

Christchurch, Chilwell
Annual Parochial Church Meeting 26 April 2010
(for acceptance at the 2011 APCM)

Welcome

Alan welcomed everyone to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, asked God's blessing on our meeting and together we sang in praise of God.

Apologies were received from Pam and Ray Fardon, Maureen Ashdown, Phil Wilmot, Sally and Brian Hodges, Paul Beedell, Gill Perkins, Peter Benson, Trish Roberts-Thompson, David Martin, Mike Rose, Russell Bachelor, Dave Fox, Matt and Jay Howe and Jenny Corcoran.

There were 98 people present.

Casting a vision

Inspired by Indiana Jones' three trials Alan reminded us of Joshua who was relentlessly positive despite significant challenges. Joshua led the people of Israel into a river in flood. Alan wondered what 'rivers' we will step into in this next year.

Alan reviewed 2009 and the developments in our services of worship and our service of our communities. At Christchurch, St Barnabas (Inham Nook), Pathway and now St Barnabas (Lenton Abbey) there have been new beginnings, some endings and lots of development.

News as of 25 April 2010 is that Jenny Corcoran will become associate priest with responsibility for Lenton Abbey from September 2010. She will therefore continue to work as part of the staff team here in the way that Lillian Heptinstall does.

Our vision is

*to be a people transformed by God,
seeking to transform our communities with love*

Our values are

to be loving	that all belong	to be inclusive
to teach helpfully	to nurture, especially our children and young people	
to grow	to work in partnership	to be local

This year:

- our finances need to be sufficient to recruit another staff member, improve the hall and develop the way information is communicated as well as maintain what we do. The estimate for this is that giving needs to increase by 14% or £40,000. There will be a gift weekend at Pentecost (May 23)
- This year outreach can not be left to a few. We all must be actively involved in the lead up to the autumn Alpha.

- inter-church healing on the streets will begin
- we celebrate who God is and all God does

(Alan's slides will be available on the church web-site)

Election of Church Wardens (Vestry Meeting)

Nominations for Church Wardens were received for:

Graham Roseblade (Proposed by Crian Wilson, seconded by Lyndsay Rose)

Crian Wilson (Proposed by Graham Roseblade, seconded by Pat Reed)

As there were no other nominations both Crian and Graham were duly re-elected.

Appointment of Sidespersons

Graham Gardner, Louise Rostron and Chris Youngman are the 3 sidespersons who lead the welcome teams at 9.00, 10.45 and 7.00 respectively. They were re-appointed for 2010.

Graham reminded us that the welcome teams would benefit from more people being involved and thanked everyone who works to maintain the life and work of the church.

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2009

Margaret Birchall proposed that we approve the minutes and they were signed by Alan.

There were no matters arising.

Election of PCC members

Nominations for PCC members were received for

Liz Jordan (Proposed by Crian Wilson, seconded by Nigel Adams)

Sheila Moore (Proposed by Crian Wilson, seconded by Jenny Biss)

Charles Hume (Proposed by George Russell, seconded by Crian Wilson)

Helen Mather (Proposed by Chrissie Fox, seconded by Margaret Metcalfe)

As there are 5 places on PCC these people were elected unopposed.

There is a fifth person proposed who is not yet on the Electoral Roll and who will (once on the Electoral Roll) be co-opted by the first meeting of the PCC.

Margaret Birchall was thanked for her remarkable 43 years of membership of the PCC and given flowers as a token of our gratitude. (New members of PCC being assured that this length of service is not mandatory.)

Financial Statements

Gary Stephenson presented the financial summary as detailed in the accounts available in the 2009 Summary Report and the full Annual Report. Gary recognised the hours of work given by numerous members of Christchurch and the value of these above and beyond financial gifts. He encouraged us to base our financial giving in a response to God rather than on the perceived need (2 Corinthians 8)

Gary proposed that we ask Baldwin & Co to be our auditors.
This was agreed by Margaret Birchall and accepted by the meeting.

