

Jesus Church.
in the
Parish of Troutbeck.



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**
for the year ended 31 December 2013

Incumbent:
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Jesus Church Troutbeck
Annual Meeting Agenda

in the Institute on Tuesday, 8th April, 2014 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 18th March 2013)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. The Electoral Roll.
5. The Audited Accounts
6. Reports.
 - a. Churchwardens
 - b. PCC Report
 - c. Deanery Synod
 - d. Parish Missioner's Report
 - e. Fabric
 - f. Troutbeck Village Association
7. Elections:
 - a. PCC.
 - b. Deanery Synod.
 - b. Independent Examiner of Accounts (Auditor)
 - c. Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association
8. Parish Missioner's Remarks
9. Vicar's Remarks.
10. Child Protection Policy.
11. Any Other Business

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 her forthcoming visitation (20th May)
7. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 7pm at St. Mary's Church.

From the Vicar

In much of Western Europe, if the media portrayal of things is to be believed, the Christian faith which has for generations been part of the `background music` to our society appears nowadays to be more peripheral and in some senses a less than welcome contributor to our common life. Some people talk of decline and even extinction. However, as the philosopher Marshall McLuhan once famously said: "There is absolutely no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening".

So, one of the heartening things I have observed over the past twenty-five years is the way Christian people have, as it were, woken up to the changing scene in which we find ourselves and accept the challenge. We see much to grieve over but these are not days for self-pity. Many of the old landmarks may have disappeared but we have a God who will lead us as surely as he led the people of Israel of old.

We see much that frightens us but this is not a time to defensively circle the wagons. Whilst the people of Israel were in exile the prophet Jeremiah told them to give up their longing for a return to `the good old days` they associated with home and instead to `seek the welfare` (Jeremiah 29.7) of the strange place they found themselves in. Jeremiah had a big and generous vision of God; a vision which is much needed now.

In other words, we may indeed see many things and potential changes which disturb or perplex us but having looked directly at these things the simple truth is that although we may want to wish these things away or even physically run away the plain truth is that THIS is the place and time in which we are called to be faithful.

Besides, on the one hand it could be argued that many of the privileges which the Church has enjoyed in our society in recent generations and the compromises we have made with `the powers that be` have actually meant that we have been far less of a `light to the world` than we might have been whilst on the other hand I think we are wrong to believe that there has ever been a golden age of Church history. Archbishop Rowan Williams put it like this: "Because I am a Christian and I believe in God, I believe that the Church is not just in my hands... I believe that if God has called that Church into existence, God is faithful to what he has done" (Church Times 05.10.12).

This short report documents some of the ways we are seeking to be faithful to our ever faithful God in these changing times. We record our deep gratitude to all who contribute to the building up of our life and witness to Christ in this place.

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
Parish Missioner:	The Revd Brian Streeter
Reader:	Mr. Christopher Bradbury

Pastoral Assistant: Mr. Leonard Lambert
Elected Members: Mr. G. Brown (Treasurer)
Mrs. J Dootson (Secretary)

Peter Fothergill, Gill Howarth, Christopher Bradbury, Rosemary Hopwood, Fred Tattersall, Steve Taylor, Philippa Taylor

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:

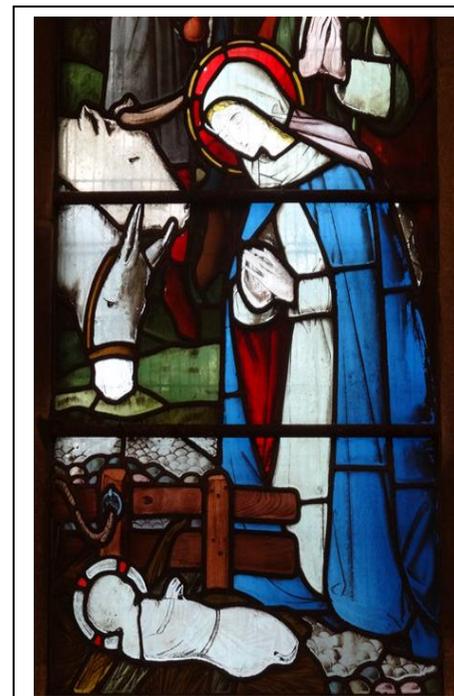
The average *Sunday* attendance during the year was 37. During the year 11 Marriage Ceremonies were held and 8 Funerals. There was 1 Baptism this year.

