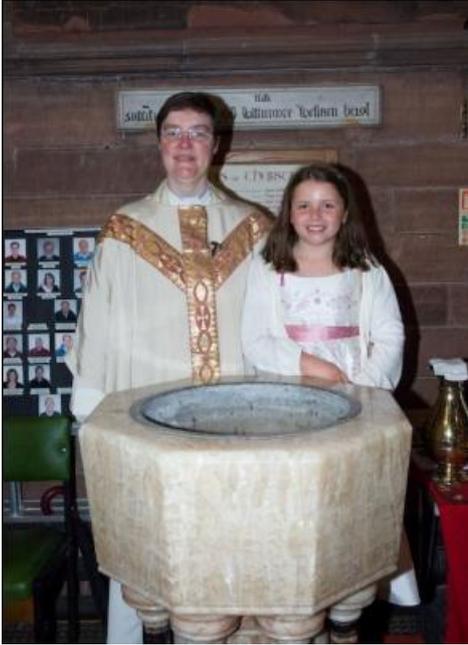


# St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby



# MISSION AND ACTIVITIES IN 2010



## FROM THE RECTOR ...

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2010, it has been a difficult and challenging year in many ways:-

- The beginning of the year saw exceptional weather conditions and the need to cancel several services as it was not safe to access St Bartholomew's
- My own health was a problem, with a recurrent illness which left me unable to work on several Sundays
- The restructuring of our service pattern was challenging but by the end of the year, I believe we have achieved a structure which is helpful and beneficial to all.

However, 2010 has also been a year in which we have seen many changes which will ultimately lead to growth and sustainability of our congregations. Our GAP (Growth Action Planning) has resulted in:-

- **Developing our Pastoral Care**
  - Alan Jones (Reader) has taken on the responsibility of co-ordinating Pastoral Care. He will be a point of contact to link people who are in need of pastoral visiting, with those who are willing to do pastoral visiting
  - The PCC are continuing to look at this broad area of church life and hope that further initiatives will be developed over the next twelve months.
- **Developing our Social Functions**
  - Patsy Brady has taken on the responsibility of co-ordinating social functions. Her role is to be the first port of call for people who have an idea for a social function that they are prepared to run. She will make sure that the PCC are happy with the idea and will then support those organising the event – booking St Chad's if required, liaising with the PCC Treasurer, and various other ways to help you make your event a success
  - The Harvest Supper and the Christmas Fair were the first events run in this way, lots of people were involved and they were both a great success.
- **Developing our Communication**
  - We are looking into developing our website
  - We circulated 120 complimentary copies of the December magazine to encourage people to discover that this publication contains lots of important information relating to the life of the church
  - We are looking into ways in which we can use e-mail to keep people in touch with weekly news and/or monthly newsletters
  - Various other ideas are being discussed by the PCC and we hope that in the coming year we will be able to improve parish communication.
- **Creation of a Buildings Committee**
  - Under the supervision of the two church wardens, we now have a team of people managing both of our buildings, garden and church yard.



I am very grateful to ALL who have supported and encouraged me through the past twelve months and ALL who have taken on new roles and responsibilities (no matter how large or small). I ended last year's Annual Report Letter with the following words:

May 2010 be a year in which we grow as a church and in which every member of our congregation knows that they are appreciated for the gifts they bring to the body of Christ in this place.

I hope you agree that this has indeed begun to happen through the GAP process and that we can continue to develop and grow through 2011.

God Bless

**Revd Jane Turner**

## **THE PCC AND ITS ROLE IN CHURCH LIFE**

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for church finances, the churches and their contents and the care of the churchyard. These responsibilities combine with concern for the ongoing worship and mission of the church. The PCC enables all matters of general importance to be discussed by the minister and church members in a formal meeting and the decisions may affect most areas of church life.

The principal topics discussed during 2010 were the Open Door Project and Growth Action Planning (GAP). Open Door matters included the appeal against the decision of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), which advises the Bishop on matters to do with church architecture, fixtures and fittings. GAP is an initiative by the Diocese to encourage growth in each parish according to its needs.

### **1. OPEN DOOR PROJECT**

Because we had already raised a considerable sum towards the work required, we felt obliged to go to the Consistory Court to challenge the decision of the DAC to reject the plans for St Bartholomew's. The Court overruled the DAC after a visit to the parish on 6th March 2010, and consideration of evidence submitted by us and by the Victorian Society. A major fundraising project is now required. The Victorian Society applied to English Heritage for an upgrade in the classification of the building, which was granted. An upgrading to 2\* listing should provide access to more sources of grant funding.

We noted other desirable improvements at St Bartholomew's. The heating was not working properly; it would be beneficial to insulate the roof; the pathways could be improved. These projects will be addressed in the future, when funding permits.

### **2. GROWTH ACTION PLANNING (GAP)**

The year began with an open parish meeting. The PCC considered all the views expressed in developing a strategy for growth within our resources. GAP requires three goals for the year and plans to reach them. We agreed a six month trial of different main service times at both churches. Other goals for the first year were to revive the Open Door project, and to provide coffee after all services at St Chad's. All these goals were achieved.

### **A Way Forward**

"A Way Forward" was a series of proposals to develop the parish to meet better the needs of parishioners. This was not originally part of GAP, but we have incorporated it into those plans. The proposals were supported by studies of comparable parishes and by careful analysis of worship patterns in this parish. The key points were a careful but fundamental change in leadership style, with much more delegation to independent lay leaders working within guidelines established by the Rector and the PCC. The proposals are expected to take up to two years to implement.

In relation to service arrangements, we decided to recruit another priest to assist with the 8.00 am services, reversing changes in the approach to teaching at that service and changing the time of the main service at St Bartholomew's back to 11.15am. For social events, we agreed to find a "Link Coordinator", known in both churches, for those organising events such as the Christmas Fair and other social events, and Patsy Brady agreed to be the coordinator. To establish new teams and committees, the PCC proposed focusing on four areas: the Buildings Committee or Team, visiting people in need, a replacement for Praise and Play/Mothers and Toddlers, and communications. During 2010 we made good progress with the Buildings Team and began to develop a visiting team and communications. We are still working on the provisions for the young children (pre-Junior Church). This is a significant package of positive developments.

### **GAP – Year 2**

We decided that in addition to consolidating what had been achieved in the first year, the focus of the parish in the next year should be on developing pastoral work through the new team, welcoming new worshippers to both churches and improving communications within the parish (including a recognition that in today's electronic age people use a much greater range of communication methods). We hope that 2011 will bring us further significant improvements in parish life as the changes take effect.

### **3. THE CHURCHES**

The PCC discussed arrangements to clean the gutters and remove vegetation, noting that permanent fixings for ropes or chains had been installed when the walls were re-pointed, so that scaffolding should generally not be needed. We noted that the NADFAS reports on the contents of St Bartholomew's had not been seen for several years, but one copy was subsequently found. We also noted that it might be necessary to arrange a survey of the churchyard showing the positions of graves. Electrical tests and tests of fire extinguishers were completed at both churches. The Council recorded thanks to Mr Archie Peat for coordinating the work at St Chad's during August, and thanked all those who had been involved in that work.

We responded to complaints about the state of the churchyard at St Bartholomew's. We obtained quotations for restoring the grounds at both churches to an acceptable state and provide an ongoing maintenance arrangement. These are being considered. Two parishioners have offered to do the initial clearance voluntarily.

