

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER**



*Annual Report  
and Accounts*

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
22 April 2007**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

Dear Friends,

**This letter is an invitation to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 at 11.00am.** This meeting represents an opportunity for all members of the Church to have their say in the governance of the Church. **The pattern of worship for that day will be 8.00am Holy Communion and 9.30am Combined Parish Eucharist. Coffee will be available before the meeting begins.**

I would urge you to read the report with care. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to make your comments and to raise questions. It would be helpful, if you do have any queries or questions, if you could raise them prior to the meeting with Sue Bardwell, the Hon Secretary at 84 Moss Lane, Pinner, 020 8868 9494.

This is also a time to elect Churchwardens; I want to take this opportunity to thank both Shane and Gordon for their hard work throughout this year, they will be standing again for re-election. This is the time for electing new members on to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). So please think carefully about what you can offer to the Church here in Pinner in God's service.

The APCM is a very important occasion in the life of the Church so I do hope that you will do your utmost to attend.

**I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.00am**

Yours in Christ

Simon Pothen –Your Vicar.

## PARISH OF PINNER

The Meeting of Parishioners will be held on Sunday, 22 April 2007  
at 11.00 am in the Church Hall

### AGENDA

1. The Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2.\* Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of 2 April 2006
3. Election of Churchwardens

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The Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on Sunday, 22 April 2007  
at 11.10 am in the Church Hall

### AGENDA

1. The Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
- 2.\* Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2 April 2006
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Report of changes in the Electoral Roll
5. Elections to the Deanery Synod
6. Elections to the Parochial Church Council
7. Election of Sidespersons
- 8.\* Report on the proceedings of the Council during the year
9. Vicar's Review of the Year
- 10.\* Church activities (short presentation)
- 11.\* Report on the financial affairs of the Church
12. Election of Auditor
- 13.\* Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church
- 14.\* Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 15.\* Report on the proceedings of the PAC during the year
16. Vicar's Closing Remarks
17. Any other business

CLOSE OF MEETING. All are warmly invited to stay for a glass of wine

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## Item 2

### *PARISH OF PINNER*

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The **Meeting of Parishioners** was held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006 at 11.00am. in the Church.

**PRESENT:** The Rev'd Simon Pothen (in the Chair), Shane Godbolt, the Treasurer, the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation.

1 The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. Apologies had been received from the Rev'd Stuart and Dorothy Natrass, David and Joy Chittleborough, Wendy Myers and David Poole.

2 The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting of Parishioners was unanimously agreed. The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting.

3 Election of Churchwardens: The Vicar said that Shane Godbolt had agreed to stay on in office and was duly proposed by Stephen Provost and seconded by Naomi Provost. Philip Lawder had completed his term of office as Churchwarden and was standing down. Gordon Williams agreed to stand as the new Churchwarden and was duly proposed by Shane Godbolt and seconded by Stephen Provost. The Vicar warmly thanked Philip Lawder for all he had done during his five year term as Churchwarden, which he had carried out with wisdom and great vision.

This concluded the business of the Meeting of Parishioners.

### *PARISH OF PINNER*

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The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006 at 11.10am in the Church.

**PRESENT:** The Rev'd Simon Pothen (in the Chair), Shane Godbolt and Gordon Williams (Churchwardens), the Treasurer, the Secretary and members of the Church Council and congregation.

1 The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. Apologies had been received from The Rev'd Stuart and Dorothy Natrass, David and Joy Chittleborough, Wendy Myers and David Poole.

2 **Minutes:** Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005 was unanimously agreed. The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting.

3 **Matters arising from the Minutes:** None

4 **Report on the Electoral Roll:** Janet Huszczo reported that 14 members had been added to the Roll and 10 members deleted through death. There are currently 377 members. Of this number, 255 are female and 122 male. 249 are residents of the parish and 128 non-residents.

5 **Elections to the Parochial Church Council:** The Vicar thanked the retiring members. The names of two candidates were put before the meeting. Elizabeth Metivier was proposed by Susan Cooper and seconded by Alan Johnston. Louise Dodd was proposed by Shane Godbolt and seconded by Katherine Pinching. Elizabeth and Louise were duly elected to the PCC. The Vicar thanked them both.

6 **Election of Sidespersons:** A list of sidespersons and sound operators had been displayed in the Church porch. Shane Godbolt thanked them all for their very hard work and commitment to their duties and for attending a training evening. It was proposed by Shane

and seconded by Susan Cooper that the list of sidespersons be elected *en bloc*. All were in favour. Simon thanked all who had served as sidespersons and welcomers at church.

**7 Report on the proceedings of the Council:** This Report was included in the Church Annual Report. Roger Lester asked for an explanation of Space Services. Simon explained that Space Services were held six times a year and tried to reach out to people who would not come to a Eucharistic service. Simon spoke of “new ways of being Church”. Space Services had been largely successful and are to be reviewed each year at a PCC meeting. It was suggested that an article on Space Services be put in the Review. Alan Johnston asked James Trafford to explain his youth work in the community and contacts that had been made with other churches and the synagogue in Pinner. Roger Lester felt that it would help the Youth Worker Fund considerably if more was known of what James does. James Trafford replied explaining that people do not see the work that goes on during the week. Links have been made with other youth workers in the area and youth events have been organised. Much work has been done with schools in the area such as West Lodge, with assemblies, discussions and school visits and links have been made with Holy Trinity. In September, he hopes to make inroads into the Grove Estate. The Vicar said that we have to put into view of the congregation all the good practice that goes on with youth work and that this should become a major priority. Shane Godbolt stated that during her first year as Churchwarden, she had found it very useful how well ‘networked’ James is. Simon thanked James for all his hard work.

It was pointed out that the stage in the hall is left up in position which could be a danger to children. This was noted and accepted that the stage be put down when not used by hirers of the hall.

Ann Fuller queried the times for Evening Eucharists. This is 8pm.

**8 Vicar’s Review of the Year:** This was included in the Church Annual Report and Simon had nothing to add.

**9 Church Activities:**

The following oral presentations were made:-

The Choir (*Michael Turvey*)

Michael spoke of the reasons for having a choir – to lead worship in services; to offer worship of God through music and to give space and time for individual participation via the ears. A choir needs, among other things, love, support and appreciation from both clergy and congregation and discipline and loyalty from its members. Michael spoke of the things that a choir encourages, such as musical skills, confidence and team work. He spoke of the difficulty of recruiting choir members and the fact that we will be down to two regular cantors this Autumn. Lastly, Michael spoke of the positives of keeping a choir among which are the effect of music on people’s lives and attitudes, external involvement in the life of our church and the opportunity to sing in some of our great Cathedrals. Alan Johnston thanked Michael for the marvellous job he does with the young people of the choir. The Vicar echoed these thanks and remarked that we were lucky to have the choir we have.

Bell Ringing (*Anne Payne*)

Anne spoke of the history of bell ringing when bells were rung to express joy, sorrow and warn of danger. Bells are rung at St. John’s before the 11am service, for Evensong and for weekday services such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Anne explained the different sizes of bells and showed a model to explain the ringing. The history of bell ringing at St. John’s was spoken about and the prices for some of the first bells. Anne mentioned bell ringing on Pinner Pantomime night and on Remembrance Sunday and talked about the social events that had taken place. It is hoped that bells will be rung for the Queen’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and for St. George’s Day. The Vicar thanked Anne for her talk, all the bell ringers and Chris Lomax for his work as Tower Captain.

Three Faiths Dialogue (*Alan Johnston*)

Alan reported that the Three Faiths Dialogue had been going for seventeen years, set up by Rev’d David Tuck and initially started as a dialogue between Christians and Jews. It then widened to include Muslims and Hindus. Contact has been made with the Harrow Mosque. Subjects discussed at the meetings include the Torah; the Bible; changing roles of

men and women; religious education in schools; the Dead Sea Scrolls; why Israel and Jerusalem are important to Jews and What our faith tells us for care in the environment. Alan spoke of the need to show love and neighbourliness to all communities. The Vicar thanked Alan for his work with the Three Faiths Dialogue.

#### **10. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church:**

Stephen Provost spoke of his concern about the deficit. Expenditure for 2005 increased over the total expenses for 2004 giving rise to a deficit of £6,390 on the General Fund but was better than budgeted. A major bill of £8,000 for lighting repairs had been paid for by the Friends of Pinner Parish Church. The Quinquennial Inspection of the church building takes place in 2006 and certain maintenance and repairs will be required as a result of this.

We have donated just over £33,000 during the last year to 35 different charities. In 2006 we are to pay just over £90,000 for the Common Fund, this being a 2.86% increase in line with inflation.

Stewardship giving and Gift Aid tax recovered increased by approximately 4% (£6,398) over the previous year.

The budget approved by the PCC for 2006 is based on a marginally increased income and a continued increase in costs; a deficit of £16,000 is budgeted for 2006.

Stephen Provost announced that he was standing down as Treasurer as he was moving out of the area. Doug Yates and Charles Morris would be responsible for the day to day financial management. Stephen thanked all the treasurers of the individual funds for their great help and also his wife, Naomi. The Vicar thanked Stephen warmly for all he had done for the church and spoke of his integrity and principle. He expressed his thanks, also, to Naomi and wished them both well for their retirement. Stephen offered to help Doug and Charles during their first year. Stephen was co-opted to PCC, to help Doug and Charles, this being proposed by the Vicar and seconded by Ann Fuller. Doug Yates was proposed as

Honorary Treasurer by Stephen Provost and seconded by Roger Lester. Charles Morris was proposed as Business Manager by the Vicar and seconded by Louise Dodd. Both were duly elected.