Electoral Roll

7 new members

The Electoral Roll was completely revised in February 2013. A complete revision is carried out every 6 years. This year (2014) with updates to membership there are currently **54** members on the Electoral Roll as at March 2014. 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 Institute on Monday 18th March 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present: The Vicar (Chair) C. Poulson, A. Poulson, P. Fothergill, G. Howarth, J. Dootson, P. Taylor, R. Hopwood, J. Mitchell, I. Gregg.

Apologies: Were received from L. Lambert, G. Brown, R. Smith, S. Taylor, F. Tattersall, J. Cochrane, C. Bradbury.

The Vicar opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

VESTRY MEETING

Election of Churchwardens

The Vicar expressed warm thanks to the Churchwardens r.Smith and J. Bland for their help and hard work during the year.

Troutbeck Institute

1. The following had been nominated for re-election as Committee members for the ensuing two years 2013-2015. Mr M.K. Guy, Mrs R. Hopwood, Mrs M. Liddell, Mr. P. Simpson, Mr. J. Wharton. They were re-elected unanimously.
2. Miss S.Black, Mrs R. Halliday and Mr R.M. Simpson were elected unanimously as Trustees.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of last year's meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2012 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

Electoral Roll

The Vicar thanked Lynda Durrell for her for her work and for acting as Electoral Roll officer. The roll had been completely revised in February 2013 and there were seven new names on the register. The Vicar would check with the previous year's list to make sure there were no inadvertent omissions.

Accounts

Geoff Brown (Treasurer) had sent his apologies for absence to the AGM and prepared a report on the 2012 accounts for circulation to the meeting. The Treasurer's two recommendations were as follows:

1. "I am therefore making a proposal to the PCC that £40,000 should be transferred from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund and £10,000 to the Churchyard Fund. This will specifically set aside funds to ensure reserves are available to cope with expenditure on these accounts in the foreseeable future."
2. "I propose that the accounts are approved by the PCC subject to agreement by the independent examiner."

It was proposed and seconded that the Accounts and Treasurer's proposals be approved subject to the independent examiner's report. This was unanimously agreed. The Vicar thanked Geoff Brown for all his continuing work and also thanked David Fell for his work as external examiner.

Reports

The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens Robert Smith and Joan Bland for their report on the year and for all their hard work and help. There were no further additions to the report.

The Vicar thanked Christopher Poulson for his fabric report and the great amount of work he and Robert Smith had undertaken to maintain the fabric of the church. There was nothing further to add to the report.

Thanks were also expressed to Rosemary Hopwood and Gill Howarth for the beautiful flowers which enhance Jesus Church throughout the year.

Judy Dootson was thanked for her reporting on the Deanery Synod.

PCC Membership

Judith Cochrane was stepping down as a PCC member and Anthony Close had resigned as Secretary. The Vicar expressed thanks to both

for their work and dedication. Christopher Poulson was stepping down from the PCC and Lay Vice Chair. All our gratitude and thanks would be expressed at a later date.

Elections

The following members had offered themselves for re-election to the PCC and were re-elected en bloc. Geoff Brown, Peter Fothergill, Gill Howarth, Christopher Bradbury, Rosemary Hopwood, Fred Tattersall, Judy Dootson, Steve Taylor. One new member, Philippa Taylor was unanimously elected.

Deanery Synod

Judy Dootson would continue to represent Jesus Church.

Vicar's Remarks

The Vicar enthusiastically reminded us of a successful and enjoyable anniversary year. The highlight being the re-dedication service celebrated by the Bishop of Carlisle on July 18th 2012 to mark our 450th anniversary. The new porch was completed and dedicated on this occasion. The evening concluded with an excellent dinner for Parishioners and guests held at Windermere school. We were now looking forward to the anniversary of the second dedication on 30th April 2013. This service will be celebrated by the Archdeacon, Penny Driver.

The Vicar also introduced the new agenda format for PCC meetings which would reflect the Bishop's Mission Action Plan which would be followed in Jesus Church's unique way. This would be presented to the Congregation later in the year. Our Mission Statement at the head of our Plan to be: "Celebrate, Grow and Serve in Jesus' name"

The Vicar also explained the legal need for a Standing Committee and its purpose in the life of the Church. The Standing Committee consists of the following members:

The Vicar, the Churchwardens, the lay-Vice Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

As there was NO FURTHER BUSINESS the meeting closed at 8.0 p.m.