### **4. OTHER MATTERS**

The Council discussed many other matters, including support for young people attending a youth activity weekend at Quinta in May; the opening of St Bartholomew's for the "Ride and "Stride" event, arranged by Cheshire Historic Churches Trust; a tree at St Chad's in memory of Mrs Bezant, deciding that such memorials would be authorised in future only for people with remarkable service to the church for at least 20-25 years, a criterion that Pam Bezant easily met; a service of celebration of 125 years since the consecration of the present church on the Sunday nearest to the anniversary date, January 7th; the Quinquennial Inspection due during 2011; and a proposal that Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts be licensed to assist with Holy Communion.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

The PCC has tackled some serious issues during the year and has made excellent progress. I hope this report reflects that. There were also many other routine matters to deal with. We hope to continue to move forwards during 2011, basing our actions firmly on best practice and on the wishes and expectations of parishioners.

**G J Barley**  
**Honorary Secretary**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2010**

In April 2010 I took over the Planned Giving responsibilities from Dilys Jeffrey including the weekly collection count. Dilys had given three months notice and in anticipation of this I obtained the permission of the PCC to purchase specialist software from Paxton Charities Accounting, which would encompass day-to-day accounting and planned giving records. This proved to be a disastrous decision for several reasons, not least of which was the inability to examine transaction histories. Hours of input would have been necessary for Planned Giving, although I had decided by the start of the current tax year to use and develop the spreadsheet system used by Dilys.

During the summer months I abandoned Paxton, using instead the 2010 edition of QuickBooks Pro which I own – we have been using this software for many years in several forms. I had to input six months worth of work, but it was worth it! However, Paxton did teach me the importance of tracking Funds, but it was an expensive mistake which cost £500 including Support.

### **GENERAL FUND**

Because I am both your Treasurer and Planned Giving Officer, this report encompasses both roles. The edges do become blurred, because Planned Giving is our chief source of income, representing 57% of our Income in the General Fund. In 2010 our Planned Giving receipts were £45,862 compared with £49,164 in 2009.

This drop is partly because some people have moved away. Also, we find that people only give when they come to Church. Bad weather in November and December prevented many from coming to Church, resulting in Planned Giving receipts of £3,088 in November and £3,484 in December. Compare this with £5,577 in October (admittedly a 5-week month) and £3,981 in August.

I was surprised to discover that many members of our regular congregation were away over Christmas 2010, in spite of some well-attended services at St Bartholomew's. Only 43 members of our Planned Giving Scheme (representing about one third of our congregation) attended Church, although I am glad to report that 33 visitors used the yellow Gift Aid envelopes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

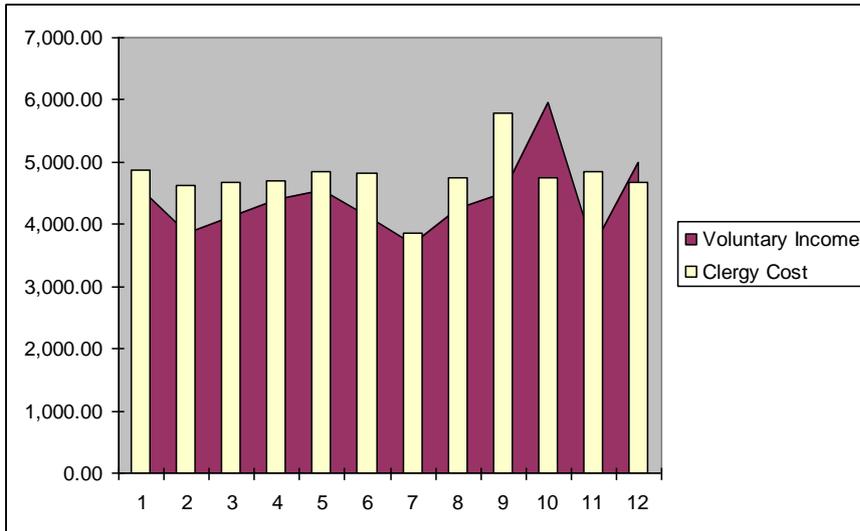
The most important outgoing we have is the Parish Share. This is charged by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance for the cost of clergy stipends, pensions, National Insurance, clergy housing, direct clergy support, ordination selection and training, and other diocesan overheads. In 2011 we will be charged £52,043. Pastoral Expenses cost £4,449 (of which the Rectory Council Tax is the biggest individual cost) plus £2,185 for (mainly) retired clergy support at services.

These three overhead costs mean we have to find £58,677 from our Planned Giving Scheme. Gift Aid produces £11,000 but I can only claim this annually. From April 2011 the rate for Gift Aid falls from 28% to 25% which means we will lose £1,200 from this source.

The graph (Figure 1, next page) shows all the income we receive from Voluntary Giving each month, including Cash Collections and Donations, but excluding the amount I can recover from Gift Aid. This is represented by the deep red colour. The light-coloured columns represent the total clergy cost we have to pay each month.

By including Gift Aid (which I can only turn into cash once a year) we just covered the Clergy Cost, except in September and November. In 2011 the columns will be taller to represent the 3% hike in our Parish Share, thus making it more difficult to balance the books.

The financing of the parochial system of the Church of England is quite different from running organisations with charitable objectives. We don't receive grant income and don't



**Figure 1. Voluntary Giving and Clergy Costs**

charge a membership fee. We have many varied overhead costs to pay, whilst our income is largely dependant upon people attending Church. Fortunately I can rely upon £722 each month from 18 people who give by standing order from their bank accounts. Some of these people then give loose change using P.G. envelopes when they attend Church.

The Planned Giving initiative last autumn only brought limited response. Just over 80 members of the scheme did not complete a Pledge. Our deficit of £7,069 would be eliminated if all those who did not respond gave an extra £1.70 each week. I could then recover another £1,768 from Gift Aid which would make me a happy man! Seriously though, do please think about giving by standing order, weekly or monthly, for at least 90% of your Monthly Pledge. Our bank detail is as follows:-

CAF Bank 40-52-40; Thurstaston PCC; Account number 00018674

I will now touch upon income received from the Morrell Trust and the Eilleen Shaw Trust. Detail of both is covered below, but due to the timing of the investments, I do anticipate increased income from both Trusts from 2011 onwards. We received £195 from Morrell and £3,041 from Eilleen Shaw. However, income from both Trusts shows a marked improvement upon 2009 performances.

For quite a number of years we had not properly remunerated our organist. Craig is now paid in accordance with Royal School of Church Music guidelines to match his skills and our requirements of him.

There have been no other major increases in costs although we do need to keep a tight rein on expenditure for St Chad's. The General Fund balance has now fallen to £11,027 which will be insufficient to meet cash flow requirements in the summer months, without borrowing from the Open Door Reserve. In 2010 HMRC took 12 weeks to process our Gift Aid claim because they lost the original documents. This caused further strain on the cash flow, which I managed to alleviate by reducing the Parish Share in July (with full agreement with the Diocesan Board of Finance). The arrears were paid off in September.

I have had to make an exceptional provision in the 2010 Accounts in respect of Water Rates for 2009 and 2010. We are in dispute with United Utilities, where it seems we are using a massive 3,000 litres of water per day. The General Fund balance reflects a charge of £1,562 which is specified in Item 8 of the Accounts, under Sundry Creditors. At the time of preparing this Report we do not know the outcome, although we are hoping there may be a leak outside our premises for which we are not responsible.

## **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

### *1. Playgroup*

We are pleased with the increased surplus in 2010, almost doubling their Reserves to £5,162 based upon turnover of £41,667.

No Church groups are charged for the use of St Chad's. Groups such as Playgroup and the Mothers' Union make voluntary donations to the PCC for the use of the building, for which the PCC is most grateful.

The Playgroup is self funding. It was not supported financially in any way in 2010, except for a very small purchase of cleaning materials. Playgroup made three donations to church funds in 2010. The Playgroup was reimbursed from church funds for the Income Tax element of the Parish Clerical Officer's salary, because we use their payroll system which automatically pays her tax to HMRC. The Playgroup also received an agreed share of the Christmas Fair proceeds from two tables which they operated.

