- the Lent Course, 'Four Evangelists and Four Tasks for Lent', and;
- a combined Autumn and Advent Course, 'Not a Tame Lion', based on the writings of C.S. Lewis.

There were a variety of social events organised during the year including: a quiz night; an Easter Breakfast following the Easter Vigil; a bring and share lunch following the APCM; drinks and a firework to celebrate Ascension Day; a bring and share reception following the Patronal Festival in June; a jazz party with strawberry tea; a Chinese- themed Harvest Supper with food provided by The Oriental Buffet Club; the Charity Bazaar followed by a supper hosted by Richard and Susan Peatfield; and the Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

The Charity Bazaar was held on Saturday, 27 November 2010 and raised £5,630.

The independently examined Accounts for 2010 are attached. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £1,029 at the end of 2010 to be carried forward to 2011. The balance carried forward on the Balance Sheet is £445,425 which includes the Hall valuation of £400,000. The General Fund amount available for 2011 is £45,425, which includes the Bookshop Fund of £432.

Mark Powell on behalf of the PCC

Churchwardens' Report

Work is being carried out to comply with the Quinquennial Report. Stonework repairs to the roof need to be completed and will require cutting and replacing some of the stone; a video and photographic survey was completed and a submission was made to English Heritage who have agreed grant funding of 75%. It is intended to focus on the north side of the Church in the first instance as this side receives harsher weather.

An organ humidifier has been recommended at an approximate cost of £3k – £5k.

Baldwin and Bleakley have carried out an electrical inspection of the church and necessary work is being undertaken.

The usual round of routine inspections has been carried out: boilers, lightning conductor, fire extinguishers, gutters and down pipes. A new colour photocopier has been installed in the parish office to replace the old one, and the Administrator's PC has been replaced.

The bronze railings at the main entrance to the church were stolen on the night of 9-10 August. Negotiations are still on going for wrought iron replacements.

A number of new folding tables have been purchased over the year to replace the old ones in the Hall.

Val Stephens and Richard Peatfield

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S EALING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2010	Total Funds 2009
INCOMING RESOURCES				
			£ -	
Stewardship Income & tax refunds	£ 82,169.00		£ 82,169.00	£ 80,119.50
General & Special Service collections	£ 4,426.80		£ 4,426.80	£ 4,161.45
Donations & Gift Aid Donations	£ 6,847.43		£ 6,847.43	£ 9,234.63
St. Peter's Hall Rent Income	£ 30,115.60		£ 30,115.60	£ 28,417.50
Fee Income	£ 28.00	£ 108.00	£ 136.00	£ 1,109.00
Income from Events	£ 173.52		£ 173.52	£ 94.54
Bank Interest Received	£ 253.53		£ 253.53	£ 739.60
Income from St. Peter's Bookshop		£ 511.40	£ 511.40	£ 515.77
Church Building Income	£ 1,771.00		£ 1,771.00	£ 2,015.00
Miscellaneous Income	£ 497.00		£ 497.00	£ 554.00
Charity Giving Income	£ -	£12,826.53	£ 12,826.53	£ 6,031.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£126,281.88	£13,445.93	£139,727.81	£132,991.99
OUTGOING RESOURCES				
Expenditure by St Peter's Bookshop		£ 702.73	£ 702.73	£ 365.91
London Diocesan Fund	£ 65,650.00		£ 65,650.00	£ 64,133.00
Clergy Expenses	£ 1,835.71		£ 1,835.71	£ 2,505.12
St. Peter's Hall Expenditure	£ 15,400.26		£ 15,400.26	£ 20,219.16
Parish Office/ Administration	£ 12,140.28		£ 12,140.28	£ 12,036.70
Music Expenditure	£ 4,748.29		£ 4,748.29	£ 4,124.46
Worship Expenditure	£ 1,465.44		£ 1,465.44	£ 1,801.95
Church Repairs & Maintenance	£ 19,989.48		£ 19,989.48	£ 15,713.09
Grants/ Discretion Fund	£ 390.00		£ 390.00	£ 390.00
Junior Church Expenditure	£ 288.45		£ 288.45	£ 285.12
Restricted Expenditure Fees		£ 108.00	£ 108.00	£ 349.00
Charity Expenditure	£ 2,000.00	£12,826.53	£ 14,826.53	£ 8,031.00
Outreach / Mission	£ 497.90		£ 497.90	£ 491.82
Vicarage Costs	£ 512.40		£ 512.40	£ 1,505.85
Miscellaneous Expenditure	£ 142.88		£ 142.88	£ 268.13
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	£125,061.09	£13,637.26	£138,698.35	£132,220.31
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	£ 1,220.79	-£ 191.33	£ 1,029.46	£ 771.68

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S EALING

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2010

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2010	Total Funds 2009
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Stewardship Income & tax refunds					
Stewardship giving & Tax Refunds	£82,169.00				
		£ 82,169.00		£ 82,169.00	£80,119.50
General & Special Service Collections					
General Collections	£ 2,789.29				
Special Collections	£ 1,637.51	£ 4,426.80		£ 4,426.80	£ 4,161.45
Donations & Gift Aid Donations					
Donations	£ 439.38				
Gift Aid Donation	£ 4,021.92				
Tax Refund on Gift Aid Donation	£ 2,386.13	£ 6,847.43		£ 6,847.43	£ 9,234.63
St. Peter's Hall Rent Received		£ 30,115.60		£ 30,115.60	£28,417.50
Fee Income		£ 28.00	£ 108.00	£ 136.00	£ 1,109.00
Income from Events		£ 173.52		£ 173.52	£ 94.54
Bank Interest Received					
H.S.B.C. Bank Interest	£ 6.13				
C.B.of F. Interest	£ 247.40	£ 253.53		£ 253.53	£ 739.60
Income from Bookshop			£ 511.40	£ 511.40	£ 515.77
Income from church Building					
Hire of Church	£ 1,716.00				
Organ Use	£ 55.00	£ 1,771.00		£ 1,771.00	£ 2,015.00
Miscellaneous Income		£ 497.00		£ 497.00	£ 554.00
Charity Giving Income			£12,826.53	£ 12,826.53	£ 6,031.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£ 126,281.88	£13,445.93	£ 139,727.81	£132,991.99