Questions about the finances:

Alison Swindell Why is there a difference between Gary's projected figures and Alan's estimate of need?

Gary Stephenson The regular giving will provide a maintenance budget but any developments (as in Alan's vision) will need greater giving

Jenny Biss What happens to Jules Walton's money?

Gary Stephenson We will work within St John's Centre for Youth Ministry timescales so there will not be any expenditure on Jules after the end of April. The priorities for youth work will be reviewed.

Graham Gardner: Will money given specifically for youth work be spent on youth work?

Gary Stephenson Yes.

Chris Youngman Does the budget for staff salaries assume a new employee to use the money that had employed Nigel?

Gary Stephenson Yes

Alison Swindell What would we need to spend on a good PA system?

Charles Hume £5,000 has been spent already and this year another £5,000 will potentially be spent on the audio-visual system.

Written reports

There are written reports in the Annual Report for 2009. The summary has been circulated widely but in the hope of saving a tree the full report is available on the website and in paper for anyone requesting it specifically.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this and particularly to Crian who ensured that reports were received.

The agenda also has reports from the Electorall Roll and Deanery and Diocesan Synod on the reverse.

General questions

Keith Stevenson The church hall kitchen is inadequate. Has thought been given to this?

Charles Hume If we want to bring the hall up to modern standards we need considerable funds. There are currently plans to make a start on the refurbishment but if money is available we will use it to improve the kitchen and the hall.

Ann Gardner reiterated concern about the safety of the kitchen and the hall, especially for use by children

Charles Hume said that this will be looked into again.

Graham Gardner Is there a timetable to review the need for another member of staff?

Alan Howe This is a priority for the new PCC and will be done as soon as possible

Penelope Wallace What is happening to Jules Walton's work?

Alan Howe There are 3 volunteers continuing the work with Energy youth group on Sunday mornings and there is a good team working with the mid-week group but this is a high priority for the staff.

Penelope Wallace Is there an update on connecting everyone into a small group?

Fran Beedell Only two people have formally asked to be connected to a small group. No-one will be forced to join a small group or be connected to a small group but the benefits of belonging in this way are supported by Alan, Chris Roseblade and Fran. Many people belong to groups that are not 'small groups' and so belong to the church in this way.

Alan Howe We recognise that belonging is about relationships and is not easy to structure.

Chris Youngman Who will now take on the responsibility for supervising Tim Bevington?

Alan Howe Two people from the children's groups leadership team have agreed to offer this supervision. St John's CYM are happy with the placements we have offered and continue to offer. We will take another CYM student in September if the right person applies.

Jenny Biss Will we have a new curate when Jenny leaves?

Alan Howe Alan is a training incumbent and Jenny becoming Associate Priest at St Barnabas Lenton Abbey does not affect this. We hope to have another curate in September 2011 if the right person is available and this hope is supported by the Diocese.

Claire Easun How does improving the hall help with mission?
Alan Howe Relationships with groups using the hall are valued and it is
 hoped that an improved environment will encourage more
 groups and therefore more relationships.

Gary Stephenson encouraged church members to be involved in groups and
developing relationships
George Russell said that he feels the hall is dishonouring to God and needs fixing.

Mandy Stott How, practically, do we move the vision and values forward?
Alan Howe The staff, PCC and others will be involved in developing
 practical strategies. There are some concrete proposals
 already, for example, from June there will be a 'Welcome
 Course' to replace the 'Welcome Tea' for newcomers to
 Christchurch and there will be targets for the different church
 groups related to outreach.

Kirsten Buchan Will we do Swanick again?
Alan Howe Yes. Swanwick 2009 encountered some difficulties because
 July is such a busy time of year. Swanwick 2011 will try a
 winter date and is planned for 21 – 23 January.

Close

Alan thanked everyone for the support he has received. This has been a good year
but has also been a personally demanding year and he is grateful for the
involvement of so many people.

He then closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.