Under the terms of the Local Authority consent for the erection of the St Chad's extension in 2002 the PCC is precluded from hiring the extension rooms to any organisation or individual, and so the use of these rooms by Playgroup provides us with additional voluntary income that is a welcome addition to our parish funds

## *2. Open Door*

Total income was £1,087 during a year when there was no marketing drive. We delayed expenditure until we had the go-ahead following our appeal to the Chancellor, but we did incur further legal costs of £895. We will have Chancellor's costs, which are still unbilled. We may have a VAT issue, and I will resist any attempt to charge at 20% when the services were performed at the 17½% rate.

Following the formation of the Open Door Committee, we paid for structural engineers to make investigations and produce a report. We then re-engaged our architect who has produced detailed building plans. We paid him fees representing the balance of 75% Work Stage, based upon builders' quotations. The balance on Open Door account is now £49,942.

## **ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

### *1. The Morrell Trust*

Last year I anticipated income of 5% plus some capital growth. We achieved a return of 3.91% after missing income for the first quarter of 2010, due to the timing of the investments in December 2009. This is because the first quarter's payment was based upon funds being held the previous November. There has also been capital growth of 1.3% to £5,065. Based upon the performance for 2010, a full-year income in excess of 5% is expected in 2011.

### *2. The Ismay Charity*

For similar reasons to the Morrell Trust, we only received three quarterly payments totalling £89. The objectives are for the relief of poverty in the parish, held within the gift of the incumbent. The capital value has increased by 1.8% over the year. No payments were made in 2010, with the total cash available for distribution or reinvestment standing at £327.

### *3 The Eileen Shaw Trust*

Negotiations to transfer the Trust to new custodians were completed in February 2010. Whilst HSBC paid all their legal costs, we were permitted to pay our legal costs from the capital value. The custodian trustee is now the Chester Diocesan Board of Finance in whose name all the investments are registered. The Managing Trustees remain the Rector and Churchwardens. It is for these reasons that the value and performance of the funds does not form part of the church accounts.

However, I can reveal that we have split the funds received across five CBF Church of England funds managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. The funds are

- UK Equity Fund Income
- Fixed Interest Income
- Global Equity Fund Income
- Investment Fund Income
- Property Fund Income
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All income is paid without deduction of Income Tax.

## **CONCLUSION**

Although I have covered the operation of Playgroup above, there appears to be an element of our congregation who think that the PCC makes regular payment to the Playgroup, in order to keep it afloat. Quite why we would need to support a profitable commercial venture within our Church is a puzzle only known to them. We do not support Playgroup in any financial way. Unlike our General Fund, Playgroup's Reserves are growing, which demonstrates their financial stability, and is a matter where the PCC shows some envy!

This does raise a wider issue about Church Activities, which includes Playgroup, and their use of the St Chad's building. The PCC does not charge any of our Church groups for the use of the building. The only difference between Playgroup and, say, Mothers' Union, is that Playgroup is a commercial venture. Both groups make donations to the PCC for the use of the building, for which the PCC is most grateful.

I wish to thank Rhona Madden and Suzanne Middleton for helping me count the weekly collections and record the P.G. envelopes. We all use laptop computers in the Vestry, which makes recording detail so very easy. Rhona and Suzanne take full responsibility when I am away on holiday: however, they are both young mums so cannot always help me. For this reason I do seek other volunteers!

Managing our finances is challenging, so it is important we can rely upon a regular income stream from Planned Giving, rather than the haphazard way much is given at present. I do thank those who give regularly each week, and who double or triple giving for the weeks they cannot attend church. I also thank those who already give by standing order.

The record for the number of envelopes given by one person on a Sunday is 25! I can only record money against the date it is received, so in this case 25 envelopes were grossed up into one amount. However, do please consider regular giving by standing order each week or month, for most or all of your Pledge. Also, if you can, please increase your giving by at least £1 per week if you have not already done so.

**Christopher J Eden**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

## **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S REPORT**

Before I became a church warden I thought I knew what the role involved but then found the reality was rather different. This has been part of my learning curve since I took over from Geoff Burns last spring. Geoff managed to make the role look straightforward, whilst in fact it is anything but! The diversity of responsibilities, the tasks, the events, the meetings, and the behind-the-scenes activities, all combine to make the warden's role a complex but fulfilling one. Geoff's continuing support over the last nine months has been invaluable. The role has also been made easier because it is one I share with Roger, to whom I must express my thanks and gratitude for his help and understanding.

Our parish is a large community of Christians, who gather together to meet with God and each other in our differing services, and who collect together at other times to enjoy fellowship, events, and activities that are part of our weekly, monthly and annual calendar. However, these occasions don't just happen. They have to be organised, arranged, and managed. Behind the scenes, many volunteers step in each week to help and perform tasks that are largely unseen. Others perform roles that are more visible

but nevertheless require preparation, perhaps rehearsal, and invariably the investment of time and effort. I must therefore express my personal gratitude, and I am sure also that of the PCC and all church members, to all the sacristans, servers, sidespeople, intercessors, scripture readers, voluntary cleaners, flower arrangers, members of the gardening club, and those who when necessary assist in catering or preparing refreshments.

I hesitate to name individuals because there are so many and each plays a valuable part, but I do feel that special thanks should be expressed to Archie Peat and Jon Oliver who invariably step forward when a maintenance task needs doing, are often there sorting out a problem even before I know it has arisen, and are frequently undaunted by the time and physical effort involved. I must mention also Chris Rostock our Parish Secretary, and Joyce Ratcliffe our verger, who have similarly gone one step further when the need has arisen.

I must express my thanks and gratitude, and I am sure also that of the PCC and all church members, to those who perform a personal ministry using their gifts and skills, and in particular to Craig and others who play music at our services, and Richard and his team who ring the bells at St Bartholomew.

Finally I must express my thanks and gratitude, and I am sure also the gratitude of church members and others who are part of the parish, to our Rector Jane, to our retired clergy Joe, Simon and Ian, and also the Revd David Trollope who stepped in to assist Jane by leading our 8.00am Eucharist service from Advent Sunday, and our Reader Alan, for their leadership and ministry.

I am still finding parts of St Bartholomew's that I am appreciating for the first time. It is a magnificent building intricately constructed and richly decorated. I wonder how many people have realised that "Pearson" designed two different styles of column which are positioned alternately down the nave, or that the base of the font is constructed of three different types of marble. On a practical level the building is generally in good order as far as I am aware, with no outstanding repairs. There is, however, to be a quinquennial inspection conducted by the diocesan appointed architect early in 2011.

St Bartholomew's continues to be a centre of local community life. Over the past year three services have routinely been held every Sunday, and numerous baptisms, weddings and funerals have taken place.

There have also been a variety of festival, special services, and activities including our annual St Bartholomew's Day during August, which attracted a large number of people and raised funds for the Open Door Project. Many of those who attend these occasions are not regular churchgoers, which shows the importance these services and activities play in our mission to reach out into the wider community.

For me a low point of 2010 was the rejection of our Open Door Plans for improvements at St Bartholomew's by the members of the DAC, and a definite high was the Chancellor's validation of our position by his judicial decision to reject the recommendations of his own advisory committee and the Victorian Society, and find in our favour.

Three major challenges will confront us over the forthcoming year

- to try to bring to a conclusion our Open Door Project, so we can benefit from the considerable improvements this will provide
- to address the inadequacy of the heating system at St Bartholomew's
- to tackle the spread of uncontrolled weeds and secondary growth, and improve access within the graveyard

I have enjoyed the last nine months as church warden and will strive to continue to perform the role dutifully and effectively in the future.

