

Jesus Church.
in the
Parish of Troutbeck.



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**
for the year ended 31 December 2011.

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Jesus Church Troutbeck

Annual Meeting Agenda

in the Institute Reading Room on Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.00pm.

Opening Prayer & Welcome.

The Vestry Meeting:

1. Appointment of Churchwardens for the coming year.
2. Resolution Relating to Tenure of Churchwardens.
3. Village Institute Representation

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last years meeting (Monday 28 March 2011)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. The Electoral Roll.
5. The Audited Accounts
6. Reports.
 - a. Churchwardens
 - b. Deanery Synod
 - d. Churches Together
 - e. Churchyard
 - f. Fabric
 - g. Deanery Synod
7. Elections:
 - a. PCC.
 - b. Deanery Synod
 - c. Independent Examiner of Accounts (Auditor)
8. Curate Remarks
9. Vicar`s Remarks.
10. Child Protection Policy.
11. Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association
12. Any Other Business.
Closing Prayer.

Parochial Church Council Meeting:

Will PCC Members please remain behind for five minutes.

Agenda:

1. Appointment of Hon Secretary.
2. Appointment of Lay Chairman.
3. Appointment of Hon. Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Standing Committee
5. Resolve: That the Accounts & Report be affixed at the church noticeboard for TWO weeks.
6. Resolve: That the Accounts and Report be submitted to the Archdeacon at his forthcoming visitation. (19th May)
7. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm- Institute Reading Room

From the Vicar

I always enjoy the process of bringing together the material which forms our Annual Report. On the face of it this can seem little more than an administrative exercise. However, this is our opportunity not just to pause and take stock but to give thanks for God's faithfulness to us.

Somebody once said that the `most serious obstacle to a life of faith is inattention`. Perhaps this is why the word `behold` or `look` is used so often in the Gospels. It is not so much that God is hidden but that we often lack the insight needed to catch sight of him.

As these few pages illustrate His presence and goodness are very much in evidence. The blessings we have received in terms of friendship, finance and opportunities to serve our Village are there for all to see.

So as we enter this, our 450th year of witness and service to our valley and prepare for a time of celebration which I hope we will all very much enjoy, we do so with good heart and confidence in God. Moreover we give thanks for the generosity and kindness of so many who make our common life what it has become – and what it is becoming in the providence of God.

David Wilmot

Introduction:

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Jesus Church, Troutbeck has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd. David M. Wilmot in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral social and ecumenical.

PCC Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following persons served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	The Revd David Wilmot (Chairman)	
Churchwardens:	Mr. Robert Smith Miss J. Bland	
Curate:	The Revd Brian Streeter	
Reader:	Mr. Christopher Bradbury	
Pastoral Assistant:	Mr. Leonard Lambert	
Elected Members:	Mr. Christopher Poulson	(Vice Chairman)
	Mr. G. Brown	(Treasurer)
	Mr. A Close	(Secretary)

C. Bradbury, G Brown, A Close, J Cochrane, J Dootson, P Fothergill, R Hopwood, G Howarth, C Poulson and F Tattersall.

Judith Dootson represented Jesus Church on the Deanery Synod.

The PCC met 7 times during the year.

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It consists of the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer. It has authority to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Church Attendance:

The average *Sunday* attendance during the year was 37. During the year 12 Marriage Ceremonies were held and 9 Funerals. There were 3 Baptisms this year.