Doug Yates thanked both the Vicar and Stephen and told the congregation that he proposed to hold a bi-monthly "clinic" and publish a column in the Review. He felt that communication was very important, would try to raise income and control costs and would form a Financial Committee.

#### **11 Election of Auditor:**

It was proposed that Sobell Rhodes be appointed as Auditors for the coming year. This was proposed by Stephen Provost and seconded by Doug Yates.

#### **12 Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church:**

This was included in the Church Annual Report. Philip Lawder added that the path from the porch to the lychgate had been relaid but there was a slight problem with the surface not being smooth which would be looked into. The state of the pillars would be looked at during the Quinquennial survey.

**13 Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod:** Stephen Brown's report was included in the Annual Report and Accounts.

**14 Report on the proceedings of the PAC during the year:** Wendy Myers' report was included in the Annual Report and Account.

The meeting closed at 12.55pm.

## Item 8

### REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2006

The PCC met five times during the year:

#### *Short Report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Monday, 23rd January 2006*

We are now a Fair Trade Church.

The uneven path from the lychgate to the porch is being relaid commencing Monday, 13th February. During this time the West Door will be used.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Children and Youth

The Brownie Pack has now closed. It will be replaced by a Beaver group catering for boys and girls of 6 – 8 years.

##### Social Responsibility

It was reported that the PAC Christmas lunch was the best ever with 100 people attending.

#### **Worship Matters**

Part of the PCC meeting was given to a review of Space Services with members of the Youth Committee also present. The conclusions were: There should be advertising/publicity explaining what Space Services are. The role of the Clergy either at the beginning or the end of each service will be under review. There is a need for structure in each service. There should be a greater space for reflectiveness. The technical quality should be reviewed as an on-going issue.

#### *Short report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Wednesday, 8th March 2006*

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Missions and Charities

The Lent project was launched successfully with an excellent speaker from Sightsavers. There will be a Quiz Supper in support of the project on 1st April. The Vicar plans to hold two hunger lunches at the vicarage on 22nd and 29th March. The charge will be £5.

##### Social Responsibility

There is an on-going need for people to provide lifts to church and more drivers would be very welcome.

#### **Worship Matters**

The Rev'd Paul Hullyer, Vicar of All Saints, Hillingdon, will preach at the Patronal Festival.

#### **Deanery, Area & Diocesan Matters & The Wider Church**

25th March 2007 is the anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade. Churches Together in England suggest the church recognises this with a celebration. It is hoped to do something in St. John's to commemorate the actual day.

#### **PAC Matters**

There will be the usual Walk of Witness on Good Friday starting at 10.20am at Little Common.

There is to be a yearly Cradle Roll service starting on 21st May at 3pm to which the previous year's baptism families will be invited. There is to be a Easter Club for young people during the Easter holidays.

#### *Short Report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Tuesday, 23rd May 2006*

Douglas Yates was co-opted as the new Honorary Treasurer. He gave his preliminary Treasurer's Report and offered to go through the accounts and give a 'teach-in' to simplify the information.

#### **Believing and Belonging: The Strategy Report**

The Vicar reported that as people needed to know what was going on in the church, notice boards should be placed in the church. It was felt that possibly the library area would be a good place for the boards which would have photographs of PCC members, and a note of the posts held. It would publicise the ministry of the Youth Worker, etc. and give adult education news. The display will be permanent with a designated person responsible for it.

### **CRB Discussion**

It was emphasised that everyone working with the children in junior church and holiday club must be checked. It was emphasised that the system is in place for everyone's protection. Andrew Raj and Rebecca Poole are appointed as Childrens' Advocates at St. Johns.

### **Fabric and Related Matters**

The Quinquennial Survey has started. It was reported that the church roof is satisfactory but there is a slight problem with the tower roof. Water is coming in to part of The Lady Chapel which will need re-decoration. The pillars have been suffering from water seeping up which has now dried but flaking of the pillars is taking place.

Plans for the Patronal Festival were discussed. It was proposed that everyone brings their own lunch with drinks/desserts provided. Information about Darfur could be displayed and people could donate, hopefully raising funds for Darfur.

*Audrey Taylor  
PCC Secretary*

### ***Short report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 4 July 2006***

It was noted that Audrey Taylor had resigned as PCC Secretary for the time being but would return to the post in September 2007. It was decided that the job could be split into two - a Minute Secretary and a PCC Secretary.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Youth

A paper on restructuring the Church youth groups was discussed and agreed.

**Financial Matters:** A full review of Church financial matters was led by the Treasurer. It was agreed that the Common Fund payment be increased to £91,000 next year. It was noted that a complete Stewardship renewal programme was planned for autumn 2007.

**Believing And Belonging:** It was agreed that there would be a pilot scheme in which the main entrance to the church should become the West Door and a display/mingling space would be created at that end of the church.

**PAC Matters:** It was agreed that £150 should be donated to THATCH as in previous years.

**Other Business:** Two representatives to the Standing Committee were elected, Douglas Yates and Anne Fuller. Louise Dodd agreed to be the fourth representative to the Deanery Synod. Elizabeth Birch was congratulated on being ordained to the Diaconate

### ***Short report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 25 September 2006***

Sue Bardwell was appointed Interim PCC Secretary.

### **Committee Reports:**

It was suggested that Committees should reconsider their terms of reference in the light of the updated paper from the Believing and Belonging Working Group. Three to five annual objectives should be written.

Social Responsibility Suggestions for causes to be supported in the future would be welcomed by the Committee.

### **Financial Matters:**

The Hon. Treasurer reported that everything this year was running approximately to budget.

### **Deanery, Area & Diocesan Matters And The Wider Church**

The Archdeacon's visitation would take place on Thursday 12 October. She would be preaching on Sunday 22 November for the Feast of Christ the King.

### **Believing and Belonging**

A report was received from the Believing and Belonging Working Group about implementing a pilot opening of the West Door and new service sheets, together with recommendations to the PCC.

### **Fabric, Health & Safety And Related Matters**

Gordon Williams spoke of a survey undertaken to assess the cost of installing CCTV cameras. It was agreed that we should follow up the installation of fire alarms. It was agreed in principle that work on the roof would have to go ahead.

***Short report on the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 23 November 2006***

**Health and Safety**

Stuart Natrass attended the meeting to outline the duties and requirements incumbent on the PCC under the Health and Safety regulations. The Health and Safety Policy Statement was signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

**Committee Reports:**

Social Responsibility Anne Goldsworthy had updated the Memorial Book in beautiful calligraphy.

**Financial Matters:**

The Treasurer had circulated an Income and Expenditure Account for the 10 months to 31 October 2006 together with the First Draft Budget for 2007.

**Believing and Belonging:**

The following items were discussed

*Feedback - Sidesperson/Welcomer meetings*

*The Objectives of Committees*

*Opening the West Door*

*House Groups*

*Gossiping the Gospel*

**Healing Service**

A report was given on these Services by Elizabeth Birch.

**PAC Matters:**

A report had been received from the PAC covering the installation of the new Chairman, Mike Hall

*Sue Bardwell  
Interim PCC Secretary*

## Item 10

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Hall Committee

The committee (Michael Hetreed – acting chairman, Dorothy Natrass – secretary, Robert Bunn – treasurer, Diana Bowles – bookings, Sue Bardwell – invoicing, Pam Stevens, Carolyn McDonald, Alison Hetreed,) has met 6 times since the last APCM. Dorothy Natrass has taken on the secretarial role from Carolyn McDonald who remains a member of the committee. We are very grateful to both for their efforts.

We have made improvements to the hall. There is now a larger larder 'fridge in the kitchen for occasional use for large events. The entrance foyer matting and the lobby floor were replaced with new fitted materials in the summer (someone carelessly moving the hall door with downward bolt deployed damaged the door and the new floor in the autumn). The tap of the 'slop' sink in the kitchen has been restricted to cold water only to avert the recurrent problem of overflow from the hot water system. A buzzer has been installed to enable an event in the church to be signalled to hall users.

Lack of security of the hall – a constant stress – was highlighted by an incident in June that led to a decision to change the hall main door key and reissue keys to all those and only those who need one. New keys were issued against £10 deposit over the summer. Hall security is still continually jeopardized by users leaving doors and windows open or unlocked (especially on Sundays!) and this causes much stress to the cleaners. In the storage area there is still an excess of demand over supply requiring the occasional purge. The storage is not secure – locks where present may be shared – and stored items were stolen on two occasions.

Following a health and safety visit from a council agent a professional fire risk assessment was undertaken in September. The principal recommendation was for the fitting

of emergency lighting which the committee is looking in to.

In September also a 'swallet' hole appeared outside the North West corner of the hall, 18" wide at ground level but widening out to 6' or so below ground. This was dug out and backfilled with hard core and gravel.

There are currently before the committee proposals for the installation of 'blackout' curtains or blinds at the clerestory windows of the hall and the covering of part of the foyer wall below the kitchen hatch with a washable covering. With the need this year for internal and external redecorations such projects may be constrained by cost.

We remain very thankful to David Roker for his invaluable assistance to the users and care for the fabric of the hall. His regular presence is essential for the effective management of our hall.