**John Roberts**  
**Church Warden**

## **ST CHAD'S REPORT**

It is pleasing to report that St. Chad's has had another year of being well used as a church and for other groups.

There has been regular worship on Sundays now at the new time of 9.30 a.m. that is working well, while the Wednesday Holy Communion service continues to attract several who are in regular attendance.

As a parish hall St. Chad's has been continually used for Mothers' Union, EMU meetings and coffee mornings while more recently they held a very enjoyable branch Carol Service and Christmas party.

In the early autumn there was a Harvest Workshop followed a week later by a Harvest Supper which was a joyful and very successful occasion organised by Chris and Sue Turnbull helped by several others, and with musical entertainment provided by Mike Rostock, Revd Simon Beckley and Peter Robson's hand-bells. The next big attraction was the Christmas Fair which, in spite of the weather was a great success helped by a vintage London bus that was Santa's grotto. Thanks are due to the organisers Julie, Wendy, and Patsy.

Groups using the hall include the Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Irby Artists and the Merry Widows.

The New Building at St. Chad's is used continually, especially in term time when through the week there is a thriving Play School, and on Sundays when a well structured Sunday School is available for all ages of children led by Julie DeBoorder and Karen Robson. Other occasional use is by Church connected groups, such as EMU, and the PCC.

### **ST CHAD'S BUILDING.**

Nearly all the outside work done on St. Chad's in the summer of 2009 remained good, so that with few exceptions we were able to concentrate on the internal decor in this year's two week closure. As in the past year, Archie Peat has provided great inspiration and organisational skills for the operation.

There was, this year, a departure from our usual in-house funding of man power; although we did do this as well. Upon the advice of one of our parishioners we elicited the help of the Probationary Service in Birkenhead, who provided us with between six and eight people over six days within the two weeks we were working on the hall. They worked well once health and safety issues were ironed out. They painted most of the ceiling and much of the walls, and some even had some good advice with regard to what we were doing. Over all, asking for their help proved to be a success.

We completed painting the outside of the building, especially around the sanctuary. The hall ceiling and walls were painted and the floor was varnished. In addition the foyer was freshly painted and provided with improved lighting: thanks here to Jon Oliver our deputy Churchwarden. Because last year the varnishing of the floor in the hall had been such a disaster, there was a determined effort to try to get it right this time. It is gratifying to see that for the moment it is standing up well to the heavy use that it is given.

Work that is outstanding, some of which will wait until money is available, is the sealing of the outer walls, insulation of roof space, and refurbishment of the kitchen.

### **ST CHAD'S GROUNDS.**

The lawn at the back still looks like a field. The sensory garden does not seem to have the attention that it should, but the front lawns have had the appearance of being cared for, thanks in the main to Archie.

Overall I feel that this was a year that improved with age, and as some of the GAP proposals began to bear fruit.

**Roger Jackson – Church Warden**



backgrounds and train those who are refused employment; to build safe secure homes for families living in poverty; to establish self-help groups to help those with Leprosy find acceptance, dignity and independence; and so much more.

Thank you for your continued support in the ongoing fight against the causes and consequences of Leprosy.

## Pat Hulme



### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Jean Heath, Elaine Kavanagh and Barbara Kozer co-ordinate collections and fund raising for the Society in the Parish.

In the spring, as part of the Society's national house-to-house collection for children, our Parish of Irby and Thurstaston raised £1,174.55. This wonderful total was only possible with the help of collectors in the community and we do thank them for their assistance each year. New collectors are always needed and we would be delighted to welcome anyone with a few hours to spare during the collection fortnight, which falls between 26 March and 9 April in 2011. Please contact one of the co-ordinators if you are able to help in some way.

During 2010 the house boxes, which people keep in their own homes and are emptied annually in the autumn, produced £750.47, which was considerably below last year's total. However, following a visit from Allison from the Children's Society in September, when she spoke at both churches, we have increased our box holders by twenty and hope that next year we can raise even more for children at risk in our society.

We hold a "Thank You" coffee morning in St Chad's in October, which is open to all, but also aids box collection. Although the coffee and biscuits are free, through kind donations and the proceeds from the bring-and-buy table we raised £57.50.

The Christingle Service in early December at St Chad's raised a further £91.50 for the Society.

The Society says, "Every year 100,000 children under 16 run away. Some of these children are fleeing family conflict, abuse or neglect and many end up alone on the streets, at risk and with no one to turn to for help". The money raised through our collections helps the Society to support these children in a variety of ways – practical support and advice, a hot meal, emergency accommodation and counselling. The Children's Society is also beginning to build a network of Children's Centres across the country to provide support services for pre-school children and their families. Although the work of the Society has changed and evolved over its 130 year history, the founder's belief that every child deserves a good childhood remains at the heart of what they do.

## Jean Heath

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES



#### Junior Church

**It has been decided it is time to drop the title 'Sunday School' and hence 'Junior Church' takes its place.**

Junior Church meets at St Chad's during the service at term time, excluding family service days. The three groups are: 'Sparklers' age 2½ to reception class; 'All Stars' years 1-3; 'Trailblazers' years 4-6. The sizes of the groups fluctuate from a few to about 5-8 in the lower groups.

We use 'Click' resource which covers different age groups, provides discussions, games, crafts and prayers. At the moment we are studying the New Testament. However Mark Montgomery, Chester Diocesan Youth Officer, met with Jane and some of the leaders and helpers and gave us some good advice; consequently, in the New Year we are going to try to prepare our own material and provide a more purposeful syllabus that will provide better links as the children progress from one group to the next. It will provide the stimulus to explore their faith as a natural progression and will suit their age and spiritual growth. Also once we have created the programme it will cover a rolling 3 years and we hope will need minimal updating on review.



There were lots of activities this year: Pancake party, Easter workshop, nature quiz, barbecue, St Beartholomew's Day, Harvest Workshop and the Chester Pilgrimage. The workshops were open events; both primary schools were invited and were well attended and great fun. The barbecue was yummy and it didn't rain! It was a relaxed family get together with great fun had by adults and children alike, playing rounders, football and even kite flying. The Chester Pilgrimage was a success (I learnt some Sign Language!) Most of the children took a friend which they enjoyed.

Sunday school leaders, helpers and their friends and families all helped to provide games, stalls and snacks at St "Beartholomew's" Day and the Christmas Fair. St Beartholomew's Day had a record 50 plus bears leaping off the tower and the Christmas Fair had its first Grotto on a London Double Decker Bus!

The 2 services the children take part in, joined by the seniors, are the 'Book Giving Service' and the 'Christmas Production'.

The book giving service this year was again in the form of an 'Agape' when everyone shared communion. The children took part in the service with an upbeat version of the 'Good Samaritan' play, songs and thoughts on a present day Good Samaritan.



The Christmas Production 'The Journey of the wise men' was a different style not tried before, as the congregation were invited to pick up a costume or prop and join in. This proved a success and several people told me how much they enjoyed it and they liked the way adults and children all joined together - little Bethan stealing the show as baby Jesus!

It was lovely this year to see Emily Fearn-Nichol choosing to be baptised and Georgia Brady and Sarah Robson confirmed, God bless you.

