

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - ST LEONARD'S CHURCH - GLAPTHORN - ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

CURRENT ACCOUNT

| Receipts | Payments | Notes | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|---|
| 947.90 | | Donations in Alms Box (£47.90) and payments direct to Treasurer (£900.00) | |
| 71.20 | | Smartie Appeal | |
| 4197.72 | | Collections at Church Services (<i>excluding Gift Aid rebate – see below</i>) | |
| 25.22 | | Collection at 1 Blessing of baby | |
| 190.00 | | Fees from 1 wedding | |
| 5133.00 | | Standing Orders (<i>excluding Gift Aid rebate – see next item</i>) | |
| 2087.48 | | Gift Aid rebate from Inland Revenue | |
| 200.00 | 200.00 | Sale of harvest Produce. Used to support Tear Fund and Family Care (£100 each) | |
| | 120.00 | Donation by standing order to Casa Alianza | |
| | 105.00 | Annual Donation for Missionaries Christmas gifts (£30), Bell Ringers Association (£25), British Legion - poppies (£25), and St Luke's Hospital for Clergy (£25) | |
| | 565.00 | Clergy and Organists fees and expenses | |
| | 92.71 | Misc. requisites (<i>Bread, candles, palms, etc</i>) | |
| | 168.32 | Electricity supplies | |
| | 188.20 | Water - Standing Charge only | |
| | 362.97 | Gas | |
| | 264.03 | Servicing heaters | |
| | 35.83 | Servicing fire extinguishers | |
| | 9579.00 | Parish Share (<i>paid in full</i>) | |
| | 75.00 | Fees - Synod Fee (£45) & Land registry Fee (£30) | |
| | 20.84 | Wine for after Song of Praise | |
| | 20.37 | Stationary | |
| | 2576.09 | Two yearly premiums (incl. 25% discount). Cover for 2009= £3,235,259.00 | |
| | 9.95 | Flowers for Grace | |
| 245.00 | | Fund raising activities (£145 kindling; £90 racks; Tea cosies £10) | <i>These proceeds (£3558.96 net) remained in the current account, rather than being transferred to the fabric account, to minimise potential overdraft levels at critical times through the year.</i> |
| 217.35 | 18.00 | Wildlife Teas | |
| 2246.55 | 1148.35 | Hog Roast | |
| 527.46 | 57.00 | Pate Plonk & Puds | |
| 565.00 | | Coffee Morning | |
| 189.40 | | Carol Singing round the village | |
| 884.55 | 36.00 | Christmas Cracker Bazaar & Big Village Christmas Card | |
| | 57.00 | Cost of meals after Carol Service (receipts in 2009) | |
| | 465.00 | Transfer to General Deposit Account to reflect reduction in Parish Share. (see below)* | |
| 17727.83 | 16164.66 | | GAIN = £1563.17 |
| | | Opening Balance £ -£498.99 overdrawn | Gain £ 1563.17 |
| | | | Closing Balance £1064.18 |

COMBINED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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|---------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 2.77 | | Interest from CBF C of E deposit account | |
| 465.00 | | *Transfer equivalent to reduction in Parish Share held in reserve until needed to help others | |
| 467.77 | 0.00 | | GAIN = £467.77 |
| | | Opening Balance £ 4.06 | Gain £ 467.77 |
| | | | Closing Balance £471.83 |

ORGAN DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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| 62.20 | | Interest from CBF C of E deposit account | |
| | 91.65 | Organ tuning | |
| 62.20 | 91.65 | | REDUCTION = £ 29.45 |
| | | Opening Balance £ 1176.67 | Reduction £ 29.45 |
| | | | Closing Balance = 1147.22 |

CHURCHYARD DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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|----------------|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 239.48 | | Interest from CBF C of E deposit account | |
| 1402.00 | | Funeral fees, headstone fees, interment fees & collections at funeral services | |
| | 160.63 | Servicing and repairing Mower | |
| | 874.00 | Maintenance - straightening headstones (£154.00) and grass cutting etc (£720.00) | |
| 1641.48 | 1034.63 | | GAIN = £606.85 |
| | | Opening Balance £ 4122.94 | Gain £ 606.85 |
| | | | Closing Balance £ 4729.79 |

FABRIC DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1050.78 | | Interest from CBF C of E deposit account | |
| 200.00 | | Grant from Ecclesiastical Insurance for church restoration | |
| | 160.00 | Application of SmartWater to lead roofs | |
| 1250.78 | 160.00 | | GAIN = £1090.78 |
| Opening Balance £ 18736.52 | | Gain £1090.78 | Closing Balance £ 19827.30 |

FLOODLIGHTING CURRENT & DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

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| 5.45 | | Interest from CBF C of E deposit account (£1000 transferred to new deposit account) | |
| 265.00 | | Donations for dedications | |
| | 168.40 | Electrical repairs | |
| 270.45 | 168.40 | | GAIN = £ 102.05 |
| Opening Balance £ 1108.00 | | Gain £ 102.05 | Closing Balances (£ 204.60 current + 1005.45 deposit) |

2008 receipts exceeded payments by £3801.17. Total wealth stands at £28450.37 Examined by Rex Porritt

St Leonard's Church – Annual Report for 2008

Introduction

This report is designed to meet the requirements of the Charities Act 1993, and associated regulations, as they affect PCCs. The PCC is a charity, but is exempt from registration with the Charity Commissioners. This is due to change over the next few years.