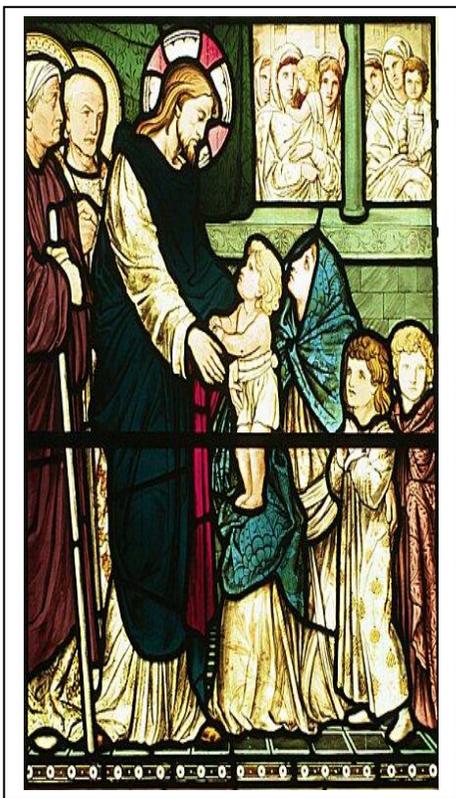
Among those who have died during this year we hold in particular remembrance: William Webb. Jane Booth. Judith Bowness. Bertha Brockbank. Norman Dixon. Sylvia Waring.

Electoral Roll

7 new members

The Electoral Roll was completely revised in February 2007 and this complete revision is carried out every 6 years. This year there are currently **68** members on the Electoral Roll as at March 2012. The Electoral Roll indicates membership of a particular congregation and it is the parish's register of electors; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for the representatives of the Church Council and the Deanery Synod. The system of the Electoral Roll is intended to enable Christian people to feel that they are in touch with Church as a whole and can play their part in decision making.

Lynda Durrell Electoral Roll Officer



JESUS CHURCH in the Parish of Troutbeck

MINUTES

of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held in The Reading Room, The Institute, Troutbeck on Monday 28 March 2011 at 7pm.

Present: The Vicar (Chair), Rev. B Streeter. G. Brown (Treasurer). B. J. Bland. C. Bradbury. C. Poulson. J. Cochrane. I. Gregg. R. Hopwood. G. Howarth. F. Tattersall. and A. Close (Secretary).

Apologies: were received from R. Smith. P. Fothergill. J. Dootson. S. Waring. and L. Lambert. The Curate opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

VESTRY MEETING

The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens, R Smith and B J Bland, for all their hard work over the last year. Despite the statutory rule from which there was freedom to differ, we would continue to elect the Churchwardens annually. Robert and Joan had agreed to stand and had been nominated as Churchwardens for the coming year: They were unanimously elected.

Troutbeck Institute: Mrs W Dickinson had been nominated to fill the vacancy for a Committee Member for the ensuing two years 2011 - 2013 and she was elected unanimously. The following had been nominated as Committee Members for the ensuing two years 2011 - 2013 - R Hopwood and M K Guy. They were re-elected unanimously.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the last year's meeting held on 22nd March 2010 were approved and signed. There were no Matters Arising.

1. **Electoral Roll** : The Vicar thanked Lynda Durrell for acting as electoral roll officer. The Vicar mentioned that the electoral roll had been completely revised in February 2007 and this year it was only "adjusted". There are 62 members on the roll as at March 2011.
2. **Accounts** : The Accounts had been prepared by Geoff Brown, the Treasurer, and were subject to the independent examiner's report. Cash reserves had risen by £8,400 to £82,000. The market value of investments had also increased significantly. There was a new restricted fund for the organ and the Treasurer recorded thanks for the generous donations by Alf Henderson to that fund. It was agreed that from 1st January 2011 the Churchyard Fund would also be considered as a restricted fund.
The Treasurer referred to two further matters: First, a gift to David Fell as independent examiner; and secondly a gift for the annual updating of the Book of Remembrance. The Treasurer would advise on both these matters. It was proposed and seconded that the Accounts be approved subject to the independent examiner's report, and this was unanimously agreed. The Vicar thanked G Brown; and R Smith for his help. The Treasurer expressed thanks to everyone for their generosity.

REPORTS

3. **Churchwardens' Report** : The Churchwardens had nothing further to add to their annual report. The Vicar thanked them both for their hard work.
4. **Deanery Synod** : The Vicar thanked J Dootson for her report and for representing Jesus Church on our behalf. The Treasurer had attended a meeting about the Parish Offering.
5. **Churchyard and Fabric**: C Poulson reported that a faculty was expected concerning the line of trees on the west side of the churchyard and a faculty application was also being processed for the two new seats. C Poulson mentioned two other items - a hole in the mower shed and defective guttering on the south side of the church. Coffin Lane also fills with water - the wall was in need of repair. The Treasurer suggested that the latter point should wait until discussions about the possible new car park. The Curate was investigating land ownership of the car park site. The church building was generally in good condition: As to the interior, the regular cleaning and flowers were much appreciated. It was hoped to carry on with the porch interior works about September 2011.