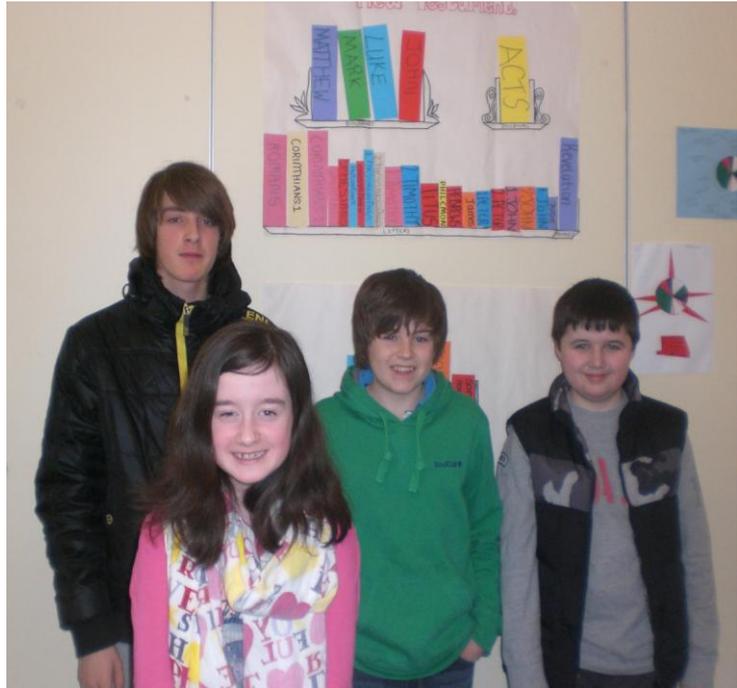
Many thanks to the Sunday School leaders and helpers (and their friends and families) without whom nothing would get done and who have given their time so generously. Thanks to the Reverend Jane for her advice and support and thanks to my small committee, Vivienne, Jayne and Chris who meet together with me whenever I have to plan anything, and who have supported me and shared the load.

This year Harriet Rathmell, Wendy Wolstencroft and Donna Robinson have left us and thanks go to them for all their hard work. In the New Year we will welcome Catharine Barley, Karen Fearn, Sarah Barr and Bennett Appleyard.

**Julie DeBoorder.**

**SENIORS AND 14+**

Our Seniors (11-14 yr olds) have continued to meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays during service time at St. Chad's. Some teenagers over the age of 14 have also chosen to continue in Seniors and it has been a pleasure to have them with us. We have continued to explore well-known stories and books of the Bible, together with the less well-known and have discussed how they link together and how they influence our lives today.



From September to Christmas, we also used the sessions to support two young members of our Church on their journey to Confirmation. The Seniors continue to be involved in the church services and regularly assist the sides persons, do readings, or write and read the intercessions. We had our annual weekend trip to Quinta, in May, where some of our young people were able to explore their faith at a youth event, along with other young Christians from the Diocese.

The monthly 14+ group has not been continued this academic year due to low numbers but we will review this arrangement annually, as the needs and the number of people in the age group changes. We have supported one of our teenagers who regularly attends a Youth Group which includes Bible Study at a nearby Church. We continue to have a group of secondary school aged youngsters learning to ring our bells at St. Bartholomew's.

If anyone of senior school age wishes to join in any of these activities, please let us know. You will be very welcome.

**Karen Robson and Janet Trigg.**

**PLAY AND PRAISE**

We started off the beginning of the year learning about "Lucy lie a lot" and friends to learn about Christian values.

Unfortunately our pancake party had to be cancelled as Aidan was unwell.

We have had fun learning about characters from the Old Testament. Queen Esther was a big hit with the children!

Revd Jane came and spoke to the children about the Easter Story during our Easter Egg Hunt. We have also learnt about the parables including the lost coin. We had a treasure hunt and made money boxes ... I'm not sure who enjoyed this more, the mums or the children! We ended the summer term with our teddy bears' picnic where all of the children were presented with a book about Jesus or a character from the Old Testament.

We have tried to support activities at church throughout the year. Several mums took home collection boxes for The Children's Society and helped with the collections for The Children Society and Christian Aid. Others have taken on tasks at church such as helping to bank the collection money.

Sadly "Play and Praise" came to an end in the summer. Many of our children were due to start school in September and I decided to step down as leader due to work and family commitments.

Many thanks to all the people who have helped lead "Play and Praise" over the years. Many thanks to the Mother's Union who have helped make numerous cups of tea since "Play and Praise" started and helped life much easier for the leaders! Many thanks to the children and parents who have attended. Being a parent can be very difficult at times as well as being a lot of fun. I'm sure I'm not the only parent who has benefited from the support and friendship of the other mums and leaders at "Play and Praise" over the years.

Once another leader has been found it is planned to launch "Tots and Tinies". I know someone has already volunteered but she needs help. I know how hard it can be trying to lead a group on your own. I encourage anyone who is able to help in anyway to do so. Whilst it can be a challenge at times it can be a lot of fun. It is a great way to get to know families with young children, make them feel welcome at church and to encourage them to become involved in church life.

## **Wendy Wolstencroft**

### **BELLRINGERS' REPORT**

For the 10th year in succession, we started the New Year by ringing the bells at midnight.

Our Christmas Dinner was held in February at The Manor in Greasby.

We were glad to welcome some new ringers this year: Robin, Lydia, Rebecca with Elsbeth and Peter. All are making good progress.

One peal was rung this year, on 7th March, being 5040 Minor in four methods and in memory of Mrs Kathleen McCoy. Three quarter peals were rung, one of which was rung entirely by our own Sunday morning ringers and was the first in more than one method for a tower band - 10th October.

Three handbell quarter peals were rung, all with Peter Robson involved; the one on 22nd July being the first to be rung in St. Chad's.

Amy Robson achieved her first quarter peal on eight bells on 2nd May at Chester Cathedral and she has been selected to represent Chester Guild in the National Youth striking competition in London in 2011. Well done and good luck! Sam Jackson has started ringing in Durham churches while at University.

## **Richard Turner Tower Captain**

## **PLAYGROUP**

Our church Playgroup continues to thrive with lots of happy children and parents. There were 45 children attending Playgroup on different days at the end of the academic year. Our numbers were low initially in September but they have slowly improved and we now have 31 children registered with us. In line with other pre-school providers and to increase our numbers we have lowered the age of entry to 2 years.

The staff continue to be very dedicated. After discussions with them three inset days per year have been introduced to give time for preparation and to aid communication. All of their compulsory courses have been updated in the autumn with some staff members attending other courses of relevance and interest to pre-school education. One staff member has left, her hours being covered by others.

Karen Robson and Elaine Jones stepped down from their roles on the committee in May, to be replaced by Wendy Poole and myself.

The Playgroup continues to be very valued by the parents and community and encourages families to become more involved in church life. This was demonstrated at the Harvest service when several new families from Playgroup attended church after being invited by Reverend Jane.

## **Cerian James**

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

The Men's Breakfast meets on Saturday mornings, at 9am on alternate months. We meet at Maluca Cafe in Irby, thereby supporting a much valued local business. A core group of between 6 and 10 gentlemen attend from both St Chad's and St Bart's congregation. The Men's Breakfast provides an informal setting for members of the Church to chat and share in fellowship, while enjoying an excellent English breakfast.

I would personally like to thank everyone who has attended the Men's Breakfast in the past 12 months for their support and valued company.

## **Matthew James**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

We have held several social functions in 2010, all of which were a great success. St Beartholomew's Day was, as always, thoroughly enjoyed by all the spectators, but maybe not so much by the brave bears, other cuddly toys (including one banana) who were flung off the tower! The Harvest Supper was a great evening with delicious food and fantastic entertainment.

The Christmas Fair, which could have easily been sabotaged by the weather, was a great success, with a variety of stalls and games, and Father Christmas in his amazing grotto on Steve and Jo's Routemaster bus. It was debatable whether Steve would be able to bring the bus safely to St Chad's from its home in Ellesmere Port and I will never forget the feeling of relief as I saw the bus coming very gingerly down Roslin Road in all the snow and ice!



Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with social functions in 2010. These events are so important to the life of the church. They provide opportunities for outreach and fellowship and can provide an opportunity for families to do something together which is great fun but isn't going to cost the earth.

If you have an idea for a social function that you are prepared to run, please let me know.

