



PARISH OF ALL SAINTS WITH SS PHILIP & JAMES, FLEET

welcoming all in our community into the love of Christ

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PARISH REPORT 2011

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

All Saints and Ss Philip and James PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, the Revd Roy Woodhams and the Associate Vicar Revd Andreas Sistig to promote within the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibility for the maintenance of the two church buildings, the Fleet Parish Community Centre and 38 Oasthouse Drive.

The council comprises the Incumbent and Curate, Churchwardens and a requisite number of other parishioners. Some are elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, others are ex-officio. A parish is obliged to assign a number of persons as representatives of that parish on to the Deanery Synod, which meets several times in the course of the year. The Parish of Fleet is within the Aldershot Deanery. The Parish and Deanery lie within the Diocese of Guildford.

Our Parochial Church Council April 2010 to March 2011 comprised:

Incumbent:	Revd Roy Woodhams	Chairman
Associate Vicar:	Revd Andreas Sistig	
Non-stipendiary Minister:	Revd Jennifer Sistig	
Readers:	Mr John Simson Mrs Mary Goodson	
Wardens:	Mr Nick Doran Mr Andrew Moyse	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Dr Jon Harrow Mrs Jane Jones Mrs Jean Carr	
Elected Members:	Mrs Juliet Worthington Mr Paul Allen Mr Jonny Anscombe Mr Mike Benham Mr Will Judge Mr Alan Butterfield Mrs Tricia White Mrs Anne Biffin Mr Richard Buller Dr Tony Cooper Mrs Dian Eddy Mr Nicholas Evans Miss Erica Ford Mrs Jane Jones Mr Brian Meeres Mr Peter West Mrs Anne Smith	Treasurer

Mrs Kate Wickenden
Mr John Watts

Co-opted member

Mrs Cath West

Secretary

PCC SECRETARY

The **Parochial Church Council** of the Parish of Fleet has met 10 times during the year with an excellent average attendance at most meetings.

Much of the work of PCC members is completed through the meetings of sub-committees, which take place in between the main PCC meetings. The minutes of these meetings are circulated to all members of the PCC and discussed further as necessary. This year has seen the Buildings Project Group draw to a close and a new committee has been set up to oversee the running of the new FPCC. The SS Philip and James Fabric and Management committee are overseeing the planned improvements at P&J.

This year the PCC has discussed numerous topics including spiritual, legal, financial, pastoral and missionary aspects of parish life. Many discussions have focussed on practical issues such as repairs and maintenance, health and safety policy and redesigning of various leaflets and creating the Pastoral Leaflet, whilst others have tackled wider issues such as finances, fundraising and Churches Together matters. All are important in order to ensure the effective running of every aspect of our parish life.

There have been many improvements in the Church facilities over the last year. Following many years of discussion, planning and hard work we now have the new Fleet Parish Community Centre. New lighting is in place at All Saints Church. We are nearer to fulfilling plans to improve facilities at Ss Philip and James Church. As well as the proposed extension at P&J the heating system will be replaced shortly and an audio-visual system will be installed. The Parish Office has been set up in its new home and provides a great working space in the centre of the Parish – with great coffee on hand!

Cath West
PCC Secretary

Standing Committee

The PCC has a Standing Committee of not less than five persons. It is the only committee required by law. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of the standing committee with the addition of at least two other members. The standing committee shall have power to transact the business of the council between the meetings thereof subject to any directions given by the council.

Sub-Committees

The PCC is divided into Sub-Committees in order that the parochial affairs may be run smoothly. They meet between full meetings of the PCC. They have no executive powers apart from the main council body. Other parishioners may be co-opted on to these sub-committees.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHWARDENS

IN RESPECT OF ALL SAINTS

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the running of All Saints this year especially when I was detained elsewhere! It amazes me when I think of how many people I have found who are involved in running the Church and that's before I think of the special effort that went into the new Lighting System and the long-term effort to build the FPCC!

ALL SAINTS FABRIC & MANAGEMENT

We have compiled a list of defects to ensure that the Church and Graveyard are suitably maintained not forgetting that we need to clear the items on the 2008 Quinquennial report. Major projects dealt with this year include:

- New Lighting
- The Lady Chapel roof
- Vandalism both inside and on the side the Church
- Boiler room flooding.

As part of the building of the FPCC various trees had to be removed including the cedar between the Meeting Room and Church. An improved system of pathways now surrounds the Church resulting in a much-improved view of the building (which is the only Grade 2 star building in Fleet) now the rhododendrons and cypresses have gone. With the approaching spring we should see the roadside bank blossom thanks to the many donated bulbs and it is intended to set up a gardening group soon to develop the Graveyard.

The Fleet Parish Community Centre is now up and running thanks to the Buildings Projects Group, which has now been dissolved. The Centre includes a new Parish Office with suitable small car park, which makes life so much easier for visitors and those who help in the kitchen. The kitchen serves the best coffee in town! For the time being the Interim Hall Management Group consisting of the Vicar, Elizabeth Waller, Lynda Hix, Richard Buller and myself will complete its fitting out and resolve its operational problems.