*Michael Hetreed*

#### Mission & Charities Committee

The Lent Project helped two charities. We raised £1000 to help complete the building of a church in Benguela in Angola. This was started following a legacy from a church member in 2003 but a roof was still needed. Further cooperation with the church in Benguela is planned including a possible visit next year. . The rest of the funds went to benefit Sightsavers, a charity that works throughout Africa, helping to treat and prevent blindness. The money was used to fund cataract operations. For over 50 years, Sight Savers International has been working with local partners to combat blindness in developing countries and support people who are blind. Through partners, they support people who are blind, providing education, counselling and training. The project was in Uganda in the Bunyoro area (Bunyoro Comprehensive Eye Services), and offered eye care for the whole community and rehabilitation, training and education for incurably blind adults and children. The funds also helped supply Mectizan a drug that can prevent river blindness. In support of the

appeal, many different groups contributed. Sue Ellis ran another successful quiz evening, SNIP ran a breakfast and the vicar held a hunger lunch. Margaret Branthwaite from Sightsavers spoke about the charity at the services on 26th February. The total raised for both charities was £5727.

A total of £16400 has been distributed to charities this year plus £50 to the Discretionary Fund. There is currently a varied mix of charities of different size, aim and remit. However some minor adjustments were required this year according to need. The Committee agreed that Papua New Guinea Partnership could be moved from Band 3 (£840) to 4 (£420) and Relate moved from Band 4 to 3 because the latter was short of funds. Another change agreed was to substitute Hope and Homes for Children for Karenni Student Project.

The Lent Project this year is in aid of the Alzheimer's Society to help establish a support group for patients with Alzheimer's and other form of dementia. Although there are groups in Northwood Hills and Hayes, there is none for the 2604 dementia sufferers in Harrow.

*Peter Wilson*

### **Information Technology (IT)**

A small group of interested people have joined the IT committee to review and revamp the website. We are aiming to develop a vibrant and welcoming site as a key tool of communication within the Parish and to reflect the diversity in our community, both young and old. We hope to introduce some innovative ideas as well and to have the new site up and running later in the year. We will hold some demonstration sessions as the development progresses and any suggestions or comments are most welcome. Further information is available from Diana La Rue or Shane Godbolt.

*Diana La Rue*

### **Social Responsibility Committee**

The last year has been fairly quiet, not least because most of our number have had their own problems, now resolved. As before, we hold a watching brief over the many small groups of people who help others in many ways throughout the Parish. We bring to the PCC any matters where resolution is proving hard to achieve.

There is always an ongoing need for extra drivers for car lifts, and for visitors for the 'Keep in Touch' scheme, where people themselves become in need of the help they offer, or move away. Bereavement visiting is reported separately.

Then there are those two great seasonal events where help is so valuably offered 'on the day', Harvest and at Christmas. The Harvest Charity was chosen for 2006 by our treasurer to help USPG in Myanmar, and the distribution of 'produce' to 24 parishioners and others seemed exceptionally smooth. The PAC Christmas lunch appeared to be heading for a crisis with the retirement of John and Margaret Grattan, but in the nick of time Elizabeth and Marco Madrid stepped in to lead the team for a highly successful event.

*Nick Ridge*

### **Stewardship**

During 2006, we had 242 church people contributing to Stewardship. At the end of the year we had 12 new contributors, but almost exactly balanced people leaving, the numbers remained the same (down one to 241 actually).

At the beginning of the year, we had pledges (etc.) for £138,662. But the actual amount received was £138,816. The budget, or promised figure for 2007 is £148,445.

The annual Stewardship Campaign, attempted to address some common questions, and also to encourage people to take their giving seriously. The results above show that it bore some fruit.

I wish to record my appreciation and thanks for the great help I have received from Christine Ashby.

*Roger Lester*

### **Children and Youth Committee**

The Committee has met regularly and discussed a number of issues, supporting James in the introduction of the new space service and the other initiatives that we have been fortunate enough to have seen launched by James. It has again been a great pleasure to be able to provide support to our Youth Worker who has been an important part of the Church's life over the past years, and look forward to working with his wife Maria as joint youth worker in the coming year. We have updated our child protection systems and other risk assessments concerning youth.

We would finally like to thank the wealth of people who work with our children and young people in whatever capacity.

*David Poole*

### **Sunday at 9am: Kidz Klub and SPACE**

Kidz Klub runs every Sunday morning during term time for children aged 3-11. The changes that have taken place to the structure of the children's worship this year have been hard work but fulfilling, and we are beginning to see real growth because of this. The aims of Kidz Klub are to provide a familiar, holiday club style atmosphere for children to come to and feel able to bring friends. Kidz Klub is an exciting step forward for the church, creating a vibrant and interesting space for our children to further their expression of worship. The entire programme of nurture for our children now fits with what we are doing normally on a Sunday morning, with children and communion, and later, confirmation. Kidz Klub members are visited twice a term by members of the team, and, in this way, we are building a relationship with the family, and the child which extends beyond the church. A number of new families have started coming as a result of Kidz Klub, and in general, the number of children attending is good. We are, however, able to incorporate more children into the club, and would welcome support from the congregation as we solidify what we have achieved over the last few months, and look ahead to further growth. We aim to start a publicity campaign after Easter, which will need the involvement of the congregation to work well. Kidz Klub is a great Sunday event

which is supported by a number of volunteers, all of whom I would like to thank, though I need to mention the work of Brenda and Elise Allanson, Howard Lush, and David Lamb. Space services have been running for over a year now, and are attracting a good congregation. We have been through a process of development with the SPACE service, and are only now beginning to solidify what we have achieved. The service aims to access an inter-age worship, which will help to gain a sense of community and togetherness as a congregation, whilst being open to those who are not familiar with traditional worship.

### **Sunday Evenings: SNIP and SNIP Xtra**

SNIP is held on Sunday evenings from 7:30-9pm, and is aimed primarily at young people in secondary school. The changes to the structure this year means that we are running SNIP more like a normal youth club, meaning that SNIP members are feel comfortable bringing friends along, and coming for the first time etc. SNIP has all the usual youth club activities, plus a god-slot. We now have a chill-out zone, and are getting some new equipment to replace the old and broken. SNIP is complemented by other small spin-off groups, such as confirmation classes and informal groups. Due to the changes that we have made, we see a large number of teenagers at SNIP every week, with new people coming all the time. SNIP goes on two or three trips a term, and we are planning a holiday at an outdoor centre which will take place in April. We also take part in a number of sporting activities with other churches. I want to thank the leadership team of SNIP; Richard Hillman, Kate Weatherby, and Howard Lush, as well as Alison Wilson for providing refreshments every week.

SNIP Xtra runs every Sunday evening from 9-10pm for 16-19's, as an informal group to relax and unwind. We often meet in a cafe, or in the church hall, for a chat, a few games, and some refreshments. This group has gelled well, and allows the older members to feel like they have a sense of ownership without younger members of SNIP feeling left out. We also support those who have left for university over the last few years, and regularly meet up when they are home during holiday time.

### **Holiday Club**

Holiday Club this year was successful as ever, with around 90 children attending throughout the week and Sunday Space service. The club was very well supported by volunteers across the age spectrum, all of whom I want to thank. The Easter holiday club that we held last year was also a great success, with over 40 children attending the two days. The holiday clubs are an important hub of church life, bringing together a lot of the work we do across the community.

### **Links with the Community**

#### Schools

This year, our schools work has been very successful, with continuing growth in relationships and involvement. Currently, we work with West Lodge First School, West Lodge Middle School, Pinner Park School, Reddiford School, and Nower Hill School. The range of activities we are involved in includes; assemblies, school visits to the church, workshops, group work, R.E. lessons, leavers days, special church services, PSHE. In particular, we will be taking part in more PSHE work at Nower Hill as the term progresses.

#### Re-generation:

Our links with re-generation allows us to work alongside them at PSHE and citizenship days, as well as PSHE classes. The remit of these includes; drug awareness, relationships, bullying education, sex education.

#### Police and Local Council:

This year, we have forged links with the police in Pinner, and are now working alongside the police and the local council youth service in order to understand and support young people in our area. This includes sitting on the Pinner South police ward, and working with police and council in specifically needy situations to create answers to problems, rather than simply target the symptoms.

#### Local Churches:

We have good links with many churches in the area, and regularly meet up for sporting activities and youth events. There are other youth workers in the area and we meet together for support, to share ideas, and to share resources.

### Other

The links made with Harrow Mosque have been very difficult to keep up this last year, but I will keep trying, and hopefully see some development with that relationship. The link to the Grove Road estate are still frustrating with next to no help from the council, however, we have made some inroads on the estate, through a few relationships, and are making connections via the police, and their partners in the local council.

*James Trafford*

### **Brownies**

Guiding is alive and well! The 5<sup>th</sup> Pinner Brownie Pack meets at St Luke's on Wednesdays and this year's activities included a Division May Day Revels, participating in the Peter and the Wolf workshop and a Christmas Pack Holiday at the end of the Autumn Term at Willow Tree Centre.

The 2006 Pinner Music Festival supported local Scouting and Guiding activities through which Brownies have benefited by participating in a Division International Thinking Day Event, the Division purchasing a new and much needed Resusci Annie and a new and more modern CCTV system at the Willow Tree Training Centre, Holiday Home and Campsite.

If you have a daughter who would like to be a Brownie or Guide or if you can offer some help please contact Jackie Diamond, Pinner Village District Commissioner and local Brown Owl preferably by email [jackie.diamond@ntlworld.com](mailto:jackie.diamond@ntlworld.com) or by phone Home: 01582 512863 or Mobile: 07813 083998)

*Shane Godbolt  
Jackie Diamond*



### **11.00 am Junior Church**

Over the past year, we have met on Sundays in term time, with ten to fifteen children attending. Activities have included drama, cookery and paper constructions - all relating to a scriptural idea or story and, as an experiment, during the autumn term, children were prepared for their first communion.