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S EALING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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OUTGOING RESOURCES.					
Expenditure by Bookshop			£ 702.73	£ 702.73	£ 365.91
London Diocesan Fund	£65,000.00				
Schools Levy	£ 650.00	£ 65,650.00		£ 65,650.00	£ 64,133.00
Clergy Expenses		£ 1,835.71		£ 1,835.71	£ 2,505.12
St. Peter's Hall Expenditure					
Church Hall Cleaning	£ 4,343.47				
Church Hall Insurance	£ 1,126.93				
Church Hall Maintenance	£ 2,480.82				
Church hall Salaries	£ 4,150.00				
Church Hall Utilities	£ 3,299.04	£ 15,400.26		£ 15,400.26	£ 20,219.16
Parish Office Administration					
Equipment	£ 2,669.66				
Salaries	£ 7,724.71				
Stationery	£ 1,170.66				
Telephone	£ 575.25	£ 12,140.28		£ 12,140.28	£ 12,036.70
Music Expenditure					
Equipment Costs	£ 639.15				
Miscellaneous costs	£ 379.14				
Salaries	£ 3,660.00				
Stand-in Organist	£ 70.00	£ 4,748.29		£ 4,748.29	£ 4,124.46
Worship Expenses		£ 1,465.44		£ 1,465.44	£ 1,801.95
Church Repairs & Maintenance					
Church Building Insurance	£ 6,431.47				
Church Build. Maintenance & Repair	£ 9,844.03				
Church Building Utilities	£ 2,668.52				
Church Building Sundry Items	£ 73.65				
Church Building Cleaning	£ 225.60				
Church Building Arch. Fees	£ 746.21	£ 19,989.48		£ 19,989.48	15713.09
Grants/ Discretionary Fund		£ 390.00		£ 390.00	£ 390.00
Junior Church Expenditure		£ 288.45		£ 288.45	£ 285.12
Restricted Expenditure Fees			£ 108.00	£ 108.00	£ 349.00
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S EALING

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

FIXED ASSETS		2010	2009
Church Hall		£400,000.00	£400,000.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
C.B. of F. Account	£52,965.24		£ 47,717.84
Current Account	£ 1,262.81		£ 9,840.45
Bookshop Account	£ 432.04		£ 623.37
Petty Cash	£ 82.33		£ 99.28
Business Money Manager	£19,406.13	£74,148.55	
LESS			
Liabilities/ Accruals	-£12,600.00		
Prepayments/Debtors	-£16,124.00	-£28,724.00	-£ 13,185.85
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£ 45,424.55	£ 45,095.09
TOTAL ASSETS		£445,424.55	£445,095.09
REPRESENTED BY			
Church Hall		£400,000.00	£400,000.00
General Funds			
General Fund B/fwd	£44,395.09		£ 43,623.41
2010 Surplus	£ 1,029.46		£ 1,471.68
		£ 45,424.55	
TOTAL ASSETS		£445,424.55	£445,095.09

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S EALING

Charity Giving 2010

The following amounts were given from Parish Funds

Royal British Legion	£ 20.00
Moullin House	£ 200.00
C.M.S.	£ 200.00
Alma	£ 200.00
Christians Against Poverty	£ 200.00
St Luke's Hospital	£ 110.00
City of London Social	£ 1,000.00
Action Aid	£ 70.00
	£ 2,000.00

The following amounts came from special collections

Lent appeal for ALMA	£ 470.00
Historic Churches collection	£ 121.00
R.S.C.M.	£ 122.00
Bazaar 2010	£ 5,600.00
Christingle Service	£ 150.00
Sudanese Development Programme	£ 355.00
Mission to Seamen	£ 476.53
Harvest collection	£ 892.00
Haiti Appeal	£ 4,530.00
Action Aid	£ 110.00
	£12,826.53

and were distributed as follows:-

Haiti Appeal	£ 4,530.00
Sudanese Development Programme	£ 555.00
Historic Churches	£ 121.00
R.S.C.M.	£ 122.00
Mission To Seamen	£ 676.53
Wormwood Scrubs Pont Centre	£ 200.00
St Andrew's Family Contact Centre	£ 200.00
Ealing Mencap	£ 200.00
R.N.L.I.	£ 200.00
Ealing Night Shelter	£ 200.00
African Oyster Trust	£ 200.00
ALMA	£ 470.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	£ 200.00
The Upper Room	£ 2,365.00
S.P.C.K.	£ 1,800.00
The Children's Society	£ 150.00
Action Aid	£ 110.00
St Luke's Eye Hospital	£ 200.00
Christian Aid	£ 327.00
	£12,826.53

Total from all Sources

£14,826.53

Also Charitable Giving

Discretionary Fund	£ 240.00
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Note

Coutts & Co gave a donation of £500 - split equally between The Upper Room and S.P.C.K. and paid directly to them, so does not appear in the above figures.

Notes to the Financial Statements: year ended 31 December 2010

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the value of the Church Hall, which is shown as the insurance value. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities, subject to those mentioned below, 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members (e.g. St. Peter's Afternoon Club).

Funds

General Funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted, since the PCC may reverse such decisions at any time prior to expenditure taking place.

Restricted Funds represent the Funds set up for a specific purpose, where both capital and interest may only be spent in accordance with the Donor's wishes, and are added to and withdrawn from as the occasion arises. The Church Hall is valued in the accounts as a Restricted Fund at £400,000, the insurance value.

The PCC is aware of both Coffee and Flower Funds, which operate at St. Peter's. Income and expenditure is not significant and any surplus from the Coffee Fund is repaid to the Church as a donation to General Funds. Surplus from the Flower Fund is usually spent on festivals and occasionally small donations are made by individuals towards flowers for the Church.

Incoming Resources / Outgoing Resources

Voluntary Income: collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC; planned giving receivable under Pledged Giving is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Pledged Giving or Gift Aid Donations is recognised only when such income is received. Income tax repayments from 2010 amounted to £19,103, this income has been spread out over the 12 month period to reflect the income received from monthly Standing Orders. The

figure in the Accounts of £82,169 is the total of Stewardship Income and the Tax refunds. Income tax repayments due on Pledged Giving and Gift Aid Donations for October, November and December 2010 will be recognised in the 2011 accounts. This policy is in line with other churches' procedures and is acceptable to the Diocese.