My thanks to all the members of the F&M sub-committee Johnnie Anscombe, Mike Benham, Tony Cooper, Dian Eddy, Jenny Thorne and to Jeremy Keep and Graham Hix for advice. Also to Ray Oldham who has again completed the Inventory ready for the Arch-Deacon's Visitation in May.

Andrew Moyse

Churchwarden and Chair of All Saints Fabric & Management sc

IN RESPECT OF SS PHILIP & JAMES

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Concerning Ss Philip & James...

My first year in office has certainly been a busy one. I am very grateful to all those who have supported me during this time – and to everyone who contributes to the life of our Church week by week. I have had a great deal to learn about the day-to-day running of the parish as well as inheriting responsibility for two major projects at Ss P&J.

We have now accepted a tender for the replacement of the Heating system at Ss P&J, so I hope we will soon have endured our last shivering winter services! The new system will use conventional radiators and should solve our humidity problems in the building as well as being cheaper to run. The faculty application for this is in progress.

The long awaited construction of the Extension is almost upon us. The faculty is already approved and we have just selected the contractor who will do the work. We are hoping for a start date immediately after Easter.

During the next few months we also expect to install a new audio-visual package, which will allow us to project on to the front walls of the church, and will greatly improve the quality of our sound system. We are also exploring the possibility of making the altar rails removable.

All of these changes will provide us with a great opportunity to open up the use of our Church building, both for ourselves and the wider community in Fleet.

SS PHILIP AND JAMES FABRIC AND MANAGEMENT

The committee has met monthly throughout the year and has overseen many changes and improvements – notably:

- Clearance of the garden, erection of new fencing and re-roofing of the shed and garage.
- Addition of a ‘cleaner’s sink’ in P&J Hall and a new outside tap for the gardening team.
- Removal of the old cold water tank and replacement by a pressurised system – which takes away the need for regular legionellosis checks.
- Numerous small repairs and fixes.

I am grateful to all the committee for their willingness to volunteer and ‘get things done’!

Nick Doran

Churchwarden

SS PHILIP & JAMES FOCUS GROUP

During the course of the last year P&J’s Focus Group has continued to meet on a regular, bi-monthly basis to discuss any issues concerning the congregation of Ss Philip and James.

Because of its consultative and open-minded approach the work of the Focus Group has yet again proven to be extremely helpful in making decisions, implementing changes and starting new initiatives especially in areas of worship, fellowship and general maintenance. Our regular meetings always include a feedback session in which we evaluate all activities, services and fellowship events since our last meeting, deal with any issues brought to us by members of the congregation, and look ahead to the coming months.

Our discussions have resulted in the institution of regular Eucharistic services in the “round”, changes regarding the seating of clergy and congregation, the “pitch” of All Age Eucharists, the involvement of our children in the services and a variety of other liturgical changes. We are also looking regularly at fellowship opportunities, upcoming building issues and new and creative ways in which we can make best use of our facilities. Due to the exciting plans for P&J over the next few months we have begun to meet on a monthly basis since January. This will continue until we feel that we have settled sufficiently into our new facilities and activities.

We would like to thank the regular members of the Focus Group for contributing in a very open, honest and lively way to the success of the group. Although, at present the group consists of 11 members, our meetings are open to all members of the congregation and we would like to take this opportunity to invite others to attend any of our meetings or to contribute in any other way to the conversation about ministry and fellowship at P&J. Our meetings take place on the third Sunday of every month after the All Age Worship Service (11am to 12.30pm) in P&J church.

Nick Doran and Andreas Sistig

REPORTS FROM PCC SUB-COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The committee oversees the general financial dimension of the work of the parish, monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls, and managing investments, funds, legacies and stewardship.

The above is defined in a separate Financial Statement.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NURTURE

Like in many other parts of the parish, the last twelve months have seen some substantial changes and, I am pleased to say significant growth in the activities relating to young people/children. The following report sums up briefly what has been happening in the various groups/activities relating to young people and children in the parish.

Panto (Carolyn Ford)

One of the more significant commitments to our youth work is the annual Youth Pantomime, now having completed its 35th season with the recent performance of 'Jack and The Beanstalk'.

With auditions and rehearsals starting last September through to the five performances in early January, we see not only the involvement of several young people (about 25 of them took part in this year's performance) but also the commitment in time and talents of many members of the parish in directing and producing, scenery/stage design and painting, stage construction (and subsequent demolition), lighting, sound effects, music, stage management, make-up and refreshments.

There is a wealth of time, talent and professionalism that goes into making this annual event such a success, and the true reward is in seeing the young thespians develop and achieve over time, as many of the cast commit themselves to the productions for several years.