All leaders and helpers are very supportive and reliable and work as a team, enabling sessions to take place in a friendly atmosphere, and I would like to thank them, both for their time and for their ideas.

We have eleven leaders and supporting adults and welcome John Hutchins as a leader. We have lost two supporting adults but have one new offer of help and it has been challenging, at times, to arrange for three adults to cover it each session: any new volunteers would be welcome.

*Jill Townsend*

### **Pinner Nippers**

Pinner Nippers is a voluntary run parent/carer baby and toddler group, which has been running since 1984 in the church hall. There are two sessions each week held on Monday morning from 9.45-11.45 and Monday afternoon from 1.45-3.45. Sadly, the Wednesday afternoon group folded last term due to lack of uptake.

We take children up to aged three. Each group keeps its own register and can take up to 30 parents/carers with their children. We are members of the "Pre-School Learning Alliance" and as such are insured and abide by their regulations.

The fee for the term is £20 per family. Each group welcomes new members and operates its own waiting list. The morning group is particularly popular and it is recommended

that you register your interest at least nine months before you require a place.

Each group serves tea / coffee / juice and biscuits at each session as well as providing a wide range of toys for children, which are updated and replaced as necessary. There is also an activity table with play-dough, crayoning and crafts. For the last 15 minutes of each session we have a music time with songs and rhymes. At Christmas we hold a party with a 'surprise' visitor!

As a parent/carer run group, we are all allocated a week each term on the rota where we help to set up the toys and serve drinks and snacks. For current details of those responsible for running the groups, please ask at a session or ring the church office - the baton does tend to change hands regularly!

The group's aims are to provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet others in similar situations and to encourage the babies and toddlers in the development of their social and motor skills.

*Maria Trafford.*



### **Pre-School Playgroup**

We currently have six staff on our payroll which allows us to offer a staff ratio of 1 adult to every five children. Most of our staff either have the relevant early years qualifications or are currently studying for them.

There are 33 children on our register this term, 25 children at each session Tuesday to Friday and 12 on Monday when we use one of the side rooms. Since Autumn Term 2006 we have managed to recover our numbers and are now completely full.

We had a complete change of Committee in September 2006 so were unable to have our October Fun Day, but have recruited new

fundraisers and have held two Boot Sales in the local area which were very successful.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration on 24 March, which will double as a fund-raising event as well. We had an Ofsted inspection on 17 January 2007, the first in many years, with very pleasing results. The waiting lists are still looking healthy and places are now being allocated for September 2007.

*Susan Smith*

## **GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Servers, Lay Assistants and Intercessors**

Not exactly a combined report, but the liturgy provides a wonderful area for so many lay people to work together in the worship of their God. It is so good to be able to encourage people to do things they have never done before, or probably never even thought of doing, and may be opening a window or two on their vocational journey.

#### **Servers**

We have been particularly fortunate in drawing Paul Wright in to our number, having served previously at Friern Barnet. Also Lloyd Davis, who is proving particularly useful, regularly serving at 9.30 on Monday mornings. Meanwhile, it is good to see those now at university from time to time on high days and holidays. It is fantastic to have so many willing people, whose ages, dare I mention it, span 7 decades, and some who have been serving for 50 years or more.

#### **Lay Assistants and Intercessors**

Naomi Provost finally escaped to Lichfield; our intercessions are the poorer, but bully for Lichfield. But the really exciting news is that the Bishop licensed an extra nine people 'to assist with the distribution of communion': Heather Brassey, Debbie Browne, Sue Ellis, Richard Lawrey, Lelia Livadas, Julia McKee, Andrea Makris, Gillian Matthams and Sandra Roycroft-Davies. Even better, one-third of these people have their primary 'allegiance' to the 11 o'clock service, thus giving a better spread. It is difficult, I know, when one's children are totally involved in something, not to have a conflict, but as you know, I am in the habit of being horribly embarrassing and

asking people to do things they really rather wouldn't - at first. We need to think of ourselves as ordinary people doing extraordinary things through God's grace.

We are also blessed by the help that Sr Judith is able to offer us on the rota, and that Gwen now feels sufficiently healed and supported to pick up where she left off. Our team of 30 would probably be the envy of St Paul's, where Aidan will be ordained Deacon on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

To both groups for their dedication may I express the Church's grateful thanks.

*Nick Ridge*

### **Baptism Visiting**

In 2006 there were 7 baptisms, far fewer than the 22 which took place in 2005. However, numbers for 2007 look better. Baptisms now usually take place during the 9am service, which is deemed more suitable.

On Sunday afternoon, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006, we held a short service for all people who had been baptised during the previous year and their families. This was moderately well attended in spite of dreadful weather. Tea was provided afterwards in the hall. We will do this again on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

I continue to send out cards to children on the anniversaries of their baptism for 5 years and include information on church services and activities when sending cards for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

I would like to thank the volunteer baptism visitors who cover the groundwork with the families prior to the baptism taking place.

*Gillian Yates*

### **Bereavement Visitors**

During 2006 our team of 12 bereavement visitors offered support to 33 newly bereaved families, most of whom were referred by our clergy, GPs and Continuing Care nurses. Long term support was also offered to some children by our two children's visitors. The number of visits to each individual ranged from one or two to 10.

Elizabeth Catto resigned as co-leader last July after five years of hard work. We are most grateful for her commitment to the work and fortunately she continues to be a much valued visitor. Emmie McGregor, who has experience of working with bereaved people in Scotland, is a welcome addition to our team.

The Harrow Bereavement Care annual conference was on the subject of 'Loss and its effect on the Family' with Peter Lang, systemic therapist and trainer, as the main speaker.

Our annual service of Thanksgiving for the Departed in November was very well attended and much appreciated by bereaved people from the community, and our Lights of Life tree in the Lady Chapel over the Christmas period provided a focus for many people to remember their loved ones. I regret to report that the original calligrapher for our book of Remembrance has died. However, we are extremely grateful to Ann Goldsworthy for taking on this mammoth task so willingly and efficiently.

Due to continuing lack of funds, Harrow Bereavement Care has not been able to appoint a new co-ordinator but thanks to the hard work of the administrator, Management Committee and other volunteers, ongoing training and support has continued.

*Bridget Murray.*



### **Pinner Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

Our present band of ringers totals 14, but many of the regular ringers, for various reasons were absent from ringing either on a Sunday morning or evening. On several occasions the bells were silent, or only 4 or 5 bells were rung. It has now been decided that where at least 4 ringers turn up, ringing will take place. However, on a more positive note, we rang for six weddings and all eight bells were rung on each occasion.

Our annual dinner again took place at Edwinns, a popular venue as we are able to enjoy the freedom of moving from table to table to socialise without disturbing other people, we usually occupy an area of our own near the back of the restaurant.

Pinner Park Middle school visited us on 21 March. As usual the youngsters were very eager to 'have a go' at chiming a bell, hopefully the residents and visitors to Pinner that day were not too confused about the call of the bells!

A large band of ringers rang for the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 21 April and again on St. George's Day to greet the arrival of the Mayor of Harrow and commence the afternoon's activities in Pinner High Street. Following this, the ringers decided on an 'Open House' session and invited members of the public to watch. This was met with great enthusiasm and over 50 people enjoyed seeing them in action.

With no coach outing planned, it was decided to use a minibus to take several ringers to ring at some local churches in the morning of 15 July, followed by a visit to Ken Sanders to ring in some of his local churches in and around Witney. Ken had celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7 July and was Tower Captain here in Pinner for many years. He was delighted to have dinner with many of his Pinner friends.

On August Bank Holiday Monday, instead of a Barbeque this year we had a bring and share buffet garden party at Anne Payne's house and once again we were blessed with fine weather, a most enjoyable lunch and afternoon was had by all who came.

As usual we rang for the Pantomime evening on 30 November – and many people came to watch. This is now a regular feature, so please pass on this information for the event in November 2007.

Our thanks go to Janet Baker for the reading on behalf of the bell ringers at the Nine Lessons and Carols service.

*Anne Payne*



### **Choir and Church Music**

The last 12 months have been yet another period of considerable activity on the choral front. There have been the usual events like Music Festival concerts, in excess of 150 services sung and various Awards taken from Venables for everyone, through to Deans and Bishops for the more experienced. Choral Festivals firstly for the Deanery in St. Mary's, Harrow on the Hill, then a repeat service in St. Paul's Cathedral to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deanery Choir's Association and lastly the Bi-ennial Diocesan Choir Festival, again in St. Paul's Cathedral under Malcolm Archer, Organist & Master of the Choristers at the Cathedral. Despite his having virtually no voice, Malcolm achieved a fantastic performance from all of the singers – visitors to the Cathedral during the rehearsal must have wondered where all the very loud and clear 'whistling' was coming from!!! (Wish I could whistle like it!).

Then there has been the mammoth undertaking of issuing the choir CD. I am pleased to say that sales have exceeded my predictions and that to date, nearly 400 have been sold – a fantastic result – congratulations and thanks to all concerned, performers, recording engineers who gave their time, sales people and you all for buying the CD. The profit will be used to defray the costs of the Choir Tour centred on the Cathedral at Bury St. Edmund's this August. Should there still be anyone wanting more, or dare I say it, their first copy, it is still not too late.....!

Numbers in the choir are good, over 20 in the Junior section at present and quite reasonable in the altos and tenors but the basses are often quite short – we do have a couple of men trying to learn to read and sing the part currently, but it takes time to become proficient. It seems incredible that we are unable to find any experienced basses to join our ranks, it says much about our present 'target based' state education system which

has allowed very little opportunity for music to be a realistic subject in both the Primary and Secondary sectors. I ask members of the congregation to make me aware of any likely recruits, no matter which service they currently attend – what we still have in Pinner is unique, but could so easily disintegrate.

