

THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
BOLTON DEANERY

**THE PARISH OF FIVE SAINTS, NEW BURY WITH GREAT
LEVER**



Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year beginning 1st January 2010 and ending 31st December 2010

Ministers

Team Rector:

Rev. Bob Horrocks
Five Saints Rectory
130a Highfield Road,
Farnworth, Bolton BL4 0AJ

Team Vicar from 28th April 2010

Rev. Jenny Penn
St Michael with St Bartholomew Vicarage
130 Green Lane
Bolton BL3 2HX

Team Assistant Curates:

Rev. Alison Comber OLM
Rev. Tony Cowell OLM
Rev. Elaine Larkin OLM (Priest May 10)
Rev. Dave Thomson NSM until 19th October 2010

Methodist Link

Rev. Stephen Radford

Evangelism Project Officer

Sr. Dorothy Needham CA

Bank

Barclays Bank Ltd
Prestwich, Cheetham
Salford

Charity Registration Number: 1134133

Parish of Five Saints, New Bury with Great Lever

The Parish is a Team ministry covering the area of South Farnworth and Great Lever along the Manchester Road corridor in the Bolton Metropolitan Borough and is situated in the Deanery of Bolton and the Diocese of Manchester. The population is 21,721. It has an overall index of multiple deprivation of 41.2 but contains some areas within the 10% most deprived in England. The Parish is mainly residential with some large council estates and an industrial and commercial corridor along Manchester Road and the northern section of the parish.

There are 4 centres of worship in the Team.

St Catherine's Church in Highfield & Community Hall (Anglican/Methodist LEP)

St George's Church and Hall - Plodder Lane

St James Parish Church

St Michael with St Bartholomew Parish Church

The Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2010 was 233

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*
The average Weekly attendance was -	over 16's	129	149	141	132	121
	Under 16's	62	82	86	69	69

*St James Church closed for worship during the year – the attendance figures are for the 3 remaining churches

There are 3 church schools in the parish – St James CE Secondary, St James CE Primary and St Michael's CE Primary.

Priorities: Our general priorities as a church

1. Spreading the message of Jesus
- 2= Helping people to grow spiritually
- 2= Caring for people
4. Praying together
5. Providing worship for all
6. Learning about our faith
7. Working with young people
8. Involvement in the community
9. Baptisms, weddings and funerals
10. Working with other churches
11. Working with other faiths
12. Looking after the church buildings

Mission Statement

Being Jesus
Enjoying Jesus
Sharing Jesus
Through Jesus

The **BEST** that we can be

Web Site: www.fivesaints.org

CHURCH COUNCIL 2010/ 11

	St James	St Catherine	St Michael	St George
Warden	Vacancy	B Gannon	R Senior	A Collingborn
Deputy Warden	Vacancy	Sheila Smith	V Brooks	R Faulkner
PCC	E Vining J Broome 2 Vacancies	S Tomkin A Gibbons I Tomkin M Caughey	M Brockie K Crossley 2 Vacancies	C Faulkner T Morton J Holmes C Crawley
Stewardship	2 Vacancies	I Tomkin J Fairbrother	2 Vacancies	J Holmes B Boardman
Pastoral Reps	J Broome E Vining D Walduck (volunteer)	M Caughey S Smith	A Parr P Darwell V Senior (volunteer)	C Faulkner 1 Vacancy
Mission Reps	2 Vacancies	N McCall 1 Vacancy	M Brockie 1 Vacancy	J Wilson A Collingborn

DEANERY SYNOD (ex-officio on PCC)

Amanda Collingborn (G), Christine Faulkner (G), Ian Tomkin (C), Elsie Vining (J),

Electoral Roll Officer: Christine Faulkner

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Julie Holmes

Vice Chair: Ian Tomkin

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C. and the Teams above)

PCC REPORT

The PCC have had some very difficult decisions to make this year, mainly the decision to declare St James Church building redundant and the closure of the churchyard.

The process has begun to bring SS Simon and Jude's into the Parish. Both PCC's met before decisions were made and this process is set to complete in the coming year. These two items have taken the bulk of the PCC's time this year.