Praise & Play (Kate Wickenden)

Praise & Play have had an interesting year, dodging electricians and builders, to meet in All Saints Lady Chapel and choir vestries and the group developed a strong camaraderie coping with the difficulties. Now we're all appreciating the space and opportunities of the new Centre. Our numbers have grown to about 15 babies and toddlers each week plus mums and other carers. From May 4th, another group will start on Fridays, from 10:00 to 12:00, run by Aline Anscombe.

Messy Church (Adele Redgrave)

Messy Church has now been running for 5 months in which we have had 4 really successful Messy Church sessions. Each time we hold a Messy Church our attendees increase. The last session on Sunday 27th February had 16 children ranging from 1 to 9 years of age. We have had a great response from the children and parents of both our churches. At our last Messy Church we taught the children a song and sang it to the congregation which many of the congregation enjoyed. Our next session will be on the 10th April at All Saints followed by one on the 17th April (Palm Sunday) at both churches. We look forward to growing from strength to strength with the help and support of both congregations.

All Saints Junior Church (Liz Fallon)

All Saints Junior Church has a regular attendance of about 6 or 7 children, with others turning up more occasionally. We have also expanded our team to 3 leaders and 3 helpers, with each pair running one session a month. Recently we have started using the resource, Roots for children and

young people. Although it is still early days, we have been very pleased with the structure and fresh ideas this brings to our sessions. After several months of holding Junior Church in the choir vestry, we are now back in the hall and the children are enjoying the extra space this provides.

All Saints Creche (Martine Dyer)

We have a lively small group of babies between the ages of ten months to four years, mostly boys at the moment. The number varies from week to week. They spend half an hour in the crèche from the beginning of the service until the “peace”. The time is occupied mostly with games and books and they are looked after by two helpers and any parent who wishes to stay. We have nine ladies and one gentleman who help on a rota basis. They all come from the congregation.

P&J Junior Church (Jennifer Sistig)

P&J Junior Church meets each Sunday in term time during the 10am service and currently consists of a younger and an older group. Although attendance varies, we usually minister to more than fifteen children, and it has been such a pleasure to see the younger children develop friendships and settle in. The leadership team is going through a significant transition with Karen Kite resigning after many years of selfless ministry to our children. A team of seven leaders and five helpers continues to share this ministry led by Revd Jenny Sistig at the moment. We hope to continue grow and consolidate so that we can offer the children consistent teaching in an enjoyable way.

P&J Creche (Rachel King)

The Crèche at Saint Philip and Saint James is run 3 times a month. During the course of the last year we have lost some staff leaving now 6 people on the rota. We have lots of new toys which Margaret Tant has provided us with. Our average weekly attendance is 2 children. We are looking forward to the possibility of a new room in the future and the relocation of the crèche. I would like to thank those people who are currently serving on the rota for their caring ministry.

Youthgroup (Andreas Sistig)

Having left our much-loved room in the old Meeting Room at All Saints last June, we have had a very “cosy” year, meeting on a weekly basis in P&J’s clergy vestry. But, that hasn’t been able to stop 6-9 teenagers to meet in order to chat, play, discuss issues of faith and go on outings together. Now that Thursday evening’s ballet classes have moved to the new Community Centre at All Saints, we have had a lot more space in P&J’s hall and kitchen, which has been extensively used to play soccer, cook together or to play with the Wii on the big screen.

Confirmation Class (Andreas Sistig)

This year’s confirmation class has started to meet in February and is expected to run until early May, culminating in the confirmation service on May 10th with bishop Christopher. We are a group of 9 teenagers between 12 and 15 who meet, led by Andreas Sistig and Claire Holt, on Tuesday nights to explore issues of faith, spirituality and life’s big questions.

Other Youth activities (Andreas Sistig)

For a while we have been thinking about starting an additional Youth group, catering for teenagers aged 15 or older. Instead of coming together on a weekly/bi-weekly basis we have decided to rather run a series of once-off events, which will be able to cater for all teenagers in the parish. Some of these events are: watching the Panto-DVD, having a fancy-dress sleepover at the Community Centre, going Canoeing and doing the “Go ape” course in Alice Holt forest etc.

We are all very excited about the positive developments this last year and are looking forward to an equally positive and exciting year 2011/12.

Revd Andreas Sistig
Committee Chair

THE STEWARDSHIP GROUP - FUNDING OUR FUTURE

The Stewardship group was formed in April 2010 and our campaign started on 9th May 2010 with sermons at both churches and an invitation to everyone to complete an 'ideas sheet'. We then ran a series of workshops during May and June where we could discuss our funding situation in more detail. During the whole month of October the sermons in both churches were themed around the subject of Stewardship, and at the same time we published a Funding our Future booklet to provide more information. Most recently we have sent individual letters to everyone in the Parish thanking those who have responded so far and asking others to consider doing so.

Since April 2010 our annualised income from Planned Giving has risen by 32% to approximately £113,000 including Gift Aid. This represents a remarkable response by 62 people in the Parish and we are grateful for it, but we still have a long way to go to achieve our long term target of doubling income from Planned Giving.