Our Cantors at the 9.00am service do a valiant job week by week. Here again thanks to Len and Sue for their constant dedication, to Chris and Lydia (now departed for University) and to Miriam, Lucy and Emily from the Choir who also take a turn, meaning they can find that they are singing at 3 services on a particular Sunday. Here again please make Andrew or myself aware of any possible Cantors from the congregations – we will give the necessary help and training.

I am not making a specific Music Festival report, suffice to say that 2006 was another good year – almost £7,500 was given to the Scouts and Guides Association in Pinner and Hatch End and that we had another 'first' by running a Sunday afternoon concert with workshop, which proved both popular and very successful. Not a venture which we feel can be repeated every year due to all the controls and regulations which have to be put in place.

*Michael Turvey*

### **Christianity for Life**

From February 2006 we ran our sixth 15 - week "Christianity for Life" course, based on the book, "Emmaus, the Way of Faith". Part 1 of the course deals with basic Christian belief, Part 2 with growth as Christians and Part 3 with living the Christian life.

Naomi Provost, who had been one of the leaders the previous year, moved away and we were very blessed to have John Canvin, a member of the 2005 course, joining the leadership team. It is useful to grow your own leaders! There was input from Simon and as well as listening, questioning and discussing, we watched part of a video on the life of Jesus and another on the Bible. On two occasions we enjoyed a Bring and Share meal.

For the first time we were brave enough to

give course members a response form they could fill in anonymously at home rather than rely on off-the-cuff responses in front of the rest of the group.

People mentioned the session on Prayer led by Valerie Wright of the Grail and the session where Simon explained each part of the service of Holy Communion. The session on the Holy Spirit was particularly appreciated. People welcomed “Everyone being so approachable and friendly” and one said it had helped her “feel a part of the community of St Johns”.

As before, the course had the dual purpose of preparing adults for Confirmation and enabling those already confirmed to look again at what it means to be a Christian. This year we had a wide spread of ages and this variety of age and experience resulted in a lively interchange and a chance for all of us to learn from each other. Three adults were confirmed on July 16<sup>th</sup> and one adult at St Edmund the King later in the year. We could all endorse the answers to the question: *Where do you need to grow ?*

Prayer + Bible study + Need to be engaged in living the Christian life

I would like to thank Simon for his teaching and helpful insights as well as the lay team who helped lead the sessions as well as giving lifts, printing handouts, preparing the room and organising refreshments. Thank you Morella (Boon), Peter (Ellis), and John (Canvin ) for helping to create a safe place where we could all learn from each other as we shared our Christian journey. And especial thanks to Anne (Payne), a founder member of the team who has moved to a new job in Cardiff.

*Ann Fuller*

### **Church Cleaning**

General church cleaning remains very much in need of coordination and support. We are indebted to a number of people for their help and especially to Morella Boon and Maureen Craddock who washed the entire church floor before Christmas; to Ann Kirkley who has kept the children’s corner clean and tidy and to

several stalwarts amongst Church Watch who kindly do dusting and vacuuming during their sessions, including Muriel Lawrence who vacuums all carpets on a Friday ready for Sunday services and Hilary Holloway, who regularly removes candle wax from carpets, just to give you a flavour of all the hard work which goes on.

We are fortunate in our beautiful church, which gives pleasure to so many visitors and worshippers during the year. Please therefore do consider this important work and if you would like to volunteer I shall be delighted to hear from you!

*Shane Godbolt*

### **Vestry Cleaning**

Work in the vestry has been enhanced by the provision of hot water. Many thanks are due to our team of voluntary cleaners. Despite being under strength, they have kept the vestry clean and tidy. Another couple of volunteers giving one hour a month would ensure that this situation continues.

*Dorothy Natrass*



### **Church Library**

“Now you see it, now you don’t” has been the position of the Church Library over the past months with extra tables, extra chairs, extending screens, trolleys and other impedimenta making access to the library near impossible at times. All seems better now – but I would like to stress that the church library is not a dumping ground but a useful source for those discerning enough to seek biblical, theological or spiritual guidance through books. The library has gained during the year from the addition of study material selected by Elizabeth Birch and Ann Fuller for the benefit of the house groups and from receiving the remaining stock from the book sale table previously run by Heliane Muller.

*Margaret Birkinshaw*

### **Church Watch**

This year has seen a drop in the number of people doing Church Watch. John Burlend, who sadly died earlier this year, was a longstanding member of the Church Watch team and his contribution will be missed. Margot French and Elizabeth Canning have retired, we would like to thank them for their contribution over many years. On the positive side Lloyd Davis has joined the regular team and Hilary Holloway and Carol Griffin have joined the reserve list.

Last years report mentioned that statistically churches have a 1 in 5 chance of an "incident" happening in any one year. This year we were one of the 1 in 5, the new Henry vacuum cleaner was stolen, perhaps we were lucky, it could have been something irreplaceable and of much greater value. In January a team lunch and meeting was held attended by the Vicar and Church Warden. Gordon Williams explained that following a safety review each member of the team would be offered a personal safety alarm. These were distributed to the majority of team members.

The Church Watch team aims to provide a welcome to visitors and keep an eye on our church from 10am until 5pm Monday to Friday. We currently have twelve hours uncovered and are hoping to recruit volunteers willing to give one hour a week. If you can help please contact me. We are also responsible for folding the Bulletins for the weekend services.

*Morella Boon*

### **Creative Workshop**

The group continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10 am. Work on the 6 foot canvas kneelers proceeds but understandably is taking a long time in the making!

Ann Lee who now lives in the Cotswolds has made a third long kneeler for us. Ann lived in Pinner during the 1960s and instigated the making of the kneelers we have in church now. At the time of writing we look forward to Ann's visit for the blessing of her kneeler, at the 9 am service on Sunday 11 March.

*Ann Green*

### **Flower Arranging**

Once again, there is not a lot new to report for 2006 – the flower arrangers continue to provide flowers in church every week and for special occasions We have a regular list of memorial contributors, plus some welcome extras, but the number of weddings has fallen again.

I should like to thank the very supportive flower arranging team – unfortunately, two of our regulars have had to retire due to ill-health and we could really do with some extra help. You can do as much or as little as you like – three weeks a year, or eight, or even more! Do speak to me if you would like to find out more about what is involved. It is apparent that the flowers are appreciated, and that we enjoy doing them.

*Sheila Clout*



### **Gardening Party**

For many years various parts of the Church gardens have been tended by different stalwarts, and their efforts over many years have been very much appreciated, particularly at Springtime, when their unnoticed Autumnal efforts come to fruition.

A more co-ordinated approach, with more willing helpers, resulted in the formation of the "Gardening Party", and two successful meetings have already been held, co-ordinated by a very enthusiastic Faith Holland.

Already an improvement has been noticed with a working party clearing the area close to the lych-gate. A budget has been agreed, and all is set for some extra colourful displays in the months and years ahead.

"Many hands make light work", so if you feel willing to put in an hour or two at a time to suit you please don't hide your light under a bushel. Let me know, and I will introduce you to Faith.

*Gordon G. V. Williams*

### **The Friends of Pinner Church**

The year, in its course, found us funding a replacement pump for the boiler, providing a bell to call Sunday School into the church service at the correct point in the morning service and a photo-copier for the installation in the Vestry.

In the year Diocesan Quinquennial Inspection of the church occurred. Its findings and their consequent ramifications are being considered by the P.C.C. In broad terms, we shall assist in fulfilment of those findings where it is practical for us to do so.

We are pleased that our fund raising events are well received and attended, though we would like to see a more populous attendance at the October Fair – always held on the first Saturday of October.

In addition to the fore mentioned events we have been pleased to have been able to provide light refreshments during Pinner Fair Day and run Sunday Afternoon Teas in the hall from the first Sunday in May until the last in September

We continue to be appreciative of the opportunity afforded us by the Jazz Committee to augment our fund by providing light refreshments during their concert intervals and also to the ‘Soundscape’ series of recitals.

To all those who give their time to us and the church through these channels we give our thanks. If you are not a member of the Friends perhaps you will consider joining us. The annual subscription is a minimum of £5 for one or £10 for a family.

Contact our Hon. Treasurer, Lewis Beddison  
020 8866 3475 or me on 020 8933 7911

*Ronald Haslam*

### **Home Communion**

There are now eight Home Communion Visitors, who regularly take communion to thirteen parishioners in their own homes. We are most grateful to them for the time and effort they put in. We are sorry to have lost John Burlend recently. He took home communion to the residents of the residential

home in Moss Lane for many years. He will be sadly missed

*Jenny Lawrence*

### **House Groups**

Having taken over responsibility for the housegroups, Elizabeth Birch and Ann Fuller checked on current membership and resources and in March 2006 we and Simon met the existing leaders. We agreed with them a “template “ of good practice but at their suggestion prepared a one page summary which they felt would be less daunting for potential housegroup leaders. The leaders’ group also requested more resources, articles in the Review, regular meetings and Bible studies.

In August fliers appeared for several weeks inviting the congregation to join housegroups. From those who applied we were able to identify 3 pairs of potential leaders who all agreed to run a new group. We allocated the people who were interested into one of the three new groups and met the new leaders to discuss principles of leading groups and to show them our new resources.