Rental income from the letting of all church's premises is recognised when the rental is paid. Interest income is recognised when it is received.

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

St Peter's contribution to the London Diocesan Fund for 2010 of £65,000 has been paid in full.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land and buildings and movable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA

No depreciation is made for Freehold land and buildings. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

These amounts have been received during the year for a specific purpose and have been allocated to appropriate expenditure.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, or at the bank, HSBC.

Rosamund Rowe

Stewardship

St Peter's would like to thank all parishioners who have given so generously to Stewardship during 2010. Stewardship giving increased by 3.8% during the year; and the tax reclaimed amounted to £19,103.

Some people have moved away, some have died, but we have had three new Stewardship members arising from our Stewardship Renewal Campaign. It would be helpful if every member of the Electoral Roll would consider becoming part of St Peter's Stewardship Scheme. These difficult financial times mean that every contribution to St Peter's is much appreciated and we hope to achieve our target of £84,000 as Stewardship giving for 2011.

The tax changes from April 2011 will have an effect upon tax reclaim for the next year. Our tax claims will be lower, it may make a difference by as much as £3,000, and it would be appreciated if this shortfall were borne in mind when the next Stewardship renewal comes around.

Rosamund Rowe

Ealing Deanery Synod

The Ealing Deanery Synod met four times during 2010: on Tuesday 23rd February at Meadow House Hospice, Ealing; Tuesday 8th June at St Mellitus, Hanwell; Wednesday 15th September at St Paul's, Northfields; and Thursday 18th November at All Saints' Church, Ealing Common. The Synod is chaired by the Area Dean and attended by representatives from the House of Clergy and Laity from the Ealing area. Towards the end of the year, the Revd Christopher Ramsay replaced the Revd Andrew Corsie as Area Dean.

St Peter's was represented on this Synod throughout the year by the Vicar, Trevor Bates, Wendy Quill and Rosamund Rowe.

At the February meeting the Revd Maggie Davidge-Smith, Chaplain, welcomed everyone and provided an introduction to the work of the Meadow House Hospice. Geraldine Nevin, head nurse, explained that the hospice was part of the Specialist Palliative Care Service and provided care for the residents of the Boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow. The main speaker was Dr Emma Thompson who addressed the sensitive issues involved with end of life care and the management of suffering and uncertainty. She explained the role of the

hospice in providing relief from pain and the support it gave to patients and families at what is always a difficult time.

The June meeting was set in the context of a Eucharist. There were two main items on the agenda – receiving the Area Dean’s report for the year and the presentation and adoption of the Deanery Accounts, a highlight of which was the grant of £3,800 given to the Dovetail Centre. The Revd Andrew Corsie took the opportunity to outline some of the highlights from his seven year tenure in this job. This included the development and implementation of the results of three key reports: ‘Living Courageously’ (2004); ‘Living with Confidence’ (2006); and ‘Casting the Net’ (2008). Andrew, who had been an excellent and very active Area Dean, received a vote of thanks and warm applause.

At the September meeting the new Director of the London Diocesan Board for Schools, Howard Worsley, gave a presentation on the 200 years of history of Church of England schools in London, the present status and an outline of the schools strategy into the future. There was also a session on ‘Church and the Community – what is volunteering?’ led by Lizzie Saunders of the Ealing Community Volunteering Service where she gave a wide ranging presentation on volunteers and volunteering.

The main item on the agenda of the November meeting was a presentation and discussion on the history of the church in London with particular emphasis on the Ealing Deanery. The main purpose of it was to demonstrate that there were lessons to be learnt from the history of one’s own church that could help with the building on the mission of the church today. The session was led by Bill Jacob, Archdeacon of Charing Cross and John Maiden from the Open University.

Trevor Bates

London Diocesan Synod

The London Diocesan Synod met three times during 2010: on Thursday 11th March at the German Gymnasium, King’s Cross; on Tuesday 22nd June at St Martin’s in the Fields, Trafalgar Square; and on Tuesday 30th November at St Michael’s, Chester Square. This Synod is chaired by Bishop Richard Chartres and is attended by representatives of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity from around the Diocese.

At the March meeting there were several important items on the agenda including an outline of the plans for the proposed King's Cross Development and other large scale developments in London where the church's strategy was outlined and an update given on the status of current negotiations with the various planning and development bodies. The scheme of 'Licensed Lay Ministry' was formally launched by the Bishop of Kensington with an explanation of the background to this initiative and an outline of the plans to roll it out and the place of St Mellitus College in providing lay-ministry training. There was also a discussion on the London Diocesan Environmental Policy (agreed by the Bishops Council in February) and a vote for its approval. Included in this item was a presentation on the recent Copenhagen Conference on climate change.

The June meeting included presentations on 'Justshare', the City of London Investment Fund, which is aiming to raise £1m for microfinance in Africa; on the London Diocesan Board for Schools and its role in the Church's mission in London, and on the 'Children's Charter'.

At the November meeting there was an update on the approach being undertaken in the Diocese in connection with major housing developments and an overview of strategic development work. The LDF Budget was presented and adopted and approval given to inviting parishes to contribute to the Common Fund with the aim of collecting £20.4m towards the mission and maintenance of the church in the Diocese. A report was tabled from the Head of Care of Churches concerning revisions to the Quinquennial Inspection of churches scheme, and a proposal was discussed in connection with the election of representatives of laity to both Diocesan and General Synod.

Trevor Bates

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee meets twice each year to make suggestions of beneficiaries for our Lent Appeal, our Harvest Collection, the Charity Bazaar and the PCC's commitment to outside giving. We take into account nominations of charities by members of the congregation. We also host "Mission Parties" at the Vicarage two or three times a year, and monitor the progress of the latest Mission Action Plan.

Mark Powell

Events Committee

Around 45 people enjoyed our Annual Quiz Supper, held on 30th January. The questions this year were more user-friendly as was evident from the close scores at the end. A raffle helped to boost the profit for the evening.

