

Jesus Church.
in the
Parish of Troutbeck.



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**
for the year ended 31 December 2012

Incumbent:

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Jesus Church Troutbeck

Annual Meeting Agenda

in the Institute Reading Room on Monday, 18th March 2013 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 year's meeting (Tuesday 27 March 2012)
 3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
 4. The Electoral Roll.
 5. The Audited Accounts
 6. Reports.
 - a. Churchwardens
 - b. Fabric
 - c. Deanery Synod
 7. Elections:
 - a. PCC.
 - b. Deanery Synod
 - c. Independent Examiner of Accounts (Auditor)
 8. Child Protection Policy.
 9. Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association
 10. Vicar's Remarks.
 11. Any Other Business.
- Closing Prayer.

Short Parochial Church Council Meeting:

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 her forthcoming visitation.
7. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th April 7.00pm at St. Mary's

From the Vicar

A former Archbishop of Canterbury once said: "The older I get, the less I believe about more and more". This wasn't an indication of his descent into Atheism! Instead, on the one hand it was a long dawning sense that the essentials of our faith are very simple, whilst on the other a certain sadness at our ability to make things more complicated than they need be.

In the second letter St. Paul wrote to the small Christian community in Corinth, he said: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us". (5.19)

With breathtaking simplicity Paul captures the heart of the Gospel. On the one hand- what God has done in Christ and on the other the great privilege and responsibility which is given to us.

In the end it's all about relationship. The relationship we have with God and the relationships we seek to build with one another and the wider community. As we give thanks for the year that is passed and all who have so generously contributed to our common life my prayer is that we will keep in mind this essential simplicity. What God has done and what he desires for us: the building of good relationships- with God and one another.

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	
Reader:	Mr. Christopher Bradbury	
Pastoral Assistant:	Mr. Leonard Lambert	
Elected Members:	Mr. Christopher Poulson	<i>(Vice Chairman)</i>
	Mr. G. Brown	<i>(Treasurer)</i>
	Mr. A Close	<i>(Secretary)</i>

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 38. During the year 12 Marriage Ceremonies were held and 9 Funerals. There were 3 Baptisms this year.

Electoral Roll

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7 new members

The Electoral Roll has been completely revised this February 2013. A complete revision is carried out every 6 years. This year there are currently **47** members on the Electoral Roll as at March 2013. 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 Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present: The Vicar (Chair), Rev. B Streeter G Brown (Treasurer) R Smith B J Bland C Bradbury D Bradbury J Cochrane J Dootson P Fothergill I Gregg R Hopwood G Howarth C Poulson L Waterhouse and A Close (Secretary)

Apologies were received from F Tattersall and L Lambert.

The Curate opened the meeting with a prayer.

VESTRY MEETING

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The Vicar expressed warm thanks to the Churchwardens, R Smith and B J Bland, for all their hard work which was much appreciated. 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: The following had been nominated for re-election as Committee Members for the ensuing two years 2012 - 2014 - J R Westmoreland, R Halliday and M Simpson. They were re-elected unanimously. To fill the vacancy for a Committee Member due to the resignation of W Dickinson, L Waterhouse had been nominated and she was unanimously elected.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the last year's meeting held on 28th March 2011 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 was due to be completely revised in February 2013 and that this year it was only "adjusted". There are 68 members on the roll as at March 2012.

2. Accounts : The Accounts had been prepared by Geoff Brown, the Treasurer, and were subject to the independent examiner's report. Although the surplus was lower, it had still been a very successful year. There had been a 10.7% increase in total receipts reflecting the generosity of parishioners, plus contributions from the garden trail and the Christmas Fair. Expenditure had increased by £5,000: This figure included increased heating costs. Cash reserves had risen by £3,700 to £85,600. Although the market value of investments had fallen the Treasurer was satisfied that these were in good order and a long term situation. There were now four different restricted funds and the Organ Fund would be rephrased as The Music Fund. This fund existed as a

result of the generosity of Alf Henderson to whom considerable thanks were due. Part of an expected legacy would also be put into this fund. 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.

REPORTS

3. **Churchwardens' Report** : The Churchwardens had nothing further to add to their annual report.
4. **Deanery Synod** : The Vicar thanked J Dootson for her report to which she had nothing further to add.
5. **Churches Together** : The Vicar reported that they were meeting regularly and continuing to chat: The organisation was ticking over.
6. **Churchyard and Fabric**: C Poulson reported that tree management had paid off and that the church was now more visible from the village. The Meeting recorded complete satisfaction with the new sign which was a fine and valuable addition to the church and village. The church building was generally in good condition: As to the interior, the regular cleaning and flowers were much appreciated, and the team was gratefully thanked. The glebe land was proving a difficult situation to resolve. A Faculty had finally been granted for the porch improvements and work would start on 16th April. For the first week at least, the church would need to be closed from Monday to Friday. The future of the present internal door would be decided by the PCC after reviewing all the options. The Vicar recognised that C Poulson had spent many hours working towards getting the Faculty for which he and the PCC were most grateful. Some guttering needed replacement and this would entail scaffolding. R Smith asked if new gutters might be put on brackets to avoid future water seepage through a wooden fascia board. The Vicar recorded gratitude for the grasscutters and the work they had done over the years.