Background The PCC is responsible for Church of England Christian worship and fellowship in the Parish of Glaphorn; the maintenance of St Leonard's Church; and the upkeep of the Churchyard. The PCC is assisted by the Social Committee which is responsible for the organisation of social events and fund raising activities. Members are listed on the front cover.

Church Attendance

Glaphorn is a small village of just 111 homes and a population of just over 300, including children. There are 24 on the Electoral Roll. The average adult Sunday attendance rose by 1 to 27. We are pleased to see several attend from Oundle and further afield, some quite regularly. However this means the attendances by villagers have declined slightly over the years. Details of services and other church activities are notified to villagers in a regular newsletter. Keeping villagers well informed and providing the option of 2 services each Sunday, has undoubtedly contributed to the good attendances. Also during the year there were services for 1 baptism, 1 marriage, and 6 deaths.

Changes to the PCC & Social Committee

Rosemary Weatherburn stood down as Churchwarden, but remains on the PCC. Dorothy Coleman and Geoff Gent left the PCC. Pauline Davidson became the new Churchwarden, relinquishing her former role as secretary which was taken up by Tricia Newton. We are thankful for their services in these roles over the years. In other respects the membership of the council and committee, and positions held, remained unchanged.

Pattern of Worship

The monthly pattern of services was unchanged

- 1st Sunday of the month - Family service - Richard Ormston
- 2nd Sunday of the month - Communion - John Beaumont
- 3rd Sunday of the month - Communion - Richard Ormston
- 4th Sunday of the month - Matins - Jeremy Firth
- 5th Sunday - Deanery Service at various locations

Review of the Year

Several worthwhile fund raising activities were held including

- Teas for Wildlife Weekend
- Hog Roast
- Sale of racks for recycling bins
- Pate, Plonk & Puds
- Carol Singing round the village
- Coffee Morning
- Christmas Cracker Bazaar
- Big Christmas card

The success of many of these events is the result of hard work by Cherrill Sands and the social committee; the PCC; and the involvement of many other villagers, in particular John Coleman, Jonathan and Alison Reading, Maureen Gent. and Monica Crosby. We are very grateful for their time and effort. The proceeds of these activities helped to meet our ever increasing financial commitments. The largest regular expense is our Parish Share, which stands at £10,044 (including a provision to help others). The amount payable will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future. Funds were needed to avoid an overdraft so no monies were transferred to our deposit accounts. This led to a campaign for new or increased standing orders. This was very successful with new arrangements coming on stream towards the end of 2008, and at the start of 2009. This has improved income needed to meet regular expenditure and should enable us to transfer most of the proceeds from fundraising activities to deposit accounts in future.

Building Matters

- Headstone straightening was nearly completed in the year.
- Plans were produced for installing a toilet and kitchen.
- SmartWater was applied to lead roofs
- Proposals were produced to reduce the width of the front pews to provide more space for other purposes
- The installation of an audio induction loop and/or amplification system, was further deferred.

Financial Situation

The PCC operates 7 accounts:

- Current bank account and a combined deposit account for general receipts and payments.
- Interest bearing Fabric Account for the maintenance and upgrading of the church building, fixtures, fittings and furnishings therein. Because this is our most costly outgoing, the PCC will usually resolve to apply money from major fund-raising activities to this account, and also transfer any surpluses from the above accounts to it. This was not possible in 2008 due to high risk of an overdraft in the current account.

- Every Sunday evening - Evening Prayer - Charles Wide

Eight special services were held during the year:

- Ash Wednesday Communion Service on 6th February.
- Good Friday Service on 21st March.
- Songs of Praise on 3rd August.
- Harvest Festival on 28th September, followed by an auction of produce, and a bring-and-share supper in the village hall.
- Remembrance Service on 9th November.
- Christingle on 7th December.
- Carol Service on 21st December, followed by supper in the village hall.
- Christmas Communion on 25th December.

Additionally the Sunday Club for children meets monthly in the Village Hall. This is run by Verne Stark, Helen and Sid Charlton, and Julia Hart. Children from Sunday Club and Glapthorn School also participated in services, including the nativity play at Christmas.

The church remains open during daylight hours for private worship and reflection, as well as for visitors.

- Interest bearing Organ Account for maintenance of the organ.
- Interest bearing Churchyard Account for the purchase and maintenance of mowers, and other equipment for the upkeep of the churchyard. Also for any work undertaken in the churchyard. The main source of receipts here are fees for interments, burial of ashes, and erection of headstones.
- Floodlight current account and a new deposit account for donations arising from dedications for floodlighting, and to cover extra expenditure caused by floodlighting

The last five accounts have very specific purposes and are considered "Restricted Accounts".

In 2008 receipts exceeded payments by £3801.17. Our total wealth stands at £28450.37.

Plans for Year 2009

There are three main activities for the year ahead:

- Continue holding regular services, and increase participants.
- Continue the programme of improvements to the church.
- Secure funds through events & grants for more renovation.

Bob Brewer - (*Treasurer*)