Some 16 parishioners enjoyed a Saturday morning visit to Handel House Museum on 20th March. We were treated to an extensive guided tour and younger members of the group dressed up in costume from Handel's time.

The APCM on 25th April was well attended but it would have been good to see more staying for the Bring and Share lunch.

Our Patronal Festival on Tuesday, 29th June was well supported with the usual Buffet Supper to follow. We were pleased to welcome back the Revd Richard Hayes as our preacher.

The Jazz Party on Sunday, 11th July was well attended and thanks, once again, to Maurice Pratt for organizing musicians to entertain us. Strawberries and ice cream were in abundance with tea and cakes also available. Thanks must go to all who helped with preparation and serving of refreshments and to Mark and Helen for again allowing us to use the Vicarage garden.

Beating the Bounds on 5th September had to be cancelled due to lack of support on the day.

A new venture in the form of a very successful Wine Tasting evening was held on Saturday, 11th September. Thanks must go to Richard Peatfield for his expertise in hosting the evening.

The Harvest Supper on 2nd October was very well supported and all enjoyed a delicious meal from the Oriental Buffet Club.

Our annual Charity Bazaar on 27th November was attended by a number of visitors as well as our own friends and families. Some £5,600 was raised for Charities both home and abroad and many thanks must go to Richard Peatfield for organizing the event and also to Matthew McAllister for heading up the Promise Auction and of course to all stall holders.

The Carol Service on Sunday, 19th December again ended with the usual glass of mulled wine with mince pie.

The Events Committee would welcome new members or to hear from those who may be able to help with Events on an occasional basis.

Val Stephens

Electoral Roll

Final figures to be announced at the APCM.

Allison McAllister

Administrator's Report

The income from the Hall and Church bookings rose for the year to a figure just in excess of £31,000; we have a new regular group that uses the hall on two evenings a week for Polish Dance. The hall continues to be popular for holding children's parties, many of the hirers returning each year.

Durston House and Harvington School still use the church and hall for their concerts and Durston House have already booked for 2011.

The photocopier lease expired during the year and a new lease on a brand new all-singing, all-dancing machine was taken on at better terms - there is an upside to recession! The office computer was also replaced and it took a few weeks to get to grips with the new operating system and updated office programmes.

The office hours remain the same 9.30-12.30 each weekday morning. A gentle reminder, for notices to be included in the weekly sheet, they should be received in the office no later than Thursday at 12 noon.

As always, thank you to Mark and his team for their continued support and I look forward to another productive year.

Lesley Brooks

Afternoon Club

The club was well supported throughout the year and the programmes for each of the three sessions covered the usual range of speakers on a great variety of topics including travel, art, public services and charities etc. The Royal College of Music arranged two delightful recitals by young students of great talent besides a jazz trio for the Club's Annual Party. Once again in the summer Harvington School hosted members for tea and entertainment by the pupils which was enjoyed immensely and the Club reciprocated by inviting some of the children to the Annual Party. As always the Club was very greatly indebted to its volunteers who so loyally dealt with the excellent teas at each meeting helped in other ways as well.

In December 2010 the Vicar announced that having served as Chairman for 15 years and arranged nearly 300 meetings, David Sladen decided to retire. Unfortunately it appeared that nobody was prepared to take over from him so the Club had its final meeting on 23rd February 2011. It is hoped that it may be possible to found a new club on similar or entirely different lines at some point in the future.

David Sladen

Book Club

The Book Club met four times during 2010 on weekday evenings in someone's home to discuss the book chosen by the group.

The books discussed were: 'The Shack' by William Young; 'The Private Patient' by P D James; 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett; and, for the last meeting, 'The Lady Elizabeth' by Alison Weir and 'Dissolution' by C J Sanson.

More books had been chosen though attendance had declined throughout the year so the last two meetings did not take place. After a survey of participants it has been decided to have only three meetings in 2011. Do come and join us; it does encourage us to read books we might not have chosen for ourselves. Not all those involved necessarily attend every meeting nor does everyone read every book. Apart from the discussion of the books there is time for a chat and occasionally we have some supper.

Madeleine Morse

Bookshop and Library

Receipts were £571 (£493 in 2009) and purchases £496 (£323 in 2009). After allowing for part of the PCC grant for library books (£72) to be carried forward to 2011, gross profit was £3 (£111 in 2009). Although most of the books are on a sale or return basis, some of the books bought this year have not yet sold, resulting in the bookshop making a smaller profit, so we are unable to make a donation to charity this year.

Any religious books for church courses or for personal use can be ordered through the bookshop as this helps to increase our profit which goes to charity and in recent years the charity we have supported is Feed the Minds which gives grants to literature and communication projects in developing countries around the world.

There are eight volunteers running the bookshop on Sunday mornings (twice a month) and their work is much appreciated. If you would like to be involved you will be very welcome.

The library is really worth having a look at, as there is a diverse selection of books and with the PCC grant of £150 this year we have added 11 new books. In addition, some books were donated which was appreciated.

Details of the books purchased for the library and copies of the accounts for 2010 have been given to the PCC Treasurer and Secretary, should anyone wish to see them.

Moira Babary

Charity Bazaar

Once again the annual Charity Bazaar was held on the Saturday before Advent Sunday. This year we made a profit of £5,630, which was all donated to charity - the majority to the SPCK for its work in India and to the Upper Room serving the homeless in West London, with smaller amounts to ten other charities.

We had all the traditional stalls selling a wide variety of goods, particularly for Christmas. On average trading levels were similar to 2009, but particularly impressive sales were achieved by the jewellery stall, and the Raffle. Once again we were grateful for the support of the Cub pack and their parents. We

decided not to have Christmas trees in the south aisle this year, which gave us more space to display material from some of the other charities we have supported since these bazaars began in 1994.

As in previous years over half the profit came from the Promise Auction - we are very grateful to all the people who donated their time or their contacts, and also to those who purchased the promises on offer. Our particular thanks must go to Matthew and Allison McAllister for their tireless work before, during and after the actual day in obtaining first the promises and then the purchasers' money.