A SHORT PCC MEETING

Appointments

- HON SECRETARY: Judy Dootson was unanimously appointed
- LAY CHAIRMAN: This is a new appointment as Christopher Poulson has retired. The Vicar will present a candidate to be confirmed by the PCC at their next meeting on 28th April 2013.
- HON TREASURER: Geoff Brown was unanimously re appointed.
- The Standing Committee would comprise: The Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Lay Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- It was resolved: that the Accounts and Reports be affixed at the Church notice board for two weeks.
- It was resolved that the Accounts and Reports be submitted to the Archdeacon. The next meeting of the PCC will be on the 28th April 2013 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.07pm

1. Churchwardens Report

At the beginning of 2013 our 32 page colour booklet, inspired by J Dootson, was put on sale in the Church, very successfully, to celebrate 450 years since the consecration (twice) of Jesus Church.

We had a very cheerful service of Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday on 10th March led by the Vicar when we each received four illustrations depicting Jesus' qualities as the artist saw them in the four Gospels.

The Annual Parochial Meeting was held in The Institute on 18th March.

On Good Friday we had Devotions at The Cross at 7pm and on Easter Day we had a very joyous service of Holy Communion in a beautifully decorated Church.

Jack Bland died peacefully on 4th April –he did a great deal for Jesus Church over very many years. Our organist Alf lost the staunch support of his wife Jean.

On 5th May our Archdeacon Penny Driver led us in a special service to celebrate a visit by the Archdeacon of Canterbury to consecrate Jesus Church (again) in 1563.

We were very pleased to welcome back Rev. Brian Streeter – this time as our Missioner.



Christopher and Annette Poulson went to live in Stainton. Christopher had kept a careful eye on the maintenance of the Church and Churchyard for many years and had spent hours working for Jesus Church.

The Harvest Festival on 29th

September was very well attended as was the Harvest Supper on 4th October when the Speaker was Rev. Alexander Armstrong. The Supper concluded with the official announcement of the engagement of Anne Mayo and Rev. Brian Streeter.

The Remembrance Day Service on 10th November was conducted by Christopher Bradbury, Rev. Donald Pankhurst preached a memorable sermon and Alf Henderson played the organ. Peter Lever carried the British Legion Standard. Wreaths were placed on the War Memorial (which had been cleaned by Frank Lever) by Robert Smith on behalf of the British Legion and Sandra Lilly President of the Women's Institute.

The Christmas Fair was held on 7th December, entry was free and there were new stalls in addition to the usual ones.

Carol Service took place on Sunday 22nd December at 6pm followed by refreshments in Church. The gifts went to the Homeless.

We had the usual happy services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Joan Bland. Churchwarden

2. PCC Report:

2013 has seen the usual active, busy year for Jesus Church. Three events of real note have taken place during the year:

- The preparation of our first Mission Action Plan, including brainstorming to identify our strengths, weakness and hopes for the future of the Church in Troutbeck and the wider diocese. Our objectives have been identified and are being steadily monitored and brought forward.
- The appointment of our Parish Missioner, The Rev. Brian Streeter, which we hope will help to integrate parish and village activities and welcome all to Jesus Church.
- The decision to undertake the major repairs necessary on the tower of Jesus Church. The financial cost is estimated between £60 and 70K and has been made possible by the great generosity of our Parishioners in past years.

Finally we have said farewell to Christopher and Annette Poulosom, two central figures in the organization and activities of Jesus Church for many years. Fortunately we hope to see them at many events in the future.

Judy Dootson. PCC Secretary

3. Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod has been considering the Bishop's Mission Action Plan during the year and options for the way forward.

By 2020 the numbers of Ordained Clergy in the Diocese will have fallen and we could expect only six ordained ministers working in the Windermere Deanery. This situation, combined with the finance available, is echoed also in the Methodist and UCR Churches in Cumbria.

The Bishop's Plan advocates an ecumenical Diocese with shared Ministers and facilities together with joint use of Church buildings and co-operation between Parishes which will enable optimum use of Clergy and joint buildings.

Judy Dootson. Deanery Synod Representative

4. Parish Missioner's Report

To say that the last year has been one of change would be the proverbial understatement. For Troutbeck we have had to say a sad farewell to Sue & Pam Black, and Annette & Christopher Poulosom. We have also welcomed Carly & Gareth Harding, and have had a shop and Post Office transformed into an exciting new tea shop. These major changes to the life of a community would be significant just in themselves, but are even more so given the influence and importance of the people and facilities to the Troutbeck community.



On a personal front, during March last year I was still being interviewed for incumbency posts in the North and South of England. I had, in spite of some good opportunities, come to the conclusion that I wanted to remain in the Windermere area and it was at that same

point that Jesus Church PCC kindly offered a part-time role as a Parish Missioner for Jesus Church and Troutbeck – the role fitted very well with the PCC vision and Mission Action Plan for the mark of discipleship that is Evangelism. I gratefully accepted this role and began at the end of June 2013. The role of Parish Missioner has three strands to it; pastoral care to the members of Jesus Church and residents of Troutbeck; promoting community within Troutbeck; and an informal chaplaincy role to Windermere School.