Hoot Credit Union has been welcomed to the Community Café each Friday at St Catherine's.

Job Descriptions have been written and agreed in line with Common Tenure, for Jenny and Bob.

The Remarriage of Divorcees Policy has been reviewed, discussed and re-written.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT

The main focus for the Stewardship Team in the Year 2010 has been to bring together the accounting systems for all churches and to ensure smooth and safe running of the buildings.

The following work has been completed:

- St. Catherine's Quinquennial
- Stewardship Leaflets entitled You are a Gift From God designed and distributed re giving both time and money and ways to get involved
- Chancel crack at St George's – this has been monitored for movement before repairs can commence – there is no movement.

- St Michael with St Bartholomew – much work has been completed (worship continued in school) and the congregation are now back in the church.
- Hoot Credit Union has now commenced to tie in with the additional day of the community café at St Catherine's
- New Parish Account set up
- St Michael with St Bartholomew Quinquennial carried out
- St George's cellar steps are to be made safe

The following is work which was started in 2010 and is ongoing into 2011 :

- The removal of the Japanese Knotweed at the back of St Georges
- Counting slips to be the same in all churches
- Removal of ashes and plaques from St Simon and Jude's to the columbarium at St Michael's
- Repair to St George's chancel
- Health and safety issues across the parish linking with insurance
- Redundancy of St James building
- Closure of St James graveyard
- Treasurers now report in same format as each other

MISSION TEAM REPORT

In 2010 we have been busy in the Mission Team

Organising social events such as a Harvest Line Dance and gentle walks through Moses Gate Country Park. Co-ordinating the practical arrangements for Jenny's licensing. Learning more about St Simon and St Jude's parish. Developing the ideas suggested at the Vision Day into an Action Plan. From that plan the following has been achieved;

- Looked at how we nurture discipleship and structure it through smaller groups and START courses.
- Encouraging young people to take a more active role in services.
- Developing contact with the schools – St James and Harper Green now visit St George's as part of their curriculum.
- Providing information to the congregation on decisions through a synopsis after each meeting
- Looking at how we can improve links with the community through the Forums.
- Encouraging people to get involved in Bolton wide initiatives
- Produced a list to help churches focus on who does what and how others can become involved.
- Looked at how we as a team can provide consistently good worship.

Still to do

- Encourage members of the congregation to get involved in the community of the parish beyond attending services.
- How we can provide a visible presence in the New Bury area.
- Develop a more positive attitude to inviting friends into the church.
- Building a stronger involvement in the issues of our community.
- Developing Fresh Expression throughout the parish, including a men's group.

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

At the meeting on the 19th of May the Pastoral Team had a change of leadership with Revd Tony Cowell standing down as Chair and Revd Jenny Penn taking over the reins of the Chair. Rev Elaine Larkin was elected as the Vice Chair of the committee. Thanks for the group were passed on to Revd Tony Cowell for his hard work with the Pastoral Team.

At this meeting the Revd Jenny Penn put forward the "Everybody Welcome" course which she felt was a good thing for the Pastoral Team to do and to look at how welcoming we ourselves and our building's really are.

It was decided that the course would be held at Jenny's home on the second Tuesday of a month from the 14th of September 2010 for 4 months. This was duly done and the Pastoral Team started to follow this interesting course.

At the 29th November meeting a discussion on the progress of the course was held with a lot of positive information being shared between the teams.

Jenny also asked at that meeting for information on the Healing Prayer Team and the Home Communion Team. Revd Elaine Larkin explained that 4 members of the Pastoral Team had undertaken the course for the Healing Prayer Team which was now up and running and services were incorporated into the general rota of services. Revd Tony Cowell said that he was the link for the Home Communion Team.