## **Patsy Brady**

## **CHURCH RELATED ORGANISATIONS**

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

2010 was the start of the new Triennium for Mothers Union with changes in leadership at deanery and Diocese. Jeanette Appleton is the new Deanery Leader, Angela Klabou the Diocesan President and Sheila Melton Chester Archdeaconery Leader. Our branch committee remains the same.

As usual we had an interesting year of meetings. Unfortunately the January meeting was cancelled due to the snow. Rev. Ian Morris 'Prepared us for Lent' following the AGM, Alison Kneale gave her insight into MU, Jeanette visited and we had an amusing afternoon hearing Barbara and Calvin Woods 'Life History!' We had a summer garden party and in the Autumn Jane taught us how to make Corn Dollies and we had a lively Beetle Drive.

Our Carol Service and Christmas Party was smaller than expected because of the ice. Many friends were welcomed but our Prayer Partners from New Brighton were unable to make the journey.

Joyce and Colin Ratcliffe kindly lent their lovely garden for a Summer Garden Party. The sun shone brightly and we enjoyed a happy afternoon.

It was another year for welcoming Deanery Members when we held the Annual Deanery Quiet Afternoon at St Chads in September. Over 90 Deanery and Diocesan members joined us; Jeanette led the afternoon helped by a group of young singers and musicians from West Kirby. A Quiet Afternoon with a difference! Four of our young ladies – Clara, Amy, Georgia and Sarah – served the teas and they were a great success. Having the young people to help is to be repeated at other events throughout the Deanery.

Many of our members attended the Diocesan Festival at Chester Cathedral, the Deanery Festival at Pensby, MU Wave of Prayer, Women's World Day of Prayer and services with our friends at Irby Methodist Church. Some of us visited the Little Theatre in Birkenhead – and we mustn't forget Jeanette's great '1000 Cake Bake'.

The Bliss group – now renamed Little Stars – continues to meet once a month and we have lots of fun. It is lovely to see the children growing, talking and learning new skills and we trust we are helping and supporting both them and their parents.

As well as knitting for the Neo-Natal Baby Unit we now, along with other Church ladies, knit for the Women's Refuge who gratefully acknowledge our gifts. Thanks to all who knit and give wool.

In October a Weeping Cherry Tree was planted in memory of Pam Bezant, and an Advent Ring was dedicated at St. Bartholomew's.

We enrolled one new member in 2010 and we now have 40 members.

Thank you for supporting the Coffee morning last September. And to all our members who give to and support the monthly sales table, as well as giving in the 20p boxes and the 'loose change jar'. Once again we have been able to give over £1,000 to MU charities at home and abroad, and to our own church. Thank you for all your generosity.

My thanks to all committee members: Lil – Deputy Branch Leader; Eleanor and Ken – treasurers Beryl – Minutes Secretary; Margaret – Card Secretary; Joyce – Speaker Secretary, Pianist and who writes to our link branch in Australia; Rosemary who keeps the register and Sally who helps with the teas and sales table.

My grateful thanks to you all and to our members who come – whatever the weather – to our monthly meetings, support special events, take part in our meetings, bake, knit, buy, give and above all pray for our branch and for all the work of MU – an ever expanding organisation in a needy world.

We pray that God may continue to use us to help others in their times of need, as well as to share in their happiness and joy.

**Susan Burns - Branch Leader**

## EMU

Our branch of EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets monthly during the school term at St Chad's, usually on the last Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm. We would love to welcome new members. Please come along and give it a try. We have a varied programme to suit all tastes.

In January 2010 we held a 'Breakfast Bring & Buy', for anyone to bring unwanted Christmas gifts. We were able to donate £100.88 to the 'Worldwide Fund'. We also enjoyed a New Year meal out after the Christmas rush. In February we held a jewellery making evening with Judith Brown.

At our March meeting Janet Hutchinson came along and gave a very interesting talk entitled 'Uganda, God & Me'. In April Joyce brought along lots of examples of her work and gave us a fascinating insight into the world of China Painting. In May we had a demonstration of cake decorating with Paula Crocker. The summer term was rounded off with a meal at The Anchor.

In September Paul Lewis came along with his family (and various puppets) and gave us a taster of 'The Beach Mission Experience' as held in the Isle of Man every summer. In October the ever-popular jewellery making session was held, this time making bracelets with Jane Young. In November we held our very informal AGM, with coffee and cake. As well as the Worldwide fund donation we have given £125.00 to the 'Literacy Fund'

**Chris Rostock – Branch Secretary**

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**Caroline making her promise with Tatty Teddy at Fusion**

We also went to "Guys and Dollies" at Waddow which was a special Centenary Camp, and to "Fusion" which was a fabulous day with over 20,000 members of GirlGuiding at Harewood House in Leeds.

The Autumn Term was dedicated to "100 Years of Homemaking" Challenge Badge. We had great fun making corn dollies, cleaning the brasses at St Bartholomew's, Flower Arranging, Soap Making, Sweet Making and learning to sew our badges onto our uniforms. We also took part in "Vision" which was the Centenary finale with fireworks and renewal of our promise at 20:10 on 20/10 in 2010.

We end the year with 22 Guides and look forward to welcoming several Brownies after Christmas.

**Revd Jane Turner, Sarah Barr, Gaynor Vaughan and the Guides!**

We have had a fabulous year celebrating the Centenary of GirlGuiding. In the early part of the year, we took part in the Tipi Challenge organised by Wirral County, which involved doing lots of activities related to North American and Red Indian Culture, and finished the challenge with an evening at Hadlow Fields in July doing activities in the Tipis.

In the Summer Term, we did many activities from the Centenary "Adventure 100" Challenge which included Mini Olympics, a walk to Thor's Rock in Thurstaston and a photograph competition.



**Having fun at "Guys and Dollies"**

## **BROWNIES**

Over the past year the brownies have been a very busy pack. The brownies have gained over 80 interest badges. They have enjoyed many wonderful visits, including a visit to church farm, and the Scout and Guide Gang Show.

This being our centenary year the brownies have a special service at the Methodist Church. We also joined brownies and guides throughout Merseyside at Southport which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. All Irby guides joined together at St. Chad's to celebrate the centenary. The year ended with a trip to vision held on the 20.10.2010 at 20.10 in the evening at Birkenhead Park. This is where the whole of Wirral got together to celebrate the end of the centenary. Here's to the next 100 years.

## **Linda Churchill**

### **Brown Owl 2nd Irby (St. Chad's) Brownies**

## **2ND IRBY RAINBOWS**

Rainbows continues to be successful part of the Girl Guiding movement. At the present moment we have a full complement of eighteen girls; we are also fortunate that there is a healthy waiting list!

2010 has been a great year as it was the Centenary year of the Girl Guiding movement. 2nd Irby Rainbows have been an active part of the District and Division events, as well as our own unit activities!

A couple of highlights to mention: our trip to 'Look up High' when we were lucky enough to climb the bell tower at St. Bartholomew's, in the company of Mr. R. Turner, Bell Tower Captain.

Rainbows also had a fantastic day out at Chester Zoo, a visit to the amateur pantomime production at the Floral Theatre and a summer visit to Hadlow fields.



We have also completed several badges including the Time Travel Challenge, the Tipi Challenge and the Rainbows Roundabout badge.

The Centenary activities were completed with the renewal of our Promise at an event in Birkenhead Park, and the Christmas Cracker event at Hadlow Fields in November.

One sad point of the year was the retirement of Pam Wonderley (Star to the Rainbows) after many many years of Rainbow Guiding. It was lovely for the girls to see her again at our Christmas disco.

We have good support from a leader in training, Tricia; a mum, Annette Redwood; and two Senior Section Guides, Emily Scarratt and Erin Bennett. In addition the support of Alan, who is the Treasurer. Our wider support also comes from the other Irby Guiders and our parents.