Unlike previous Stewardship campaigns, this one is an ongoing process which will continue indefinitely. Our funding situation is something we fully expect to come back to on a regular basis over the coming months and years.

Nick Doran

Committee Chair

DISCIPLESHIP

The aim of this group is to offer the following;

- The opportunity to listen to speakers who will inform us about issues and topics that are current and controversial.
- The opportunity to develop our faith and grow our spiritual life.

During this year we heard the Rt Revd Christopher Herbert talk about Euthanasia Law.

The Revd Sister Lucy Clare shared insights about her life as a nun and then as a priest.

Pauline Moyse led a five week course on reading the Scriptures prayerfully.

A visit to Sandham Memorial Chapel in Burghclere to see the war paintings of Stanley Spencer.

A talk on Afghanistan from a civilian's viewpoint given by Antony Jones.

We hope to provide another interesting programme later this year. Suggestions always welcome.

Revd Pauline Moyse

Committee Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

This year Anne Biffin, Anne Smith, Nick Doran, Nic Evans, Graham Hix and Peter West (chair) were on the committee. We continue to produce a wide range of posters, leaflets and other publications for all aspects of Parish life. The Parish Magazine circulation and advertising have held up well in the present economic conditions and provide valuable funds. Thanks to Charlotte Betts for helping to keep advertising revenues healthy. Thanks also to Bernard Potter who has finally bowed out of involvement with the magazine after having prepared advertising copy and been an occasional editor for many years.

Communications also advised on and assisted with the re-useable banner purchased for P&J and the audio visual equipment for the new FPCC and for P&J.

The Parish Web Site had 34,192 'unique visits' during 2010, an increase of over 39% from 2009 and a tripling of visits since 2007. During the year we have set up the full parish diary on the website and supported the Funding Our Future campaign with all the presentations and sermons and copies of the planned giving forms.

Thanks to all of this year's committee and particularly to Anne B for chairing during my enforced absence.

Peter West
Committee Chair

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

2010 was another busy year for the Social Committee – Parish Lunches, Coffee Mornings, Concerts, Progressive Supper, Beetle Drive, Garden Party, Quiz Evening, Harvest Supper to name just some of the successful events. None of this could have been achieved without all members of the social committee working together as a team – giving of their time and talents to not only enhance the fellowship of the Parish, which is the most important part of our working together, but also to raise valuable funds for the whole Parish – so everyone gains. A huge thank you from myself, as Chair of the Committee, to all its members and to everyone who supported us throughout the year. 2011 has also started with a huge boost with our new Parish Community Centre opening and the launching of our Coffee Bar Monday to Saturday 10 – 12.30 each day.
Thank you

Elizabeth Waller
Committee Chair

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod continues to meet three times a year in parishes around the Aldershot deanery. Present at these meetings are the clergy and lay representatives which include from Fleet, Jean Carr, Jon Harrow and Jane Jones. We discuss current issues or events, hear about initiatives of outreach or good practice in other parishes and pray for each other's ministry. Earlier in 2010 we heard about the Nepalese church and how a network of congregations is growing up in the Aldershot area. Later in the year Padre Tim Cole came to Christ Church Crookham to talk about the spiritual dimension of soldiering and how the army is building partnerships with local communities. In June at Church on the Heath, the Bishop of Guildford attended the meeting and spoke of his vision for the diocese.

Women bishops dominated the agenda of the first meeting in 2011 at Holy Trinity, Aldershot. A motion on Women in the Episcopacy was debated with speakers for and against followed by questions from the floor. After a well ordered debate, the motion to approve of proposals to admit women to the Episcopacy was passed as well as a second motion that to remain an inclusive Church, amendments should be passed to enable those unable to accept the ministry of women bishops to receive Episcopal oversight from another Bishop. The results of this debate will be relayed to the Diocesan Synod meeting later this year before being properly debated at General Synod.

Jane Jones
Deanery Synod Representative

BUILDINGS PROJECT GROUP

So what can I say.... 2010 was a momentous year in the life of this Parish with regard to its Building Projects. The original brief in 2003 was to look at what we should do about 'Fernhurst' our decaying property which housed the Parish Office, and if we sold it where should the Parish Office be situated. That is all history now as in May we successful sold 91 Kings Road to a family who are busy renovating this Edwardian house and loving being there. In January 2010 we went for planning permission for our new Parish Community Centre and work began in October, by Homelodge, who have produced a fine practical building from which to plan our future reaching out

to the Community of Fleet. Our Parish Office is situated there and together with the newly opened Coffee Bar forms the centre of our outreach. This has been a true team effort characterised by proactive willing inputs from a range of people. We now look forward to the new developments at P & J which will, in the care of Andreas, Nick and their team, carry forward the Parish Vision to serve our community of Fleet.