There were a number of new faces in 2010; any further offers of help before or at the 2011 bazaar (Saturday, 26 November 2011) would be most welcome at any time.

Richard Peatfield

Christian Aid

During Christian Aid week in May, £3,503, including £326 from Gift Aid, was collected by St Peter's. This exceeds last year's record of £2,339 by £1,165.

My thanks go to my colleagues on the street collection team: Judith and Keith Stephenson, Sheila Clarke, Matthew McAllister, Margaret Kassardjian, Christine Hodges, and Wendy Quill for their hard work doing a difficult task. Tara Crisp also helped distribute envelopes even when recovering from an operation on her wrist. We will miss her support this year.

In addition other members including Mike Tiley, Christina and Harold Stringer and Helen Peatfield helped the Quakers with their collection at Ealing Broadway station.

A special service on Christian Aid Sunday (9 May 2010) was held with a sermon from Keith Stephenson. During his sermon on Sunday, 7 November, David Muir, Senior Regional Coordinator, London & South East Region of Christian Aid, outlined their work at Matopeni, the Nairobi slum in Kenya.

During the year, the Church also donated £327 to Christian Aid which includes a proportion of the profits from the Harvest Supper.

Christian Aid Week in 2011 is from 15-21 May inclusive. New recruits for the house-to-house collecting team are always welcome, so if you have never collected before or have done so in the past please volunteer. Children can help distribute the envelopes but collectors must be adults.

I should like to thank the Revd Keith Stephenson for his continuing advice with Christian Aid work at St Peter's and his help counting the donations.

Angus McAvoy

Christians Together in Central Ealing

The usual main ecumenical events of the year were the service at Ealing Abbey during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Good Friday Walk of Witness & Service in the grounds of Christ the Saviour Church. I have organised the latter for several years, but have now handed responsibility on to the Revd Steve Paynter at St Mary's Church.

CTCE also organised a trip to the Passion Play at Oberammergau in the autumn. This seems to have been a great success, and plans are under way for further ecumenical excursions this year.

We were glad to recruit Wendy Quill as a new representative for St Peter's on the organising group of Christians Together.

Mark Powell

Coffee Report

Every Sunday after Mass refreshments are made available in the Hall for the congregation. Tea, coffee, orange squash for the children, biscuits and/or cakes are served by the members of a group of willing and cheerful volunteers who take it in turns to provide the service.

We thank them all for what they do and all those who help to prepare the hall and put things away afterwards. We also thank Val who makes sure we always have supplies of tea, coffee and squash. If anyone else would like to join this group of volunteers, please contact one of the churchwardens.

Anne Reilly

Contact Report

Contact takes place on Saturday mornings at St Andrew's Church Hall; it is a venue where the non-residential parent can meet their children in a safe and secure environment to talk and play. It is a supported centre, not supervised and is run completely by volunteers.

We support 58 families, helping almost 80 children to meet regularly with a non-residential parent or grandparent.

There are two voluntary co-ordinators who undertake all the admin work. We have a total of 24 volunteers, five of whom are men: each volunteer works for 4 hours on a Saturday morning, on average once every 5 weeks. Four volunteers are on duty each week: one registering the times of arrival and departure; two in the hall where the contact takes place; and one in the kitchen selling refreshments. We do not write reports; we only give times and dates of attendance to both parties and/or solicitors, if required.

We do not receive any grants and rely solely on donations; we thank St Andrew's for allowing us the free use of their hall and facilities and we also thank St Peter's for their donation.

Thanks to all the volunteers from St Peter's, their efforts are much appreciated. We always need more volunteers, both men and women; please come forward even if you could only come once every two months it would help to spread the load.

Madeleine Morse

Counters

St Peter's is fortunate to have fourteen volunteers available to count the collection each Sunday. Each counter counts on the same Sunday of every month, hopefully making it easier to remember one's particular Sunday! Depending on the generosity of the congregation, counting rarely takes longer than 20 minutes. Counters count in pairs, as Church of England Regulations require that two counters are present at each count. St Peter's thanks go to everyone involved.

Rosamund Rowe

Crèche Report

The crèche is currently less well used than in previous years. The families who have been regular crèche users for the last couple of years have now moved up to Junior Church and there are fewer younger families using the crèche on a regular basis. However, the crèche continues to be a very useful resource to support families visiting St Peter's for baptisms and also at times when Junior Church is not running.

Zoe Stumpf

Fairtrade

Fairtrade is a great example of the power of ordinary people to be “good news to the poor”, enabling producers in poorer parts of the world to improve their life chances.

2010 saw continued strength in St Peter's fairtrade activities. The Traidcraft stall is now well established in its twice monthly timetable – first and third Sundays. We are again very grateful to Sarah Hare for ordering stock, getting it to the church, and serving it up, and also grateful to a team who help on the Sunday stall – Wendy Quill, Christina Stringer and Angus McAvoy.

After service fairtrade coffee is now sourced through our own stall, and fairtrade wine and fruit juices are increasingly used at church social events.

The Ealing Fairtrade group has been active this year, launching a fairtrade cotton shopping bag, arranging a Fairtrade Fair in the Ealing Broadway Centre during Fairtrade Fortnight (on a bitterly cold day which made all concerned appreciate the free coffee served by Starbucks volunteers) and at the end of the year launching a fairtrade cotton tea towel.

In June I attended the CafeDirect Annual General meeting, held at the Euston Friends Meeting House, which illustrated the great benefits fairtrade brings to producer communities – accountability, empowerment, education, health care, sustainable agricultural practices. These are just some of the examples of the impact of fair-trade.

The diocese again arranged a conference in January 2011 to encourage the drive towards London becoming a Fairtrade Diocese.

Finally, thank you to all who purchase fairtrade goods – both at our Sunday stall and elsewhere.

Keith Stephenson

Flower Arrangers'

We began 2010 with the promise from Mary Allen of a new pedestal to be dedicated to Peter, Margaret and John Boucher, her parents and brother. It was installed in the church at Easter.