ELECTIONS

6. **PCC** : There were 10 nominations and it was proposed and seconded that they be elected en bloc as follows : C.Bradbury, G Brown, A F R Close, J Cochrane, J Dootson, P Fothergill, R Hopwood, G Howarth, C Poulson and F Tattersall.
7. **Independent Examiner** : It was agreed to leave a future appointment in abeyance and to give the Treasurer the option to pursue alternative ideas.
8. **Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association** : G. Brown was requested to continue as our representative.
9. **Curate's Report** : B Streeter spoke to his Report and had learned a lot from the challenges of the solo situation in the Vicar's absence. G.Brown expressed on behalf of everyone that it was a pleasure having Brian and a joy to see him blossom.

10. **Vicar's remarks :** The Vicar referred to the 450th anniversary of the consecration of Jesus Church and invited ideas for its celebration. In a power-point presentation, he put forward Our Mission based on Bishop James' "Growing Disciples" but showing it in the Troutbeck way. Under the five headings - Maturity in faith; Prayer and Worship; Community; Evangelism; and Quality of relationships - he used images of Troutbeck life and ministry to show what had been achieved and what strategy and vision we had for the parish. The anniversary period was an opportunity to consolidate and strengthen the place of Jesus Church in the community.
- G Brown referred to a generally ageing population and wondered if a link with a charity such as Alzheimer's Society might be of help in addressing the needs of the community in a practical way.
- C Bradbury suggested that the celebration might start from the anniversary of the first consecration in July 2012 and continue until the anniversary of the second consecration in April 2013. The Vicar said that the Standing Committee would put forward a framework of ideas with the special intention of doing a few things well during that period.
11. **The Vicar** thanked Judith Cochrane for her work in producing the Magazine and G Brown for acting as representative on the Village Association. G Brown mentioned moves to get snow ploughing equipment and the forthcoming Garden Trail on 30th May.
12. **The Child Protection Policy** was re-affirmed.
The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

A short Parochial Church Council meeting followed.

1. Hon. Secretary - Anthony Close was unanimously reappointed.
2. Lay Chairman - Christopher Poulson was unanimously reappointed.
3. Hon. Treasurer - Geoff Brown was unanimously reappointed.
4. Standing Committee - The Vicar, Lay Chairman, Treasurer, Churchwardens, Secretary and Curate.
5. It was resolved that the Accounts and Reports be affixed at the

- church notice board for two weeks.
6. It was resolved that the Accounts and Reports be submitted to the Archdeacon.
 7. The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be on 11th April at 10.00am in The Vicarage.
 8. Dates for the future programme of PCC meetings, in particular the next two meetings, will be decided by the Standing Committee.

Christopher Poulson expressed a vote of thanks to the Vicar not only from the PCC but also on behalf of all Church members.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.20 pm.

1. Curate's Report

When I first came to Windermere and Troutbeck I said that I would attempt to give nearer to four years than to three years in my curacy to the parishes – this I have now done! Another year has truly flown past and I now must hurry myself with the task of finding a new post.

The last year that has appeared to pass so quickly, but nevertheless, it has also been productive. I continue to learn about parish life, and in particular, the communities. I also continue to make new contacts and deepened my understanding of the inter-connectedness of both the Windermere and Troutbeck communities, as well as their differences!

On a less interesting, but important note, I have been active with the diocesan synod and understanding more of how the Church of England works, and when it doesn't.

As of last October I was officially signed off as having passed the Initial Ministerial Training (IME) that is required of all new curates. This means that I am now considered incumbent material by the Church of England. I am now in that process of looking for an incumbency.