Chris Waller

Buildings project group chairman

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS, VISITING, AND PREPARATION TEAMS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Team Members have continued to visit the families of the children to be baptised at All Saints or SS P&J during the year. The baptism visitor discusses the service with the family and checks the official details and tries to answer any concerns raised by the family. The visitor attends the actual baptism service to assist the clergy and to greet and support the family.

About a month later we make contact again and once more inform them of what is available in the parish suggesting suitable services such as All Age Worship, Harvest and the Crib service along with Praise and Play, Junior Church and the Creche facilities.

At the end of June, another successful tea party was held and once again we thank Sheila and Richard Buller for hosting the party in their garden. We had a good attendance, despite the distraction of a World Cup Match but enough to say we had a very jubilant Andreas!!

The Baptism team has been led successfully for many years by Sheila Buller who is now stepping down into “semi retirement” and on behalf of the team, I thank her for her hard work and support at all times.

Later this year we hope to welcome some new members to the existing team, which at this time, consists of Lynn Binnersley, Jane Booth, Jeremy Keep, Suzanne Rogers and Trisha White.

Nancy Dawson

Pastoral Assistant

BEREAVEMENT VISITING

Members of the team continue to visit those in the parish who are bereaved and to offer them ongoing support.

Thank you to Jane Allen, Aline Anscombe, Robert Frost, Jenny Kellegher, Tricia Maguire and Gilbert Rowland. The team meet together to pray and to offer each other support.

Revd Pauline Moyse

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

The group continues to support a regular group of up to ten parishioners one of whom has recently joined us. Personal circumstances may change but our ongoing role is to provide much needed, and greatly appreciated, support, friendship, love and prayers to cope with often difficult and long term situations.

We meet together informally approximately every six weeks. New members are always welcomed.

Mike and Sue Huddie

FLEET AND CHURCH CROOKHAM GROUP CHAPTER

Group Chapter held three meetings in 2010, in March, June and November. In our June meeting we welcomed two new members; Andrew Moyse from All Saints and Paul Allen from Ss Philip & James.

The joint Fleet and Crookham Marriage Preparation Day was run successfully on 27 February 2010 in the Victoria Halls, Hartley Wintney. Attendance was lower than previous years, but all who were there found the content interesting and useful. It would be good to hear from any married couple in the parish who feel they may be able to join our Marriage Preparation team, as occasionally leaders (communication facilitators) are not available on the scheduled date.

Pulpit swaps took place on 23 May and 26 September 2010. Again no opportunity was taken to arrange a joint PCC Away Day or a joint Staff Retreat.

However, two musical events were held during the year. On 28 March (Palm Sunday) a Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week was held in Ss Philip & James Church, much appreciated by the small number of congregation present. There was also an Advent Carol Service held on 28 November (Advent Sunday) in Christ Church. Members of all three churches took part in both services, including some of the young members of Christ Church choir who joined in with the Advent service, together with their leader Carolyn Bodiam.

Carolyn Ford

OUR GROUPS AND TEAMS

ALL SAINTS WIVES' GROUP

We currently have 30 members, and our meetings are well attended and open to guests. We have had very varied speakers this year, from the work of a police helicopter pilot, to the history of Easter Island and a very amusing talk on the role of hats! Other topics covered by speakers have included the Magistracy and the history of an Edwardian house in Fleet researched from letters and postcards Discovered behind a fireplace during renovations.

We had a very interesting guided visit to Loseley Park House, and a guided walk around the Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve, and a very enjoyable skittles evening.

In September 2010 we presented a cheque for £575 to Step by Step, and heard something about their exciting new building project due to open this year.

Our chosen charity for this year is the Cove Family Contact Centre which provides a safe and supported place for children to meet up with the absent parent after family breakups. Fundraising is underway for this charity.

Our aim is to be a friendly and welcoming group, so please come along and try us out... 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 8pm P&J Hall.

Barbara Lyons

MEN BEHAVING GODLY TOGETHER

Men Behaving Godly Together is the new name for the ecumenical men's group, currently celebrating its 4th anniversary.

We have had many special events in the last few years and our numbers have steadily grown. In July last, we were entertained by Steve Legg, editor of 'Sorted' a Christian men's magazine and a

seasoned entertainer to boot. Robert Frost gave us an in-depth look at the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureau (combined with the MoneyCoach movement). Ken Shorey, the former head of Court Moor School and currently a member of the General Synod, discussed 'Being a Dad' and other matters. Russ Parker outlined the work of the Acorn Healing Trust, of which he is the leader and gave us some examples of Christian healing.

In October/November we held a review meeting to plan for the future, where we changed some characteristics of our meetings.

Geoff Wickes

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Last summer (2010) the Wednesday Morning Church Coffee Group transferred from Fernhurst but its members, being both stoical and resourceful, now hold their weekly meeting at the back of Ss P + J Church itself. We are small but loyal group who are appreciative of the quiet and calming Eucharist which precedes the meeting. All who attend the service are very welcome, afterwards, to join us for a cup of coffee, and enjoy the informality of this friendly group. We are indebted to those doughty members who supply the refreshments and from the small profit made, donations are made to perceived local groups. e.g. P+J Gardeners, Jack's House etc., from time to time.