## **Karen Fearn, Rainbow Guider**

## CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2010

### The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Thurstaston

Registered Charity Number 1132086

#### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31 December 2010

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2010 £	FUNDS 2009 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2(a)	63,749	60	-	<b>63,808</b>	66,468
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	1,822	889	-	<b>2,711</b>	26,070
Income from investments	2(c)	3,250	313	81	<b>3,644</b>	5,619
Church activities	2(d)	15,139	41,504	-	<b>56,643</b>	72,382
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>83,960</b>	<b>42,765</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>126,806</b>	<b>170,539</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	859	-	-	<b>859</b>	573
Mission Giving	3(b)	711	-	-	<b>711</b>	932
Church Activities	3(c)	89,459	39,459	-	<b>128,918</b>	133,135
Major Works	3(d)	-	13,417	-	<b>13,417</b>	20,306
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>91,029</b>	<b>52,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>143,905</b>	<b>154,946</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>( 7,069)</b>	<b>( 10,112)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>( 17,100)</b>	<b>15,593</b>
Gross Transfers Between Funds	9	-	-	-	-	-
Other Recognised Gains & Losses	9	-	-	381	<b>381</b>	51
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>( 7,069)</b>	<b>( 10,112)</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>( 16,718)</b>	<b>15,644</b>
OPENING BALANCES 1 JANUARY 2010		18,096	65,227	7,442	<b>90,765</b>	75,121
<b>CLOSING BALANCES 31 DECEMBER 2010</b>		<b>11,027</b>	<b>55,115</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>74,047</b>	<b>90,765</b>

CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2010

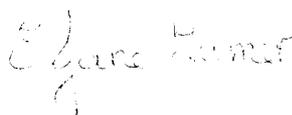
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew,  
Thurstaston

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2010

	Notes	TOTAL 2010 £	FUNDS 2009 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	5(a)	-	-
Investment	5(b)	7,632	7,251
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		7,632	7,251
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock	6	1,040	1,042
Debtors	7	9,207	9,423
Cash at bank and in hand		65,272	86,739
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		75,519	97,204
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	8	9,104	13,689
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		66,415	83,514
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		74,047	90,765
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	9	11,027	18,096
Restricted	9	55,115	65,227
Endowment	9	7,904	7,442
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		74,047	90,765

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by  
the Rev'd E J Turner (PCC Chair)



Date: 14 March 2011

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2010

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment funds may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

**Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when received, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

**Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation to the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specially for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**Fixed assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. St Bartholomew's Church is insured for £4,290,834 and St. Chad's Church and Hall for £ 770,570.

Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Insured value of contents is £77,311 (St Bartholomew's) and £36,694 (St Chad's).

*Investments* are valued at market value at 31 December 2010.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds Playgroup £	OpenDoor £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2010 £	TOTAL 2009 £
<b>2(a) Voluntary income</b>						
<u>Planned giving:</u>						
St. Bartholomew's	28,742	-	-	-	28,742	25,430
St. Chad's	17,121	-	-	-	17,121	18,117
<u>Collections (open plate)</u>						
St. Bartholomew's	2,050	-	-	-	2,050	4,418
St. Chad's	1,737	-	-	-	1,737	2,246
Donations	2,757	-	60	-	2,817	3,339
Donations for Appeals	228	-	-	-	228	274
Tax recoverable	11,062	-	-	-	11,062	12,601
Wall box	51	-	-	-	51	43
	<b>63,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,808</b>	<b>66,467</b>
<b>2(b) Activities for generating funds</b>						
Auction of Talents	-	-	-	-	-	1,170
Charities Fair	-	-	-	-	-	418
Christmas Fair	1,357	164	-	-	1,521	956
Harvest Supper	284	-	-	-	284	176
Open Door Appeal	-	-	725	-	725	23,114
St. Bear's Day	161	-	-	-	161	173
Wednesday Coffee Morning	20	-	-	-	20	-
Sunday School BBQ	-	-	-	-	-	62
	<b>1,822</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>26,070</b>
<b>2(c) Income from investments</b>						
Bank Interest	13	-	313	-	325	796
Ismay Charity	-	-	-	81	81	2,491
Morrell Trust	196	-	-	-	196	76
Shaw Trust	3,042	-	-	-	3,042	2,255
	<b>3,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3,644</b>	<b>5,619</b>
<b>2(d) Church activities</b>						
<u>St Chad's Church</u>						
Hall hire	7,784	-	-	-	7,784	8,339
<u>St Bartholomew's Church</u>						
Fees Received	2,735	-	-	-	2,735	4,964
Overhead Cost Contributions	2,474	-	-	-	2,474	2,897
Churchyard fees	681	-	-	-	681	20
Marriage Preparation	120	-	-	-	120	
<u>Magazine</u>						
Adverts	482	-	-	-	482	504
Sales	446	-	-	-	446	580
<u>Playgroup</u>						
Private Fees	-	5,177	-	-	5,177	8,288
Statutory Fees and Grants	-	35,753	-	-	35,753	38,287
Uniform Sales	-	480	-	-	480	378
Other Income	-	94	-	-	94	442
<u>Other Income</u>						
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	7,572
Photocopying	417	-	-	-	417	112
	<b>15,139</b>	<b>41,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,643</b>	<b>72,382</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>83,960</b>	<b>41,667</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>126,806</b>	<b>170,538</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>Endwmt Funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2010 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2009 £</b>
		<b>Playgroup £</b>	<b>OpenDoor £</b>			
<b>3(a) Costs of Generating Voluntary Income</b>						
Auction of Talents	-	-	-	-	-	33
Christmas Fair	288	-	-	-	<b>288</b>	-
Harvest Supper	184	-	-	-	<b>184</b>	-
Open Door Public Notice	-	-	-	-	-	139
Planned Giving	387	-	-	-	<b>387</b>	401
	<b>859</b>	-	-	-	<b>859</b>	573
<b>3(b) Mission Giving</b>						
<u>Overseas</u>						
Christian Aid (Indonesia)	-	-	-	-	-	160
End Polio Now	28	-	-	-	<b>28</b>	-
<u>Home</u>						
Forum Housing	-	-	-	-	-	67
Diocesan Family of Schools	500	-	-	-	<b>500</b>	500
Friends of Chester Cathedral	25	-	-	-	<b>25</b>	25
Churchwarden retirement present	38	-	-	-	<b>38</b>	80
Ismay Charity Discretionary Grant	-	-	-	-	-	100
Sundry Gifts & Flowers (7)	120	-	-	-	<b>120</b>	-
	<b>711</b>	-	-	-	<b>711</b>	932
<b>3(c) Church Activities</b>						
<u>Parish Share</u>	50,527	-	-	-	<b>50,527</b>	48,097
<u>Salaries &amp; Honoraria</u>						
Organist	2,680	-	-	-	<b>2,680</b>	1,055
Parish Clerk	2,742	-	-	-	<b>2,742</b>	2,718
Playgroup	-	35,227	-	-	<b>35,227</b>	34,335
<u>Pastoral Expenses</u>						
Rector's expenses	1,587	-	-	-	<b>1,587</b>	2,088
Rector's Office expenses	839	-	-	-	<b>839</b>	516
Rectory expenses	2,024	-	-	-	<b>2,024</b>	3,131
<u>Mission &amp; Evangelism Costs</u>						
Assistant Clergy Fees	2,185	-	-	-	<b>2,185</b>	-
Services	1,042	-	-	-	<b>1,042</b>	3,557
Youth	527	-	-	-	<b>527</b>	404
<u>St Bartholomew's Overheads</u>						
Church insurance	3,853	-	-	-	<b>3,853</b>	4,328
Churchyard upkeep	1,466	-	-	-	<b>1,466</b>	1,577
Electricity	433	-	-	-	<b>433</b>	326
Heating Oil	1,096	-	-	-	<b>1,096</b>	1,636
Maintenance	1,007	-	-	-	<b>1,007</b>	1,596
Organ expenses	193	-	-	-	<b>193</b>	235