Pat German and I visited a Slough blacksmith who would design and make an iron work pedestal according to Mary Allen's specifications. It is a lighter version of our traditional church pedestals and while we were there the blacksmith agreed to restore the water compartments of our Edwardian stands so that they hold more water and are going to be relatively rust free. The commission was a great success and the flowers seem to last longer in their new water containers.

All our flower arranging activities have gone well and we have been helped considerably by Molly Gordon's generous donations. The church benefited greatly from some rather special flower arrangements which were dedicated to her friends and family.

We would welcome some new arrangers to help with the floral decoration of the church. It need only be an arrangement once or twice a year until you begin to really love the activity and being a member of our team.

The team met several times during the year and we had another successful flower stall at the bazaar at the end of November. Many thanks for all your support throughout the year.

Jane Campbell

Health and Safety

Health & Safety is a very important area and has been a standing item on the agenda of PCC meetings since the development and adoption of our Policy in 1999. We, as members of St Peter's, are all responsible for ensuring that the

building and its grounds are safe and secure and I would encourage everyone to remain vigilant about potential hazards (e.g. blocked doors, broken lights, loose floor tiles etc.) and bring anything that might cause an accident to the attention of the Vicar, Churchwardens or myself.

At the January PCC meeting the Vicar reported that he had received details from the Diocese of new child protection regulations which required those working with children to have both CRB and ISA certificates. The St Peter's Child Protection Policy was renewed, as it is every year, at the PCC meeting in May. At the September meeting the Vicar updated the PCC on details of a training course he had attended earlier that month in connection with the new safeguarding arrangements under the Independent Safeguarding Authority. The new system allows St Peter's to register anybody working with children or vulnerable groups and flags any issues arising with those registered. This is in contrast to the CRB system which provides a 'snapshot' at a particular point in time. It was stressed that the ISA was not replacing the CRB but was an additional check.

The Lightning Conductor System had its annual check and the electrical system and all portable electrical appliances were tested. All fire extinguishers were routinely serviced and Risk Assessments were updated for both the Christmas Bazaar and also the candlelit Midnight Mass service on Christmas Eve. Regular checks were also made to ensure that all internal and external lights and the movement detectors were working. Doors (particularly in the church hall) were cleared of obstructions on several occasions to ensure they could be opened quickly in case of emergency. The fire extinguishers were inspected and checks were also made to ensure that they were in place. The first aid kits were also checked and contents, where necessary, updated.

Christine Bates

Residential Homes Visitors Group & Housebound Communion

After many years, the monthly service at Blakesley House has had to end, but Sheila Clarke still leads a faithful band to Downhurst each month with Holy Communion. Communion is also regularly taken to sick and housebound members, on request.

Mark Powell

Intercessions

The faithful team of intercessors prepare our Sunday prayers in a wide range of formats each week, and we are grateful for that. The prayers usually relate to the Sunday readings or the sermon.

Mark Powell

Junior Church

We have had a lovely, busy year in St Peter's Junior Church. We are now in the happy position of having five leaders and a dedicated team of helpers (though we could still do with some more volunteers for the latter). This has allowed us to have a very varied programme as each leader has brought his or her own ideas and skills to each session. We started 2010 looking at some "Bible Heroes" including some lively sessions on Samson and Esther. After Easter we covered the life of Moses in great detail, from a baby in the bulrushes to his sight of the Promised Land. In the autumn we revisited some favourite parables. We have also tried to show the congregation a little more of our work by taking part in services with some of our older Junior Church members reading and leading the intercessions. We have also enjoyed more than one "Feast" during our end of term parties when parents have generously brought in food to share with the whole St Peter's family.

We are successfully running three groups with the two youngest in the hall and the oldest in the vicarage (by the continuing and very kind permission of Mark and Helen and their family). Broadly the youngest groups range in from nursery to end of Y6 age while the oldest group are senior school age and above. This group have been using a new Scripture Union resource, "The Grid" which offers some very good bible-based but still age-appropriate material.

I have been very grateful to everyone who has offered their support to Junior Church this year but especially to the leaders: Jane Bradshaw, Roland Stumpf, Adam Grimley, Nina Giani and Christine Macallister. Thanks too to all the helpers. We have also been very grateful to Mark for leading some very enjoyable sessions and to the wider congregation for the love, interest and warmth with which you unfailingly respond to children's work at St Peter's.

Susan Peatfield

Music Report

As I write, the choir of St Peter's continues to mourn the loss of a fine singer and a dear friend. The recurrence of Tara Crisp's cancer at the end of the last choir year cast a shadow over the autumn term, though we were all hopeful that she would return to health, and to the alto section. Sadly, she fell gravely ill just before Christmas and we are facing 2011 without one of our most able choristers and deprived of our sunniest presence in the choir stalls. The unintelligible cruelty of Tara's death has brought into sharper relief the exceptional qualities of decency and thoughtfulness in the church community as a whole, and among the choir in particular. Tara's fellow choristers came together during her illness and they offered support, practical and emotional, to her, to her family, and to each other during some unspeakably difficult times. The social benefits of belonging to a church choir could hardly have been better illustrated by this tragedy. It is, meanwhile, a measure of Tara's popularity and the love she inspired that the choir at her memorial service was augmented by a number of former choristers and by two of my predecessors as Director of Music.

The 2010 Christmas Carol Service was an occasion towards which the choir worked extremely hard across four long and tiring rehearsals in the preceding fortnight. Such services tend to mix the traditional and the novel and many of the choral items were warhorses of the Christmas repertoire, notably Pearsall's charming and musicologically significant arrangement of *In dulci jubilo* and Howells' mellifluous *A spotless rose*, featuring Don Kennedy's insightful baritone solo. There were some less well known pieces, though, and the first item in the service was Byrd's thrilling Advent motet *Laetentur Coeli*, an underrated piece making a welcome return to the choir's repertoire after a few years' absence. The choir seem especially at home with sixteenth-century music, but they were on fine form in music by Britten and Warlock too and, throughout this high-profile choral showcase, they performed to an exceptionally impressive standard.