Frances Draper

GIRLS' GROUP (God In Real Life Situations)

Girls Group is 21! This coming of age was the cause of great celebration and took place with a special service at P and J led by Jennifer Sistig and attended by several 'old girls' who looked younger than ever! We then moved into the hall for a wonderful feast. It was a very happy time and an opportunity to thank God for so much over the years. It was only the photographs of our grown-up children that gave away the passing of the years!

During the past 12 months we have enjoyed a full programme of bible study, meeting monthly on Thursday evenings. In March, nineteen Girls are off to Park Place near Fareham for our retreat with the Indian nuns there. New Girls are always welcome as we look forward to our 'adulthood' (though I doubt we shall be any more sensible and we still love cake!)

Elly Wilson

ALL SAINTS SERVERS

We have provided a team of servers for every sung Eucharist service plus the Easter Eve ceremonies. We have lost two servers over the year and so far I have been unable to recruit any replacements but will keep trying!

Meanwhile I would like to thank all the servers for their loyal support.

They are: Bella, Vikki, Liz, Joan, Vicky, Charlotte, Tina and Mike. Thank you all!

Bill Wickenden

Servers' Leader, All Saints

SS PHILIP & JAMES SERVERS

The Ss Philip & James serving team currently has 15 members, including young people and adults. We serve at the 8.00 am and 10.00 am Eucharist services on Sundays, as well as at some of the services held to celebrate festivals in the church's calendar.

In 2010, we were sorry to lose Rosie Hart who has gone to university. We have appreciated her loyal service for several years as Acolyte and latterly Crucifer and wish her all the best for the

future. We were pleased to welcome Jonathan White who joined us as Acolyte. It has also been good to welcome back Antony Jones after his time in Afghanistan.

At present I am pleased to have a number of Acolytes to choose from when the time comes to organise the rota. However, it can be difficult sometimes to find enough MCs amongst whom to share the duties, especially for the 8.00 am Eucharist on alternate Sundays – only four of us are committed to serve at this time, and during holiday times it can be difficult finding someone available. Anyone who regularly attends the Eucharist at Ss Philip & James and is interested in serving can always approach me to get more information about it. We would be very happy to welcome new members to the team, all of whom give their time willingly to ensure a calm and smooth Eucharist service so that those attending are able to concentrate on listening to God.

Carolyn Ford

Servers' Leader, Ss Philip & James

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer group continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 11.00hrs except during August, Christmas week and Easter week. We meet in the Lady Chapel at All Saints Church and we welcome anyone to join us. Those of us who are happy to lead the group take turns as leader each week. Our Group takes the form of three short readings followed by three five minute meditations in silence when we reflect on the readings and also a chosen sentence or quote which is displayed for us all to read. We are seated in a circle. We also pray for anyone who needs our prayers including prayers from the prayer request board. Our regular worshippers comprise a group of about nine but any one is welcome as and when they feel they need to join us, perhaps in times of need. Our Group includes people who worship at various other churches.

Since the last Parish report we have had a period of time, during the building of the new hall and the installation of the new lighting system, when we have been unable to use the Lady Chapel with the Play and Praise needing accommodation. We have been very grateful to Yvonne Wyatt who has generously lent her peaceful home to us.

Please feel free to join us one Tuesday at 11.00 and share in our Contemplative Meditation.

Aline Anscombe

Taizé Prayer

On the evening of the fourth Sunday of each month we have a contemplative service at P&J, with candlelight and quiet singing of music from the Taizé community. This is followed by a bowl of soup and the opportunity to network. The service is a wonderful opportunity to contemplate and de-stress in preparation for the next week, and the singing is an effective aid to prayer and to listening to God.

There is continuing support for this service and many of the regular attendees are visitors to the parish and friends from the other churches in Fleet and Church Crookham.

Carolyn Ford

CATHEDRAL LINK

2010 proved to be a relatively quiet year on the surface at least, but see later – none of the excitement of the 2009 Flower Gala, for instance, but with a wider range of services, concerts, lectures and so on. The vandalised engravings on the West Door windows, which I referred to last year, were replaced in the autumn.

The major event of the year was the appointment of Residentiary, Canon Jonathan Frost as Bishop Suffragan of Southampton in the Diocese of Winchester, and consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral on 30 November.

Fleet Parish was involved twice in the presentation of the bread and wine at the Cathedral Sunday Eucharist. Terry and Janet Henshall acted on behalf of Elvetham Heath Ecumenical Church (which is within our parish) while Tony Holbeche and John Watts represented Fleet on the other occasion. I am always interested to know of anyone who would like to perform this duty when the opportunity arises.