These include several York Courses. They run for 5 to 6 weeks and consist of a tape or CD which have contributions from well known religious speakers. These are supplemented by a well-produced course booklet (one was used in the 2006 PAC Lent course). We also bought Church Times study guide booklets on such subjects as the Trinity, the Church, different books of the Bible, Baptism and the Eucharist. We have study packs on Christian Life and Work and 2 USPG study packs, one looking at images of Christ from around the world and one on interfaith relations. (More will be added)

Margaret Birkinshaw has kindly catalogued all the resources and put them in the bottom left hand shelf of the church library. Housegroup leaders (and others!) are welcome to borrow them (please sign the book!) and browse through them. Leaders can then order further copies of booklets through the church office.

There are now 9 housegroups, including an ecumenical one led by Elizabeth. Groups range in size from 6 to 13. Total membership is around 70.

The church's grateful thanks are due to the leaders and the hosts for enabling people to have a safe place where ideas can be shared, where their Christian life can be explored and deepened and where old established and newer church members can find fellowship and support.

Elizabeth and Ann welcome any enquiries from people wanting to join a group. Contact Elizabeth Birch 020 8868 5363, or Ann Fuller 020 8868 6168

*Ann Fuller*

### **Marriage Preparation**

According to latest figures, the number of people in the UK choosing to marry has fallen to the lowest level in 111 years. This is reflected in the number of weddings taking place in our church, which has remained at nine per year for the past three years.

The marriage preparation groups now take into account that most couples here are over the age of 30, the majority are living together and may already have children, either together or with a former partner. The marriage preparation leaders will either see two or more couples together or a couple on their own if there are no other weddings taking place at about the same time. We would normally see a couple where one or both has been divorced on their own.

*Bridget Murray*

### **Pinner Parish Review**

The Review continues to be published 10 times a year and comprises a mix of adverts for forthcoming church activities and congregational offerings ranging from holiday reports to poetry. It also tries to give coverage to current charitable causes such as Fairtrade and Remembrance Sunday. There is a fairly standard layout for the Review but this is not set in stone and would be changed if the

monthly contributions dictated. As from the start of 2007 the Review was issued free of charge, the previous charge being 50p an issue. There were various reasons for this, the main being that it is important that it reaches all the congregation and is read as part of the church's outreach work. It was also noted that many people took the magazine without a contribution and therefore it was best to provide it free. Not least is the fact that the publication depends on articles from the congregation and so hopefully the more people that it reaches the more contributors it will attract. A survey was undertaken in early 2006 with the result that the consensus of opinion was that the Review was highly thought of and most articles were enjoyed especially the Encounter. The Encounter is open to anyone to put themselves forward for it. I would also urge all members to consider writing an article for the Review and share your thoughts and experiences with all of us. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed over the last year and I hope that the forthcoming year produces a flurry of literary activity.

*Jane Lawrence*

### **Sacristy and Sacristy Rota**

The sacristy rota has experienced a few changes recently. Firstly Mary Pocock has asked to be relieved of the task of creating the rota although she has remained on the actual rota team. Secondly Judy Bertolotti has moved out of the area, which left a vacant space. Luckily by advertising through the Review I have received 3 new volunteers, who when trained will facilitate an eight week cycle of duty. I thank Judy, Mary, and all new and existing helpers for their loyal duties.

Having rejoiced at finally acquiring an excellent assistant sacristan, in the person of Elizabeth Metivier, I quickly lost her again to recover from breaking both of her ankles. I am pleased to report that she has now made a rapid recovery. Meanwhile Lloyd Davis has been a most willing and helpful substitute.

We have a new hot water system supplying the sacristy and toilets, courtesy of the Jazz Group and a copier, both highly desirable, but filling a large part of our precious storage space. We

have a new Curate but luckily she does not fill a lot of space!

Experimental changes involving the west doors of the church have involved relocation of the offertory vessels, which were vulnerable to the increased traffic in that area. We are in need of a new pair of silver candlesticks to replace the damaged ones that were used there. Does anyone have a redundant pair 8-10 inches tall to offer?

Quite a lot of time has been spent, helping the Churchwarden to check and update the inventory, and I predict that the forthcoming Ordination service will incur some extra activity. A busy time to come!

*Maureen Craddock*

### **Three Faiths Dialogue between Local Churches, Mosques and Synagogues**

The dialogue has had another successful year with average attendance in the forties plus, although regrettably, this year, there has been less support from St. John's. A debt of

gratitude is owed to the chairman Robin Woolf of the Pinner Synagogue for his enthusiasm and organisation.

This year the topics covered:-

1. What on Earth is Peace? A Christian, Muslim and Jewish view.
2. How traditional Jews and Muslims put their faith into practice at home.
3. Learning from Diversity
4. In February last year there was a very successful Musical Dialogue that was supported by Michael Turvey and the Choir.

Hopefully the dialogue will expand and continue to play a part in getting to know our neighbours in a multi-faith community. Look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

*Alan Johnston*

**Item 11**

**THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH**

**Treasurer's Report and Summary Accounts for 2006**

The full statutory accounts and annexes audited for 2006 are being made available separately (in the South porch) with only a summary presented in the Annual Report. Further copies of the full report can be obtained from the Church Secretary.

The Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") combines all the activities into a single statement differentiating between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds.

As at the end of 2006 and after transfers between funds, total fund balances stood at £988,857 distributed as follows:-

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Balance 31.12.05 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenses £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance 31.12.06 £</b>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>						
A	General	35,000	207,008	175,965	-31,044	34,999
B	Special Receipts, Unspecified	105,771	17,904	3,942	-70,818	48,915
D	Standing Committee Discretionary	0	0	0	0	0
E	Missions and Charities	0	0	16,450	16,450	0
F	Youth Committee	2,242	1,036	1,873	-1,404	0
H	Hall Committee	4,807	24,269	22,248	0	6,828
J	Social Committee	713	0	0	-713	0
N	11 am Refreshments	308	321	106	0	523
Q	Capital Equipment	5,760	0	0	-5,760	0
R	Curates' Houses	12,386	0	0	-12,387	0
T	Church Hall	7,083	0	1,750	-5,333	0
V	Church Fabric (inc boiler)	21,431	967	967	-21,431	0
X	Capital Reserve	87,054	0	0	132,829	219,883
Z	Fixed Assets	610,171	0	1,456	0	608,715
		<b>892,726</b>	<b>251,505</b>	<b>224,756</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>919,863</b>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
C	Special Receipts, Nominated	0	9,052	9,052	0	0
G	Jazz in Church	23,939	19,652	19,724	0	23,866
K	Tower (Bellringers)	1,540	519	701	0	1,358
L	Flower Arrangers	1,009	1,103	1,216	0	896
M	Remembrance Book	374	15	0	-389	0
O	Traidcraft	1,539	0	1,540	0	0
P	Music Festival	0	12,211	12,211	0	0
S	Quinquennial works	2,050	0	0	0	2,050
Y	John Lyon Trust	8,162	0	8,163	0	0
AA	Youth worker salary	35,192	12,537	12,314	0	35,416
AB	Music bequest	1,647	0	238	0	1,409
AD	IT/software/web/training	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
		<b>79,452</b>	<b>55,090</b>	<b>65,159</b>	<b>-389</b>	<b>68,994</b>
	<b>Total for all Funds</b>	<b>972,178</b>	<b>306,595</b>	<b>289,916</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>988,857</b>

The full SOFA, Balance Sheet and, most importantly, details of the Ordinary Income and Expenditure of Fund "A", the Church General Fund, are appended at the end of this summary.

The ancillary activities, which are run independently throughout the year, are integrated into the main accounts at the end of the year in order to comply with the Charities Act 1993. The income in the special purposes fund (B) includes the monthly rent from curates' houses, legacies and other small items. Proceeds from retiring collections for special purposes (such as bucket appeals and the Lent and Advent/Christmas appeals) are credited to Fund C, together with other donations for a specified purpose.

The John Lyon's Charity grant (Fund Y) went towards the salary and associated costs of the Youth Worker. This grant has now been exhausted, the last instalment under the grant having been received in 2004.

Allocations are made annually to the Standing Committee Discretionary Fund, to the Missions and Charities Committee and to the Children and Youth Committee by transfer from the General Fund. The day to day running of the Church and routine activities are financed from the General Fund (A). The General Fund balance is restored to £35,000 at the end of the financial year and £1,808 was transferred to the Capital Reserve from the General Fund to restore the balance caused by the surplus of general income over general expenditure in the financial year.

At the end of the year Traidcraft was no longer considered an integral part of the Church accounts as all profits made go to Traidcraft or other charities. Therefore, the Fund has been deconsolidated.

### Review of the year

**Total Incoming Resources** in all funds of £306,595 exceeded Resources Used by £16,679, an improvement over last year's £6,511. This was after taking account of our Investment income of £31,188, derived from past giving.

An increase over last year was seen in all income sectors with the highlights being:-

Planned Giving (incl tax refunds)	+£16,036	+10.1%
Collections	+£2,895	+20.8%
Special Receipts	+£2,036	+13.9%

As in 2005, a significant proportion of Collections and Special Receipts was restricted income and not available for general Church expenditure.

Additionally Income for Charitable Objects was up by £3,811 (11.7%) and Activities for Generating Funds by £2,201 (9.0%) with the latter including the Church Hall operation which showed a healthy surplus for the year of £2,021.

**Resources Used** at £289,916 was only 0.4% above last year. The main points to note here are:-

The Diocesan Quota - payments to Common Fund (the amount the parish pays to the Diocese towards the costs of the ministry and mission of the Diocese) remain a high area of expenditure at £90,143 (2005 - £87,636). We continue to pay in excess of our gross costs, that is the direct costs of our incumbent and parish support. The excess covers a contribution to the other costs of the Diocese, and a contribution towards the costs of those parishes not as fortunate as St. John's.