We are always happy to welcome new members into the choir, whether to sing each week or for one-off performances at special services, and I have been delighted that we have managed to turn Alison Germany into a regular. Our soprano section has been strengthened by guest appearances from Amy Hermon-Taylor, a sometime Cambridge choral scholar, and Eleanor Dann, a gifted sixth-form student at South Hampstead High School, while Don has introduced us to Helen Murphy, a fine alto. Perhaps our most notable

honorary member has been Pippa Goodall, an excellent all-round musician who has on several occasions made the journey over from Reading, where she is a gap year assistant in the Music Department at Queen Anne's School, to sing and play the violin. She brought an entirely new dimension to our Choral Evensong in October, not only with her fine soprano singing but also with her exquisite performance of some unaccompanied Bach by way of a voluntary.

We have, alas, had to say goodbye to a splendid bass – and an endlessly affable gentleman – in Simon Kingston, who has moved to Oxfordshire. We wish him well there, though his absence is keenly felt and has left our tenor and bass section numbering only three at full strength. This would be perilous indeed if the remaining gentlemen were not so expert and so committed.

I am moved at this point to declare my concern over the choir's future. St Peter's is, I think, very fortunate in having such an able, versatile and dedicated choir. Many London churches pay for professional octets or quartets while, at the other extreme, many have little or no choral music at all. Few churches these days possess a decent *amateur* choir, and ours is a precious asset that ought to be protected, appreciated, supported and developed. The pleasure derived from the choir's contribution to Sunday morning worship is clear enough from the many kind comments we receive, though at our most recent Choral Evensong, when the music included exquisite canticles and a six-part anthem by Stanford that took hours to rehearse and prepare, the musicians outnumbered the congregation by three to one. I am fearful that without significant recruitment – especially of younger members – the parishioners of St Peter's will not, in a few years' time, be able to count on finding a choir in the stalls to lead the music, and the opportunity to hear a polished choral service on a Sunday evening may have been lost for ever. Against this sobering backdrop, I commend the work of the choir to all at St Peter's and I ask for your help and support in continuing its priceless work.

“There is not any Musicke of Instruments whatsoever, comparable to that which is made of the voyces of Men, where the voyces are good, and the same well sorted and ordered. The better the voyce is, the meeter it is to honour and serve God there-with: and the voyce of man is chiefly to bee employed to that ende.” (William Byrd)

Daniel Webb

Parish Chest

The lead article in the St Peter's monthly newsletter the 'Parish Chest' is the 'Vicar's Diary' which summarised Mark's hectic working life and adventures during the previous month.

There were reports on several of the our services and celebrations including the Carol Service, Christingle and a special Christmas Service for people with learning difficulties, and also for Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Ascension Day, the Feast of Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Music Sunday, St Peter's Day, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday.

Parish visits to Handel House Museum; Lambeth Palace; St Aidan's Roman Catholic Church, Acton, and St Paul's Cathedral were all reported and we received a couple of interesting holiday reviews – one covering the a trip to the Holy Land and another the churches of the Scilly Isles – and there was a full report on the parish retreat to Aylesford Priory. On the social front there were reports on the Quiz Supper, the Jazz Party, a Wine Tasting evening and the Harvest Supper.

Regular features included 'Did You Know?' Here we learnt that there had been two church bells at St Peter's; that the library at Fr Joseph's school in Sudan had been named in memory of the late and much loved Margaret Williams; that a new Area Dean had been appointed in Ealing; that the centenary of the baptismal font was approaching and that the brass lectern used weekly for announcements, readings and intercessions was procured in 1893 for £40.

There were also regular reports summarising the agendas and outputs from various governing bodies of the Church including the meetings of St Peter's Parochial Church Council; the Ealing Deanery Synod and the London Diocesan Synod.

The 'Parish Chest' celebrated its fourth anniversary with the November 2010 issue. It aims to highlight the sheer volume of work that goes on, month in – month out, both within the activities of St Peter's and also by members of the congregation in their Christian lives and charitable activities outside

Christine Bates.

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners is a way of committing to praying both for and with another person. Each partnership is unique and partners have evolved their own way of being together in prayer. This means that there is no one pattern for how partnerships use their time together. Most partners make the simple commitment to meet on a regular basis and to pray for each other's needs.

Collectively these prayer partnerships share in the prayer ministry of the wider community of St Peter's. This is a visible presence in the Stations of the Cross each Holy Week and an unseen one in the very many prayer needs of the parish. Some prayer partners still find it very useful to use the St Peter's Cycle of Prayer for Church and Parish, while others undertake to pray for the petitions on the church prayer board.

During 2010 Prayer Partners also met together socially, at the vicarage and during the summer in Jacquie Holt's beautiful garden. In Advent we met of course to welcome the crib with Sheila Clarke, who once again opened her home and was a wonderful witness of loving hospitality.

It was a great sadness to the group to lose one of our founder prayers, Margaret Williams. Hers was a life rich in spiritual insights gleaned through a long and deep prayer life. We miss her very much but remain inspired by her example to us.

The Prayer Partners prayer is a lovely one written by the late Joan Sadd. It includes the words, "May we be united in our thoughts as we seek your guidance and reassurance in our daily lives". If this sounds as though it is something you too would like to share with others, do please have a word with either Susan or Jacquie or join us at one of our events in 2011.

Susan Peatfield

Sacristan's Report

I am now completing my eighth year in this role and continue to enjoy what it involves. I choose to arrive every Sunday at around 8.15am and take much pleasure in the quiet serenity of the Church at this hour. Preparations for the Service usually take around half an hour but maybe slightly longer if there is a Baptism or a Healing Mass.

I remain indebted to Mark for his continued guidance and to Valerie Cross for taking care of the laundry. To those who help to tidy up after the Service, my grateful thanks – You know who you are!

Val Stephens

Servers' Report

It's good to have a serving team encompassing such a wide range of ages, but a few more recruits would be good, especially acolytes (candle-bearers) and thurifers (incense).

Mark Powell

Study and Education

In 2010 we held a Lent course and an Autumn/Advent courses. We had intended to use the diocesan Lent course, but the material was published so late and was so complex that we abandoned hope of getting it ready in time, and instead Father Mark gave four talks on the gospels and their challenges for Lent. Each of these was within the context of a penitential service. Attendance was good, and held up well throughout the series.