The Reverend Canon Angela Weaver, Canon Pastor, continued to be my contact. The Link works both ways – apart from regular personal contact, information comes from the Cathedral, which is posted on our notice boards, while I send news about Fleet. I can always ask Angela for information, or to answer questions that baffle me!

So, perhaps 2010 was the “lull before the storm”, with a lot going on behind the scenes in planning for the Golden Jubilee of the consecration of the Cathedral in 1961. The colourful calendar of events has been placed in both churches, and I can provide more if wanted.

Being your contact between the parish and the Cathedral is most satisfying. I hope to be able to continue for a while yet.

Anthony R Brown

Cathedral Link Representative

CHURCH ON THE HEATH

Church on the Heath Review of 2010

2010 marked an important milestone in the life of the Church on the Heath: our tenth anniversary. It has been great to see how God has blessed and grown the church during its first decade, including:

- Tenfold growth from a seeding group of 25 to over 250 ‘regulars’ today;
- A steady trickle of people finding and growing in faith;
- Evolution of a varied pattern of worship services, appropriate for our context;
- The opportunity of designing and constructing a church building appropriate for the community and the church’s pattern of ministry;
- The challenge and excitement of funding the project, seeing how faith grows when it is stretched;
- The development of an expanding team of volunteers and staff to resource the church’s ministry;
- A good age balance among those attending church, including vibrant children’s and youth work;
- A high level of engagement with the local community;
- A developing programme of disciple-building, including a network of small groups and a programme for individual Bible reading, supported by a monthly Bible Hour service; and

- A combination of prayerful dependence on God with strategic planning for the future. During 2010, we prepared a development plan for 2010-15 to follow on from the previous plan.

A few features of the past year have been:

- **Alpha** – there were two evening courses in 2010, helping people address big questions. Alpha is an important part of our ministry, and is helpful for people wanting to spend time thinking about the central tenets of Christianity.
- **Christianity Explored** – this autumn series prepared several people for a formal profession of faith: some people who had previously done Alpha, and others who hadn't, took part.
- **Confirmation, Believer's Baptism or Affirmation of Faith** – seven people (six adults and one young person) made these important steps of faith in 2010.
- **Programme of services and teaching** – As part of our varied service pattern, on Sunday mornings in 2010, we have had series on John's gospel, Genesis (the life of Joseph), Evangelism and periods using the Lectionary. Sunday evenings included themed programmes as well as series on Ephesians and 1 Timothy. Graham and Anne Horsley moved on in mid-year, and we wish them God's best in their future ministry – it is a credit to Graham that the cafe church and 'Encounter' teams have been well equipped and envisioned to sustain these services.
- **Preparing the Church Development Plan 2010-15** – as part of this process we held a 'working service' one Sunday morning and a congregational working morning the following Saturday. The plan highlights three priorities for the coming years: outreach, discipleship and Sunday morning services.
- **Children's and youth work** – 83 children and young people worship regularly at the Church on the Heath, and we saw an average of 43 under 16s at Sunday services in 2010.
- **Infant thanksgiving, dedication or baptism** – 32 families formally expressed thanks to God and were prayed for at Sunday services in 2010.
- **Our Youth Worker Helen Wolstencroft** – Helen graduated with a degree in Youth Work and Ministry (congratulations Helen!) and now works directly for the church, part time with her other work time spent with FACCTS.
- **Links with Elvetham Heath Primary School** – the 570 children at the local school visited the church for special services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, and the church has a significant presence at the school, taking assemblies and ALF, and among pupils, parents, staff and governors.
- **Administration and Lettings** – the past year has seen major growth in lettings, which are ably handled by Laura Ashley and Haydon Wilcox. Lettings reflect widespread community links and popularity, requiring us to recruit an Administrative Assistant in January 2011. We welcome Alex Pascoe in this role during his gap year.
- **Lent Course** – this was 'Just Walk Across the Room', attended by over 40 participants.
- **More snow!** – January saw the deepest snow yet at Elvetham Heath, and December reminded us that shovels and supplies of salt are an important part of church life. It was great to see the church buzzing, and serving local people well, when so many other things ground to a halt.

The church's planned activities in 2011 will include:

- Steps towards implementing our new development plan, including services focusing on our priorities for the coming year.
- Morning services on psalms, the words of Jesus on the cross, Luke's gospel, Acts and the 'minor' prophets, as well as periods using the Lectionary.
- In the 400th year since the publication of the King James Bible, a coordinated programme to encourage people to read more scripture, using the 'Essential 100' programme.

- A Bible Hour programme providing a whistle stop tour of the Biblical foundations of Christian belief.

The Price family moving on – it has been a privilege for the Prices to be part of what God has been doing at Elvetham Heath over the past decade, but we believe the time is right for the church and for us to move on. Please pray for God’s blessing on the church in finding a new minister and on the Prices in moving to pastures new.