Savings in the "Upkeep" sector provided a cushion for cost increases elsewhere. These fell from £60,584 to £47,465 for 2006 following significant expenditure in 2005 at the Eastcote Road property. However we do anticipate increases in this sector in 2007.

Management and Administration showed an increase from £14,139 in 2005 to £25,551 in 2006. This increase was almost totally due to the failure to find voluntary assistance in the area of financial services and the necessity to pay fees for these services.

### **Youth worker - the future**

The reserve built up from the John Lyon Trust to fund the Youth Worker was used up during the year. The Youth Worker "100" Club donations and past transfers from reserves have resulted in a reserve (Fund AA) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 of £35,416. This will cover the cost of the Youth Worker in 2007 and with further "100" Club receipts a reserve will still remain at the end of 2007.

The Youth Worker intends to vacate the property in Eastcote Road and the present thoughts are that it would be let until we determine the future staff housing requirements.

### **The outlook for the future**

Our Budget for 2007 shows a deficit of £15,750 and this is after Investment Income projected of £36,850 which is as a result of past giving and on the basis that we are fortunate in having a Curate for which there is no charge. The challenge for the future, if we are to continue to make the excess to costs Common Fund payment and significant donations and collections we make for a number of Missions and Charities, is to generate increases in our Incoming Resources.

### **Reserves policy**

The church, like other organisations, needs to secure its future and ensure that we can weather a downturn in our normal income pattern or some unexpected, immediate or exceptional need for expenditure. It is for these reasons that we hold reserves. Certain designated reserves are funded each year from the General Fund to build up a provision for future expenditure (such as the church fabric reserve).

As far as the Capital Reserve is concerned the church's policy continues to be that the aim should be for it to be sufficiently funded to cover one year's normal expenditure. With increasing expenditure and a small reduction in the Capital Reserve this objective has not been met for many years.

*Douglas M Yates  
Hon. Treasurer*

*March 2007*

**CHURCH GENERAL FUND (FUND A)**

**Ordinary Income and Expenditure**

		£	£
<b>Income</b>			
	Planned giving	175,365	
	Other voluntary income	10,028	
	Activities for charitable objects	3,404	
	Sales from fundraising activities	4,330	
	Investment income	13,881	
		<u>13,881</u>	<u>207,008</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Cost of generating funds	163	
	Diocesan and deanery quotas	90,153	
	The Ministry	14,069	
	Support costs	23,042	
	Activities	3,551	
	Building costs - upkeep	21,805	
	Management and administration	23,181	
		<u>175,964</u>	
	Allocations to funds:		
	D Standing Committee Discretionary	500	
	E Missions and charities	16,450	
	F Youth Committee	1,500	
	Q Capital equipment	1,500	
	R Curates' houses	3,000	
	T Church Hall	2,000	
	V Church fabric	5,000	
		<u>29,950</u>	<u>-205,914</u>
<b>Surplus</b>			<u>1,808</u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2006

	<b>2006</b>		<b>2005</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(inc fixed assets)</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Donations, gifts, grants, legacies	190,492	21,853	212,345
Activities for charitable objects	3,995	32,437	36,432
Activities for generating funds	26,630	0	26,630
Investment income	30,388	800	31,188
Other incoming resources	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>251,505</b>	<b>55,090</b>	<b>306,595</b>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>			
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>	163	0	163
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>			
Grants payable under charitable objects	106,603	9,052	115,655
Cost of activities in furtherance of objects			
The Ministry	14,069	20,477	34,546
Support costs for services	24,539	1,340	25,879
Activities	5,530	33,377	38,907
Support costs			
Building costs	1,750	0	1,750
Upkeep	47,465	0	47,465
Management and administration	24,638	913	25,551
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<b>224,757</b>	<b>65,159</b>	<b>289,916</b>
NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	26,748	(10,069)	16,679
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	389	(389)	0
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	27,137	(10,458)	16,679
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>27,137</b>	<b>(10,458)</b>	<b>16,679</b>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2006	892,726	79,452	972,178
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2006</b>	<b>919,863</b>	<b>68,994</b>	<b>988,857</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	608,715	610,171
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Prepayments	3,387	3,173
Debtors	7,449	8,534
Short term deposits	300,568	280,140
Cash at bank and in hand	84,332	76,625
	<u>395,736</u>	<u>368,472</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors due within one year	4,955	2,622
Deferred income	10,639	3,843
	<u>15,594</u>	<u>6,465</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	380,142	362,007
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	988,857	972,178
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>988,857</u>	<u>972,178</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted	311,148	282,555
Restricted	68,994	79,452
Capital funds	608,715	610,171
Total	<u>988,857</u>	<u>972,178</u>

### Item 13

#### **REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSING**

1. The quinquennial, a five-yearly report on the fabric of our Church conducted by the Church Architects, has been received, and I was pleased that there were no major surprises. The few minor items that were recommended for attention within 12 months have been actioned.

The Church roof had been leaking in the Vestry, the corner of the Lady Chapel and by the pillar just outside the Lady Chapel, and all three have been successfully rectified. Plaster is peeling in the Ringing Chamber, and this is attributed to a broken drain pipe from the Tower, and is currently not considered serious, and will be rectified when scaffolding is erected when the Tower roof is replaced, and the opportunity will be taken of renewing the Church clock at the same time. Whilst there is no immediate urgency the Church Architect is in agreement that the Church roofs should be renewed in stages, over a period of four to five years.

For Health and Safety reasons a new handbasin has been installed in the Vestry, together with two hot air hand dryers. A new boiler has been installed in the Vestry Office, thereby enabling the Communion vessels to be cleaned using constant hot water, and the opportunity was taken to install hot water to the two washbasins in the toilets. We used funds generated by the Jazz concerts to fund these items.

To enable the Choir to practice in a reasonable temperature in the Vestry during the hot summer months we have applied to the Archdeacon for a faculty to install two air extractor fans in the Vestry roof. Our premises have been inspected by London Borough of Harrow, and we received the highest category of "Good".

For crime prevention reasons a personal alarm has been offered to all the Clergy and Staff, to Church Watch members, and to all those who consider they require one whilst on Church

duties. Window locks have been fitted to the Vestry windows. A register of current Church keyholders has been brought up to date, and submitted to the local Police.

Action has been taken to make it safer for Joy and Janet to work in the Office. The Friends of Pinner Parish Church facilitated this by readily purchasing a photocopier for the Vestry Office, for which we are grateful.

As a result of the Archdeacon's visitation an Inventory of all Church equipment has been undertaken, and apart from the theft of "Henry the Hoover" from Church, and the theft of one of the outside wall noticeboards advertising major services, all is in order. This was a massive undertaking, and the opportunity was taken to photograph everything we possess. I am indebted to Maureen Craddock for her assistance and diligence. In addition the Archdeacon undertook an inspection of other aspects of our Church, records, plans, certificates and financial security, etc. and her report afterwards was very encouraging. As part of "Believing and Belonging" new notice boards were installed at the back of the Church.

The PCC has agreed, in principle, to pursuing the possibility of installing a CCTV system in our Church, and the outcome to our request for a faculty is awaited. On exactly the same criteria a faculty for a Fire Alarm system is being requested. Our stained glass windows are of very high quality, and we have been extremely fortunate to have had only minor damage during the past years.

Preliminary discussions have taken place with a view to unobtrusively protecting them from the outside, and the matter will be raised with the newly elected PCC, once estimates have been received.

The third row from the front, on the organ side, is the designated row able to accommodate wheelchairs. A removable wheelchair ramp is now available upon request, enabling anyone confined to a wheelchair to receive Communion or a Blessing at the High Altar, should they advise a Welcomer/Sidespeople upon arrival.

A new notice board outside Church facing the High Street has been erected, partly funded by Philip Lawder, for which we offer our grateful thanks. Two new noticeboards have been erected underneath the lychgate, the criteria being that no one should notice the change - the carpenter succeeded! The notice board by the South door has been renovated and I am indebted to David Roker, not only for this renovation, but for all the other work he does (ably assisted by David Whitney) in keeping our historic Church in good working order.

Also in good working order are the main boiler (Nick Ridge), the Sound system (Keith French) and the lighting (Roger Lester). The Friends of Pinner Parish Church paid for a bell to be installed between the Church and the Hall, enabling the 11 o'clock service youngsters to be informed when it is time to return to Church in time for Communion.

I am very grateful to Stuart Natrass, who has ensured that we are always up to the mark on Risk Assessment and also Health and Safety issues.

2. The Church currently owns one house and two maisonettes, designated for occupation by an Assistant Director of Music, a Youth worker and a Curate. As at 31st December 2006 one of the maisonettes (Burhill Grove) was commercially let.

David Payne and his team have identified that some remedial work will be required during 2007, particularly on the house at 37 Eastcote Road to bring it up to a satisfactory Health and Safety standard, and funds are already available for that purpose, provided from existing reserves.

*Gordon G. V. Williams*

## Item 14

### Report on the Deanery Synod: April 2006-- March 2007

There have been four meetings of the Deanery Synod since the last APCM, concerned with varied issues such as inter-faith dialogue and the matter of women bishops.

The first meeting was in May, and began with worship in the style of Taize, and then soon led on to a parish profile of St John's, Great Stanmore. There has been a church in Stanmore since Saxon times, but in recent times the community has been changing rapidly. More ecumenical work is happening in the area, and along with the Eucharist service, an All-Age Worship has been introduced once a month and more variety in the evening service.