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RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds Playgroup £	OpenDoor £	Endwmt Funds £	TOTAL 2010 £	TOTAL 2009 £
<b>3(c) Church Activities (continued)</b>						
<u>St Chad's Overheads</u>						
Contract Cleaning	4,368	-	-	-	<b>4,368</b>	4,480
Electricity	1,104	-	-	-	<b>1,104</b>	1,054
Gas	2,030	-	-	-	<b>2,030</b>	2,155
Hall insurance	1,969	-	-	-	<b>1,969</b>	1,695
Hall maintenance	2,043	-	-	-	<b>2,043</b>	2,197
Trading Expenses	29	-	-	-	<b>29</b>	-
Water Rates	2,003	-	-	-	<b>2,003</b>	251
<u>Magazine costs</u>	121	-	-	-	<b>121</b>	629
<u>Office expenses</u>						
Bank charges	3	-	-	-	<b>3</b>	612
Equipment	1,227	-	-	-	<b>1,227</b>	1,158
Postage	152	-	-	-	<b>152</b>	93
Software	677	-	-	-	<b>677</b>	-
Stationery	992	-	-	-	<b>992</b>	1,232
Telephone	479	-	-	-	<b>479</b>	530
<u>Playgroup Overheads</u>						
Cleaning Goods	62	7	-	-	<b>69</b>	158
End of Year Party	-	-	-	-	-	120
Gardening	-	150	-	-	<b>150</b>	-
Gifts & Donations	-	1,005	-	-	<b>1,005</b>	1,020
Holiday Pay Contribution	-	1,000	-	-	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Insurance	-	150	-	-	<b>150</b>	150
Printing & Stationery	-	521	-	-	<b>521</b>	525
Snacks	-	325	-	-	<b>325</b>	559
Subscriptions	-	105	-	-	<b>105</b>	82
Summer Trip	-	80	-	-	<b>80</b>	175
Telephone	-	20	-	-	<b>20</b>	38
Toys & Equipment	-	298	-	-	<b>298</b>	76
Training	-	60	-	-	<b>60</b>	12
Uniforms	-	512	-	-	<b>512</b>	456
<u>Professional Fees</u>	-	-	-	-	-	7,081
	<b>89,459</b>	<b>39,459</b>	-	-	<b>128,918</b>	133,135
<b>3(d) Major Works</b>						
<u>Sound Systems</u>						
St Bartholomew's	-	-	-	-	-	1,490
St Chad's	-	-	-	-	-	1,749
<u>Insurance Repairs &amp; Refurbishment</u>						
St Chad's	-	-	-	-	-	8,921
<u>Children's Garden (Playgroup)</u>	-	-	-	-	-	8,146
<u>OpenDoor</u>						
Solicitors Fees re Faculty Appeal	-	-	895	-	<b>895</b>	-
Architects Fees	-	-	8,997	-	<b>8,997</b>	-
Structural Engineers Fees	-	-	3,525	-	<b>3,525</b>	-
	-	-	<b>13,417</b>	-	<b>13,417</b>	20,306
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>91,029</b>	<b>39,459</b>	<b>13,417</b>	-	<b>143,905</b>	<b>154,946</b>

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### 4(a) STAFF COSTS

	TOTAL 2010 £	TOTAL 2009 £
Wages and salaries	40,649	36,390
Employer's National Insurance	750	663

During the year the PCC employed an organist and parish clerk, with no payments large enough to attract social security costs. In addition the Playgroup employed the equivalent of 2.3 full-time employees during the year.

#### 4(b) PAYMENT TO PCC MEMBERS

Mr C Vickers, who is both a member of the PCC and Parish Organist, was paid £2,680 during the year for Sunday duties, plus additional fees for weddings and funerals, as required.

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

### 5 FIXED ASSETS

#### 5(a) Tangible

This comprises furniture and gardening equipment at both Churches, together with office equipment at St. Chad's. No item cost more than £1,000, being the threshold below which Fixed Assets are written off rather than capitalised.

#### 5(b) Investments

The Investments relate to two Endowment Funds:-

(i) The Morrell Trust is invested with the CBF Church of England Investments, split between the Fixed Interest Securities Fund and the Global Equity Income Fund. Income is paid to the PCC for the upkeep of St Bartholomew's church and churchyard.

(ii) The Ismay Charity is invested with the CBF Church of England Global Equity Income Fund, with the balance held in the bank account for distribution at the discretion of the Incumbent, or for eventual reinvestment.

Investments	Morrell Trust £	Ismay Charity £	Total £
CBF Church of England Global Equity Income Fund			
Purchase at cost, 1 December 2009	2,500	2,200	4,700
Revaluation Gain	257	226	483
CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund			
Purchase at cost, 1 December 2009	2,500	-	2,500
Revaluation Loss	( 51)	-	( 51)
Valuation as at 31 December 2010	5,206	2,426	7,632

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<b>6 STOCK</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2010 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2009 £</b>
Value of heating oil held at St Bartholomew's Church	835	-	835	722
Value of Playgroup uniforms held	-	206	206	320
	<b>835</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,042</b>

<b>7 DEBTORS</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2010 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2009 £</b>
Income tax recoverable	8,504	-	-	8,504	8,801
Hall hire due	-	-	-	-	550
Other sundry debtors	481	222	-	703	72
	<b>8,985</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,207</b>	<b>9,423</b>

<b>8 LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2010 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2009 £</b>
Playgroup Salaries for December	-	2,154	-	2,154	3,041
Playgroup PAYE	-	987	-	987	3,872
Legal & Architects Fees	-	-	-	-	6,105
Sundry creditors	1,562	2,679	-	4,241	646
Hall booking fees paid in advance	525	-	-	525	25
Wedding fees paid in advance	1,197	-	-	1,197	-
	<b>3,284</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,104</b>	<b>13,689</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**Note 9 (i) Endowment and Restricted Funds**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Purpose and Restrictions</b>
Morrell Trust	Permanent Endowment	Income to be spent on Churchyard maintenance.
Ismay Charity	Permanent Endowment	For relief of poverty in the parish. Income to be spent at discretion of incumbent. Any surplus cash funds over £300 can be reinvested.
Open Door	Restricted	To build church extension.
Playgroup	Restricted	Trading. Income to cover payroll and overheads.

In addition, the Incumbent and Churchwardens are the Managing Trustees of the Eillen Shaw Trust, a Permanent Endowment. The Chester Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee. Only the Income is available, which is paid to the PCC for the upkeep of St Bartholomew's Church and Churchyard.

**Note 9 (ii) Outline Summary of Fund Movements**

<b>Fund Names</b>	<b>Opening Balances</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains &amp; Losses</b>	<b>Balances Carried Forward</b>
<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>						
Morrell Trust	4,996	-	-	-	211	5,206
Ismay Charity	2,447	81	-	-	171	2,698
<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>						
Open Door	62,273	1,097	(13,417)	-	-	49,953
Playgroup	2,954	41,667	(39,459)	-	-	5,162
<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>						
General Fund	18,096	83,960	(91,029)	-	-	11,027
<b><u>Total Funds</u></b>	<b>90,765</b>	<b>126,806</b>	<b>(143,905)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>74,047</b>

**Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical  
Parish of St Bartholomew, Thurstaston**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2010, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the act").

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

**Basis of this report**

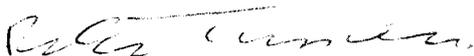
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signed)



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Date 9th March 2011