Revd David Price

OUR MUSIC

ALL SAINTS CHOIR

The choir at All Saints’ has continued to thrive during 2010 and has been very pleased to welcome several new members during the course of the year. As always the choir has sung at services every Sunday throughout the year, as well as at several weddings, hopefully enhancing the occasion for the couples involved.

Amongst special choir events was the singing of Stainer’s *Crucifixion* on Good Friday, when we were joined by singers from other choirs in the town, with the vicar as guest organist, as well as participating in services on Ash Wednesday, Easter Eve and Ascension Day.

The autumn period proved to be a rather challenging time, fitting around major building works, which required the choir vestry to be used as a general store - most things have now been removed - as well as the installation of the new lighting system which, after a few teething problems, i.e., choir and/or organist plunged into darkness at crucial moments, has really enhanced the ambience of the All Saints.

In November the choir led the civic Remembrance Day service and later in the month joined in the Fleet Festivities singing carols outside Waitrose. During Advent the choir participated in the joint service at Christ Church Crookham on Advent Sunday, and later singing carols in both Fleet Hospital and at Sunrise Living. The Nine Lessons and Carols on the Sunday before Christmas was a very well supported and joyful occasion.

The ecumenical Fleet Musical Evening (formerly Choirs’ Evening), now so called because of the decline in the numbers of choirs in Fleet and district, was unfortunately cancelled in 2010. However, it was somewhat hesitatingly revived at short notice in January 2011: this event was supported by some of the churches in the district. All Saints’ contribution was Tallis’ setting of Psalm 100.

All Saints’ Choir always welcomes new members – rehearsals are on Friday evenings, details in the parish magazine or from the organist.

Tony Cooper

Organist and Choirmaster

SS PHILIP & JAMES CHOIR

We are blessed with a small number of capable and dedicated singers who attend as often as time allows in this busy environment in which we live, giving us a four part choir most Sundays to support the musical side of worship with the occasional anthem.

Outside the normal Sunday morning commitment the choir continues to support the Taizé Prayer Service, the monthly choral evensong services at All Saints and other joint ventures such as the ecumenical choirs evening, and the other special services throughout the year in the Parish

I would like to give my thanks for the continued support of the loyal members (and that is each and every one of them) of both adult and junior choirs, and for the unstinting support of Andreas, the Associate Vicar.

There are vacancies in all parts!

SS PHILIP & JAMES “ALL AGE BAND”

With a mailing list approaching 20 musicians, the band is becoming ever more like an orchestra! Typically we will have 12 musicians available for All Age Worship and the occasional combined service with the band at All Saints.

Once again we played at the Fleet Festivities before Christmas, ably supporting the massed voices of the singers from Churches Together.

The number of musicians volunteering for the band continues to grow, and I am particularly interested in enlisting more younger members who would benefit from playing in this environment to develop their musical skills. If you think this might be of interest to one of your family, please get in touch with either Anne Smith or me, who will gladly advise.

More adult musicians are, again, always welcome.

Mike Ford

Head of Music

ASSOCIATED NON CHURCH GROUPS

Fleet and District Support Group of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Report for 2010

A taster of what the Fleet Support Group did in 2010

We kickstarted the year with a very successful tea at The Elvetham, with mulled wine served on arrival and a string trio (The Evans family) offering entertainment. Our Band concert in February with the Army Medical Services band (this year with singer Theresa Lunn) attracted a full house. The monthly cinema club showed popular golden oldies such as Grease and Calendar Girls as well as quirky newer releases like Last Chance Harvey and The Bucket List. – our thanks to Sheila Flack for organising this event each month. New events included a Literary tea with author Jack Sheffield who gave a very entertaining talk about his books at The Elvetham. Jack Foster. Windmill House was the venue for a tea with musical entertainment from Grandpa’s Spells Jazz Group and a troupe of young Irish dancers in the glorious setting of the hillside garden. Other events we organised were:

tea at Frimley Hall Hotel, Concert and dinner at Farnham Castle (with Sara Rose), stalls at Hartley Wintney Fete, Dogmersfield Fete, Concert with Basingstoke Ladies Choir and young choirs (including All Saints school) at St Nicholas’ School, Concert with Hart Male Voice Choir at Salesian College, a candlelit Carol Concert at Christ Church Crookham given by Hart Voices, a stall selling car raffle tickets at the Elvetham Open Garden and other venues raising £1370 and a Street Collection in June. Other highlights included a concert by a young piano virtuoso, Hamish Dustagheer, an organ concert (followed by wine and canapés) performed by Julian Cooper at All Saints church.

Judy Keep
Chairman Fleet Support Group

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The 2010 Revision of the Electoral Roll has resulted as follows:

Names on roll	280
Representing	196 Households

Forms for membership are available all year round with the rolls in both churches. New details will be accepted at any time to be included in the 2011 revision of the roll. Please inform me of any change of details. Merely altering the roll in the church will not necessarily be picked up and recorded on the central roll.

Pamela Pimm
Electoral Roll Officer