ELECTIONS

7. **PCC** : There were nine 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, P Fothergill, R Hopwood, G Howarth, C Poulson and F Tattersall. J Dootson had been unable to complete a nomination form due to absence but would continue as a member of the PCC.
8. **Deanery Synod**: J Dootson would continue as our representative.
9. **Independent Examiner** : The Treasurer would consider a future appointment and report to the PCC.
10. **Curate's Report** : B Streeter spoke to his Report and confirmed that he was applying for other posts. St. Mary's and Jesus Church had given him the best possible start to his ministry: Sunday 1st July would be his opportunity to say goodbye to Troutbeck. G Brown expressed that it had been a pleasure having Brian and a joy to see him blossom.
11. **Vicar's remarks** : The Vicar summed up his feelings for Jesus Church and its parishioners in the expression "You are a gem". He had been richly blessed and greatly aided by six churchwardens since the start of his ministry at Troutbeck. The Vicar recognised the enormous contribution made by John Wharton who had been responsible for locking up the church since 1977. The PCC would want to recognise this contribution. John had said that he wanted to cease doing this on 31st March. The Vicar was looking to the future with the celebration of the 450th anniversary of the consecration of Jesus Church spanning the period from July 2012 to April 2013.
12. **The Child Protection Policy** was in law seen now to extend to vulnerable adults: With this in mind the PCC will pass an appropriate resolution in due course.
13. **Appointment of PCC Representative** to the Troutbeck Village Association : A Close was appointed. The meeting closed at 8.00 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 at her forthcoming visitation.
7. The next meeting of the PCC will be on 30th April 2012 at 7.00pm The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.05 pm.

1. 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.

2. Churchwardens Report

We have had a very interesting year. The last "grass cutters' lunch" was held at Birkhead in January. The churchyard grass is now cut several times a year by a contractor.

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 27th March, in the institute.

On Good Friday the Passion Reading according to St. Mark was led by the Vicar and Curate.

On Easter Sunday the Church was packed for a very joyous service when Rev. Brian Streeter preached his last Easter sermon with us. He and the Vicar were thanked for all their hard work and presented with a simnel cake each.

Unfortunately, due to very bad weather the planned Animal Blessing Service on 24th June had to be cancelled.

On 1st July Rev. Brian Streeter preached his last Sermon at Jesus Church. He based his sermon on the words used when creating our website early in his curacy – "Jesus Church is a true jewel in the crown of the Church of England, as Troutbeck village is for the Lake District". At the end of the service Brian was warmly thanked for all he has meant to us and presented with gifts and we all enjoyed Pimms and raspberry buns.

On 18th July, the Rt. Rev. James Newcombe, the Bishop of Carlisle, celebrated with us the 450th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. The recently completed work on the new door and porch look most impressive. The offertory was collected by and donated to the First Responders in the village. Windermere School hosted a superb banquet masterminded by Christopher Poulson to conclude the evening's celebrations.

The Harvest Festival took place in a beautifully decorated Church on 23rd September. The collection went to the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal. And the gifts of produce were taken for the Homeless at Manna House, Kendal. At the Harvest Supper on Friday, 20th September we were entertained, after an excellent supper, by local author Diane Janes who told us about her amusing exploits when becoming a crime writer.

On Sunday afternoon, 21st October, nearly 100 people enjoyed a wonderful concert of West Gallery Music in Church. It was warm enough for people to enjoy their wine in the churchyard in the interval! The event was organised jointly by the Village Association and Friends of Cumbria Archives.

Christopher Bradbury and Donald Pankhurst conducted the Remembrance Day Service. Peter Lever was the British Legion Standard Bearer and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Women's Institute and the British Legion. Sid Peterson, 92 played the last Post and the Reveille on his trumpet for the 50th time at Jesus Church. The War Memorial had been cleaned by Frank Lever.



At the Christmas Fair John Wharton was presented with a beautiful framed photograph of the East Window in appreciation of all he has done for the Church over very many years.

The Carol Service at 7.00pm on Friday, 21st December, was a very rousing occasion after which we enjoyed refreshments and mulled wine. Gifts brought to the

Service were donated to Manna House.

Forty people attended the First Communion of Christmas. Inside and outside the church looked very welcoming with candles and lanterns. Sixty-five people attended Holy Communion on Christmas morning.

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

3. Fabric Report

Porch After protracted discussions with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, the faculty was eventually received for the re-ordering of the porch area. The work was completed in time for the service of Thanksgiving and Rededication on Wednesday 18th July 2012 which coincided with the 450th Anniversary of the dedication of the existing building of Jesus Church.

Pinnacles The 4 pinnacles on the top of the tower were all re-mortared and made safe.

Tower Cupboard The former inner west door has been reused to form a cupboard on the tower landing. This cupboard has greatly improved the tidiness and appearance of the area.

Balcony New pads have been made for the seats of the 6 pews, the floor boards have been stained and new carpet has been laid in the central area between the pews.

Churchyard Sign Prior to the erection of this sign located by the southern lych gate on the Kirkstone Pass road, there was no sign displaying the name of the church which was easily visible from the road. With the increase in the use of the church by people who are unfamiliar with the area, this sign has been a great asset.

Organ Alf has masterminded repairs to and replacement of the loudspeakers for the organ. The sound has been greatly improved.

Water Heater It was decided by the PCC to delay repairs to the water heater in the utility room.

Christopher Poulson

4. Deanery Synod

The year began with Synod's support for Bishop James's proposal on the issue of Women Bishops. (To no avail of course).

Support was also offered to the new Youth Minister.

There have been interesting presentations and discussions on the Bishop's Mission Plan and Church Schools.

Most controversial was the presentation by the Archdeacon on the need to increase the periods of interregnum in parishes, leaving churches without a vicar for many months. This was to combat lack of funds in the Diocese and seen as the only way forward to control the financial deficit. The increased interregnum would be used as an opportunity to help parishes with their Mission Action Planning.

Not a positive year for Synod borne out by the drop in attendance during the year.

Judy Dootson
Deanery Synod Representative