Finally, I would like to thank very much, David, the Churchwardens, the PCC and you the family of Jesus Church for your support and encouragement in this past year.

Brian Streeter

2. The Accounts

The Accounts which form the companion document to this Report have been most ably overseen by our Treasurer Geoff Brown and Examined by Mr. David Fell. We extend our deep gratitude to them and to all whose generosity makes these accounts such positive reading – in spite of the difficult financial climate through which we are passing.

3. Churchwardens Report

2011 has seen another busy and enjoyable year for Jesus Church. In January Christopher and Annette Poulson once again kindly held the 'grasscutters' lunch at Birkhead.

On 23rd February, our Vicar and Margaret hosted a slide show and talk of their experiences on retreat in Wales and holiday in Nepal.

The APCM took place on 28th March in the Institute with reports about what had happened in the year and our plans for the future.

Over the Easter period the usual services took place including the Passion Reading on Good Friday and Common Worship Holy Communion on Easter Sunday when David and Brian were given Simnel Cakes.

A Barbeque lunch took place in the marquee on the Recreation Field when the Vicar and Curate cooked. We also celebrated our organist's (Alf) 80th birthday.

Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 25th September and the produce was given to Manna House, Kendal. Carol Marsden was the Speaker at the Harvest Supper in the Institute on Friday, 30th September.

The annual Pilgrimage Evensong with St. Mary's on 9th October went to St. Cuthbert's, Aldingham followed by supper at The Olde Mill, Bardsea.

On Bible Sunday, 23rd October, we celebrated 400th anniversary of the King James Bible with a special morning service.

Remembrance Day was marked with the attendance of Royal British Legion and the bugler Syd Patterson. Wreaths were laid by

representatives from the British Legion and Troutbeck Women's Institute.

The Christmas Fair took place on Saturday, 3rd December when the photo competition was 'Troutbeck Life'.

A wonderful Parish Christmas Dinner was once again organised by Christopher Poulson at Broad Oaks on Wednesday, 14th December. After last year's worrying weather we were pleased to be able to go ahead with the Carol Service followed by refreshments on 18th December.

Christmas Services were held at 11.30pm on 24th December (First Communion of Christmas) and 9.30am on Christmas Day.



R.G. Smith and B.J. Bland
Churchwardens

4. Fabric Report

Churchyard

The tree management in the area between the boundary fencing and Corfoot Beck on the western side of the churchyard has been carried out. Jesus Church is now considerably more visible from many parts of the village, which was the object of the exercise. Two new seats have been installed in the churchyard. One of the seats is in memory of Peter Shaw and the other in memory of Frances Elizabeth Whitaker.

A faculty has been applied for a sign measuring 4 feet x 3 feet to be located near to the southern Lych gate. There has never been a sign in the churchyard and it was felt that with the increase in the number of weddings it would be good to have the name of the church clearly displayed. It is hoped that this will come to a satisfactory conclusion at the beginning of 2012.

Glebe Land

Discussions are still on-going with the possibility of trying to organise a car parking area on this piece of land.

Church Building

Some repair work is necessary with the gutters, which is causing some marking above the organ. There are on-going discussions over the front and porch area but it is hoped that these will come to a satisfactory conclusion in 2012.

Christopher Poulson

6. Deanery Synod

Parish Offering

Synod discussed the Parish offering System and the impact struggling parishes have on the Deanery and the Diocese.

Youth Ministry

There was a positive vote for a Youth Minister to be appointed and this in the process of implementation.

Buildings Strategy

The buildings strategy programme is moving forward and Synod was given a full presentation of progress so far. Windermere Deanery is proving to be something of a star.

Women Bishops

The Women Bishops issue is still not finalized. However we were given an informative presentation illustrating the problems of the final proposals to be put to General Synod and voted in favour of Bishop James' proposals.

Climate Change

Lindale PCC have put forward several proposals for action to be passed to the Diocese for urgent action by Church and Government. No real consensus was reached by delegates but an amended plan was to be discussed at Diocesan Synod.

Judy Dootson

Deanery Synod Representative