The second half of the meeting dealt with the question of inter-faith dialogue, and was presented by Rev. Fergus Capie, the Area Adviser. He stated that having other faiths in the country has brought out the identity of the Christian Church. He emphasised the importance of not watering down our Christian values and present a foundation of our own beliefs.

At the July session, the Synod accounts were approved and there was a parish profile on St Michael and All Angels, Harrow Weald. The church has close links, both in clergy and spiritually, with Holy Trinity, Wealdstone, and plans to build a new hall parallel with the church. The Hillside Fund allocations were announced, and £1,300 was given to THATCH (The Homeless and the Churches in Harrow) for a unit on Roxeth Hill for young people, and £700 given to the Emmanuel Church Toy Library.

We then proceeded to a presentation by the Parish Ministry Development Adviser, Rev. Neil Evans, on evangelism and outreach. For many years our outreach efforts have been blighted by shabby buildings, things being done "on the cheap". We in the Church need appropriate professionalism, a welcoming atmosphere, training in ministry, and a need to reach out to groups at weddings, funerals, toddler groups, that use our facilities. New

ideas are required to re-vitalise our services and buildings, such as cafe church and alternative worship. At the close of the meeting, Clive Scowen (General Synod) gave us a brief outline of subjects, including items on Chaplaincy in Further Education Colleges, women bishops and clergy pensions, raised at the July Synod.

In October at St George's, Headstone, we had a parish profile of the church, with interesting video footage of the building's construction and laying of the foundation stone. They were now in the process of selling part of the land opposite for housing, in order to pay for urgent repairs to the church and hall, and to fulfill Common Fund obligations.

There followed a presentation on Taize, which included a profile on Brother Roger, the founder, and a description on life as it is now, with its emphasis on simplicity and international young people. The heart of Taize worship is silence and a message of peace and conciliation. After coffee, there was a paper presented by Clive Scowen outlining the structure of the Church of England, and the meeting went through points on it. He also reported what the Synod had discussed at its last three sessions, which amounted to twenty-five topics, from the challenge of terrorism to admitting baptized children to communion before confirmation. Simon Pothan, our vicar, raised a question about the Common Tenure issue, under which there would be no freehold for new incumbents and there is a requirement needed to protect vicarages from being sold.

The final session of the year, last month, was a long-awaited open meeting on the topic of women bishops. In a packed All Saints, Queensbury, there was a presentation by the Bishops of Willesden and Fulham, who each gave a twenty minute talk on the issues for, and against, women bishops (in that order). Both agreed that both parties should move ahead with sensitivity of the differing views. Questions were collated from the floor, which were answered, in turn, by the two bishops. There was, I think, a positive feeling by everyone at the conclusion of the meeting.

*Stephen Brown*

## Item 15

### The Pinner Association of Churches



#### Christians in Pinner Working Together

This year the PAC has continued its many activities, both among the Churches and in the local community, with two important innovations, namely, **Carols by Torchlight** in the High Street and the impending **Monastic Safari** which is to take place on May 12.

Our new **Chairman** is Revd Mike Hall of Cannon Lane and Love Lane Methodist Churches, who takes over from Revd Simon Prout of Pinner United Free Church.

As is usual during **Lent**, the Churches studied together, this time in 10 House Groups, following the York Course '**Where is God?**' This year, a series of talks are being held at St Luke's Parish Centre on Monday evenings on the subject of '**Spirituality, Prayer and Worship**'.

**Worshipping Together** took place regularly during the year, with a moving Taize Service in remembrance of Brother Roger in St John's in March, a celebration of Pentecost in St. Luke's, a Speaker from the Bible Society at Love Lane Methodist Church, after the AGM at Cannon Lane and again at Love Lane in January, 2007 to celebrate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. **Praying Together** also took place regularly, but attendance was low.

In March the **Three Faith Dialogue** group organised the planting of a **Tree for Peace** on the green between Moss Lane and Church Lane. The deputy Mayor of Harrow took part, together with representatives of the PAC Churches, local Synagogues and the Harrow Mosque. The **Three Faith Dialogue** has continued with discussions on Fasting and Feasting in the three traditions, 'What, on earth, is peace?', religious practices in the home and 'Learning from Diversity'. (A fuller report can be found elsewhere).

The **Good Friday Walk of Witness** took place again from Little Common Park to St Luke's and, in spite of the rain, about 200 people took part.

In **Christian Aid Week** in May, PAC volunteers collected £6,716.96.

On July 1, the **Summer Fun Day** took place in Pinner Memorial Park and was well attended, with 55 members of the Churches involved. **Songs of Praise in the Park** on August 27 brought out around 500 people, and the sum of £536 collected, was divided between the West House Appeal and the Middle East Emergency Appeal.

The **PAC Study Morning** on October 7 on '**Radical Christianity**' was led by Revd Dr John Vincent of the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield at Love Lane Methodist Church.

**Pinner Pantomime Night** took place on November 30, with members of PAC singing carols outside David Charles, and on December 22, for the first time, there were **Carols by Torchlight** by the Christmas tree in the High Street. In spite of the cold and the fog, around 100 people of all ages turned up, with car drivers stopping to give us support and even Pizza Hut offering free glasses of wine to keep our spirits up!

The **Christmas Lunch**, for which two new organisers, Elizabeth and Marco Madrid, generously volunteered just before the event, was a great success, with 55 guests and over 100 helpers drawn from the local community.

Further PAC commitment in the local community is demonstrated by the decision of all the Pinner Churches to continue to support **THATCH** (The Homeless and the Churches in Harrow) by extending their annual donation for another three years.

Another local activity, which is greatly appreciated by those who are elderly and housebound are the regular **Welcome Lunches** held at Love Lane Methodist Church. These could not take place without the help of **Pinner Helping Hands**, who have a small pool of volunteer drivers for these lunches and for taking similar housebound people to

hospital appointments, etc. Pinner Helping Hands always needs volunteers and, shortly, they will need a new co-ordinator. If anyone feels able to take on this role, please contact Sue McKay on 020 8868 6705.

The **Coffee Shop** continues to be a focal point for social contact in Pinner and goes from strength to strength. The lunch held on January 19, 2007 to mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** raised nearly £300 for Christian Aid and CAFOD, and during the past year over £1,000 was shared between charitable causes and the work of PAC.

During **Fair Trade Fortnight** volunteers from PAC Churches will be manning a Fair Trade display table in Sainsbury's foyer in March, following on from a similar event in 2006, thereby making the public aware of the many Fair Trade items on sale in the local supermarkets.

Finally, this year on May 12, members of PAC, together with the Benedictine monks of Ealing Abbey, are organising a '**Monastic Safari**' in Pinner. Activities, ranging from services, taken by the monks, and silent meditation, to learning about illuminated lettering, gregorian chant, bread-making and activities for children will take place during the day, using all six PAC Churches. Transport is being arranged to reach St Andrew's and Cannon Lane Methodist Church.

There is now a **PAC Notice Board** at the back of the Church, next to the Library, so do watch out for PAC events and come along to meet and support your fellow Christians in Pinner and members of the wider public. The '**Clarion**' informs Pinner residents of these events and a four-monthly **Newsletter** informs the Churches and, lastly, do not forget the **PAC Website** [www.pinnerchurches.org.uk](http://www.pinnerchurches.org.uk).

*Wendy Myers*



### Report on "PAC Welcome Lunches"

6 lunches were held in the Methodist Hall with 50 – 60 guests each time. In addition, a Nativity Play by the children of Innellan School was performed in the Methodist Church last December with coffee and mince pies afterwards and was much enjoyed by our guests.

We are very grateful to the drivers of Pinner Helping Hands who continue to transport many of the people.

*Elizabeth Catto*

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Pinner Statistics

	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	20	52	11	20	43	43	30	31	29	29	23	24	26	22	34	35	17	27	24	17	16	23	10
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>																							
<b>YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	2	17	7	-	13	8	5	5	9	-	8	6	14	11	8	6	20	-	15	17	7	5	13
<b>ADULTS</b>	3	4	7	3	9	15	3	-	6	-	6	4	2	-	9	-	2	5	2	4	3	2	3
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	27	32	27	39	27	35	25	25	22	27	32	20	21	24	16	26	13	19	19	14	9	9	7
<b>BLESSINGS</b>	2	2	6	4	1	9	3	1	2	6	2	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL FUNERALS BY PINNER CLERGY</b>		68	71	77	72	86	62	79	88	74	85	61	65	71	76	79	80	58	39	55	44	28	35
<b>WHICH INCLUDE CH. SERVICE</b>		10	16	12	14	12	11	11	20	9	16	13	13	11	19	22	13	12	10	15	7	5	12
<b>BURIAL OF ASHES</b>	2	3	8	5	11	5	10	8	14	10	7	7	2	14	13	16	12	15	7	12	5	12	6
<b>Communions</b>																							
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	560	475	462	443	439	427	412	407	419	440	401	370	409	435	383	389	378	437	359	414	377	379	345
<b>E.MON-SAT INCL</b>	73	64	40	38	36	29	32	34	41	34	44	42	32	46	35	66	55	38	39	44	39	23	28
<b>XMAS DAY</b>	601	617	571	571	555	529	542	571	466	456	543	439	483	507	512	425	458	448	496	480	437	441	476
<b>ELEC. ROLL</b>	443	449	442	449	460	479	378	405	412	428	430	416	380	404	435	441	445	442	362	367	361	373	377
<b>Stewardship</b>																							
<b>COV'T / GIFT AID</b>	203	198	201	183			197									202	293	279	284	270	249	229	231
<b>NON-COV'T / GIFT AID</b>	76	76	62	64			74									60		26	16	19	26	25	26