Following some suggestions from a questionnaire circulated to the congregation in the spring, Mark and Margaret preached a series of sermons on the loose theme of Christian basics. These included information about things that we see and do in church, and used the celebration of RSCM Sunday as an opportunity for a lightning tour of the history of music in worship.

The Autumn/Advent course ran for six weeks in November and December. It was based on 'Not a Tame Lion', a course which explored the writings of CS Lewis and their interpretation in the Narnia film series and 'Shadowlands', together with various Bible passages. There was consistent attendance, but unfortunately the audience was smaller than we would have liked.

The 2011 Lent course has been planned (and will have been delivered by the time this report is published.) However, any of the clergy would welcome suggestions for courses or study themes that we might run later in the year.

Margaret Joachim

Welcomers' Report

We have a very good team of Welcomers at the moment who are always ready to greet members of the congregation as they arrive for Services. They play a very important role in our ministry as they are invariably the first point of contact on entering the Church. This is especially true if newcomers are visiting. I remain indebted to those members of the team who continue to perform this role on a regular basis. Volunteers are never turned away and I would love to see anyone who feels they would like to contribute to this part of our Services.

Val Stephens

Uniformed Organisations

4th Ealing (St Peter's) Brownie Guides

The 4th Ealing (St Peter's) Brownie Guides meet each Wednesday during term time from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. At present we have 22 Brownies in the pack.

As always, we have carried out a wide and varied programme. Crafts and cooking are always popular. We have been looking at World Traveller Badge and the Brownie Traditions Badge and it has been nice for the girls to learn some of the more basic skills that girls of their age used to have before the advent of electronic games and television!

Traditionally, 4th Ealing Brownies have sponsored an elephant in a wildlife reserve in Africa; the foundation helps orphaned baby elephants and rehabilitates them ready for life back in the wild. This year, however, we decided to sponsor an animal closer to home and adopted Ricky the Rockhopper penguin who lives at London Zoo. Since adopting him we have taken a trip to the zoo to visit him and we hope to go again soon. One of the sixes even wrote him a poem which his keepers have put up in the kitchen where the penguin food is prepared.

We are happy to have the help of Helen Peatfield, who has proved to be an invaluable member of the team. Now that Helen has turned 18, she is able to begin working towards her own leadership qualification, and we are happy to be supporting her through the process. We would like to take this opportunity

to say a special thank you to her as she gives up her time to be fully involved in all that running a Brownie Pack entails.

As always, we need to thank those people who help behind the scenes and give up their time to step in when Aimee or I are unable to make it or to help prepare resources, particularly Jacquie and Colin Holt, and of course thank you to Aimee with whom I run the pack.

Charlotte Nicholls (Snowy Owl)

Guides

This year we have had around 24 guides. Claire Bates continues to help with the unit and Louise Braine who is our Young Leader has almost completed her adult leadership qualification. I am very grateful to both of them for their help and support.

During the year as well as working on their guide challenge badges, the girls have completed the agility badge, cooked inside and out, went raft building, played games and enjoyed crafts. In December we went ice skating at Westfield followed by doughnuts.

There were several centenary events ending with the guide movement taking over Trafalgar Square in October to celebrate 100 years and looking forward to the next 100.

I do have a waiting list for guides. If your daughter is planning to join us when she is 10 then please let me have her details when she turns 9.

Liz Everett

1st Ealing (North) Beavers

2010 has been a busy year with continuing celebrations of our Group's 30th Anniversary. Events and activities through the year included attending the annual District St. George's Day Parade in April, participating in the Beaver Bonanza Fun Day at the County camp site at Chalfont in May, helping at our Group AGM Bazaar stalls in Montpelier Park in September, enjoying the District Fireworks at our campsite at Stoke Poges in early November, attending the Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London also in November, participating in

the fund raising children's quiz for the Jamboree in late November, helping with our first year of selling Christmas Trees to help raise funds (and comments suggested there were a lot of satisfied customers), rounding off the year with a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Badge activities through the year included work on Global, Adventure, Creativity, Explorer, Friendship and Health and Fitness badges. We're now looking forward to our District Centenary celebrations and also the 25th Anniversary of Beavers being established in our District. Many thanks to all those who help throughout the year especially our Young Leader Laura and our Scout Helper, Genevieve.

Martin Elliott

1st Ealing North St Peter's Cub Pack

Our Cub Pack meets on Thursday nights in Montpelier Park. It is a very active group completing as many badges and activities as we can, to encourage the development of our Cubs.

This year we showed strong performances in the annual Swimming Gala at Gurnell, at the District Football championship in Hanwell, where we brought home Silverware, and the Cross Country where we won the team prize last year. There is always a big turnout at the Athlete's Badge at Perivale Track, where the Cubs can enjoy a day of athletic challenges.

Camping is an important part of Scouting. In spring, we took 20 Cubs to the Lord Amory Scout Ship, in the Docklands and hiked to the Maritime Museum, walking under the Thames via Greenwich tunnel. Our spring Camp was at Chalfont Heights, where we completed a local hike, cooked lunch on campfires and developed some skills in the Archery range. Some Cubs also joined the District Camp at Stoke Poges for a week in the summer. Our autumn camp was at Phasels Wood where the Cubs took part in pot holing, hiking, archery and air rifle shooting. In October, the sixers and seconders had the chance to experience many water activities at the Longridge Water Activities Camp in Marlow.

We visited RAF Hendon and had an evening 10 pin bowling at Park Royal. Cubs also experienced a chilly, District Water Activities Day in the Docklands at the Lord Amory. Closer to home, you'll see our Cubs exploring Ealing for the Local

Knowledge badge and planting 'trees for the future' in Montpelier Park with Ealing Council Park Rangers.

This year we again took part in the Mother's Day and Harvest Festival parades at St Peter's Church and ran a stall at the Christmas Fair selling toys, old badges and running games. All of which raised £47.

Finally, a word about adults in Scouting: a big thank you to our parents – camps, expeditions and pack nights wouldn't be successful without their help. Even with parental help, we still need Leaders. So, if anyone is interested in joining the Leader Team, we'll welcome you with open arms!

Sharon Lunney