The meeting on 14th February 2011 was the planning meeting on how the "Everybody Welcome" course could be run across the Parish during Lent. It was decided to run the course at St. Michael's and St George's after the service during the coffee time for four weeks during lent starting on 13th March for the next four consecutive Sunday's and to run the course for four Tuesday's at the Friendly Hour at St. Catherine's starting on 24th March. There was also to be an evening session at St. Catherine's on a Tuesday Evening's 15th 22nd 29th March and 12th April 2011. Although the course was offered in an evening it was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. The course materials were used in the sermons series and handouts as well. The Pastoral Team will be collating the data from the questionnaires used as a part of the "Everybody Welcome" course and it is hoped that some welcome teams would be formed after Easter in each church to keep the focus on the welcome and take the suggestions forward.

It was hoped that members of the congregations across the Parish would want to be involved in this course.

METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT

- Revd. S Radford completed his 1st year as Superintendent of the circuit having settled in to the Manse at 12 Kinsley Drive. The circuit membership grew slightly with significant growth at Trinity and Christ Church.
- The president of conference, Rev Alison Tomlin, visited the circuit going to Boothstown Methodist School and having a meal at Walkden Methodist Church.
- The children of 4 primary schools (over 1000 children enjoyed Rhema Theatre's production of Angel's Delight.
- St. Catherine's 7pm Thursday service continued to grow.
- The youth work was reorganised following Christine Fallows being made full time and given the children's & youth worker's co-ordinators role.
- Kearsley Mount completed the refurbishment of their building with its focus as a community venue. The community brass band was started with over 40 people joining.
- Worsley Methodist Church started to review the use of their premises and look towards a modernisation scheme at their front.
- Holiday clubs were run at Walkden and Christ Church.
- During the year 500 Bibles were presented to primary school children through the Bibles for Children Scheme.
- The Men's group continued at Clegg's Lane receiving a number of awards.

CHILD PROTECTION REPORT

There were no reports made to me in 2010 of any issues relating to Child Protection or safeguarding.

In April 2010 I attended a Safeguarding Coordinators meeting at Trinity Methodist Church for which I have a certificate. Sheila Smith (deputy Warden at St Catherine's) and myself will be attending a Safeguarding Coordinators Meeting at St Helens Road Methodists Church on 18th May 2011.

Last year Sheila Smith and myself attended Sessions 1 2 & 3 of The Developing Skills for Children's Work. We are booked in to take Sessions 4 5 & 6 on Saturday April 2nd. 2011. Both will be certificated.

I look forward to another successful year as Child Protection Officer with Five Saints Ministry

June Hall

TREASURERS REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I can advise that the Parish Share of £50295 was paid in full in 2010 which is the first time in many years that Five Saints has achieved this.

It is fair to note that the full payment was the result of a legacy received and giving alone would not have achieved this.

INCOME

Planned giving has reduced again from £36733 in 2009 to £33788 in 2010 this is a reduction of £2945 and follows a reduction last year of £7582 so it is fair to say that planned giving is on a downward trend.

Collections and other giving is fairly stable - £7164 in 2010 and £7276 in 2009 although again a slight downward trend is seen.

As a result of reduced planned giving, gift aid received has reduced from £7618 to £7133 in 2010 which is a worrying reduction in view of the planned reduction to the amount of Gift Aid to be received from April 2011 as a result of the removal of transitional relief.

EXPENDITURE

Whilst overall expenses have increased from £131303 in 2009 to £214528 in 2010 which relates to the inclusion of all fees collected and passed to the diocese and a capital expenditure of £90150 re St Michael's restoration – overall expenses have actually increased. Clergy expenses and property expenses are generally similar to last year when combined. Church running expenses are increased as would be expected with the increase in utility prices over the last year, to a total for the Parish of £25881 which is a £8816 (£3665 relates to St Michaels renovation) increase on last year and is a worrying trend in view of reduced giving.

ASSETS

Reduced considerably due to the liquidation of the Ada Smith fund (funds credited to Bank account re fabric of St James Building - £5640).

LIABILITIES

Amount in Parish account to be remitted to designated Charities as part of our mission work - £3117.11

DBF Loan relating to St Michaels amount outstanding.

Team Rector: Rev. Bob Horrocks

Date: 28 March 2011