The pastoral care has been on-going and though much is day-to-day and ordinary in the best sense of the word in nature, there have been a number of important pastoral tasks and continual pastoral concerns. In conjunction with the other strands of the Parish Missioner role I have been able to visit a good number of Troutbeck residents and get to know many new residents that I was previously unacquainted with. The promotion of community within Troutbeck has a number of objectives within itself. There has been the organisation in conjunction with others

of a number of village events, the Troutbeck Harvest Supper, the Troutbeck Christmas Fair and the Troutbeck

Christmas Dinner. The idea has been that I take on the role previously occupied by Christopher & Annette in these events (though of course not with the same finesse!) and in the coming year organise the running of events on a more communal basis. I have also undertaken to join the Village Association Committee, help with the Institute Social Committee and ensure that I attend and help where possible at other village activities.

The informal chaplaincy at Windermere School has been a great success. Once a fortnight I go in for lunch and have met with the teachers and other members of staff. I have regularly taken the morning School Reflection and in January began an Exploring Faith course with two young people looking to Confirmation in May. I feel that I am now a recognisable face around the school premises and though there is a great distance to go, there is the possibility of on-going Christian input into the life of the school.

On an even more personal front, the past year has also seen my engagement to Anne Mayo and we look forward to our wedding at Jesus Church on Saturday 11th July 2015. The celebrations will then move to the Troutbeck Institute and it is our heart's desire that the festivities will be a celebration of marriage and a true village event. In light of this desire, all are welcome and we truly mean all are welcome to come and enjoy.

Finally, I would like to thank very much, David, the Churchwardens, the PCC and you the family of Jesus Church for allowing me to act in the role of Parish Missioner, and as ever your on-going support and encouragement in this past year for Anne and myself.

Brian Streeter. Parish Missioner

5. Fabric Report

Issues concerning the fabric of the building have all been around water ingress. It was apparent during the latter part of 2013 that internal plasterwork was being affected badly by dampness in the tower area. Paul Grout carried out an inspection which highlighted problems with the external pointing of the tower in addition to the poor state of the

tower roof. The roof problems were noted in the past two Quinquennial Reports.

We have gone through the tendering process for the necessary work and obtained the Faculty from the Diocese. Pattinsons builders will be carrying out the work after Easter. It will involve scaffolding and a plastic covering in the tower area but will not affect normal services. Even after the work is completed it will take some months for the fabric of the building to dry out before the plasterwork may be repainted. Prayers for a long, dry, hot summer would be appreciated! All this work will cost some £70,000, although the V.A.T. content will be able to be reclaimed.

The tower belfry has long been a home for nesting jackdaws and the mess that has accumulated within has to be seen to be believed. This mess is preventing proper inspection of the woodwork and metalwork surrounding the bells and as I write this report, Pattinsons are carrying out bird-proofing measures to prevent the birds from entering the tower. Pattinsons have also been asked to check all side windows within the Church as we are experiencing draughts which does not help when trying to keep the Church warm in the winter months. Ecclesiastical Insurance asked that a fire risk assessment inspection be carried out. This has been done and no major issues were found.

Robert Smith. Churchwarden

f. Troutbeck Village Association

Committee Members are: Geoff Brown (Chairman), Les Bradley (Secretary), Susan Black (Treasurer), Roger Westmorland, Brian Liddell, Philip Simpson, Rosemary Hopwood, Brian Streeter, Louise Waterhouse, Fiona Green, Margaret Lewis, Christine Tinn, Katharine Brown, Alex Brooker and Ben Berry.

The aim of the Village Association is to address and help deal with any problems regarding the upkeep of the village, as well as offering our support and much needed funds. Items dealt with during the last twelve months:

1. The gap in the wall adjacent to Jesus Church has now been rebuilt. The V.A. has asked for additional safety railings to be installed on top of the low wall. This will be completed in the spring, at a cost of £2,500 from the community fund.

2. Broadband discussions are continuing with the Holehird Trust, to install micro-wave equipment for their L.H.S. members, and also to transmit along the Troutbeck valley. An alternative satellite option is also being investigated to try and improve broadband speed in the village.
3. Roadside drains, culverts and blocked streams are to be looked at by the Highways Department. The N.T. have also agreed to help in this matter, to relieve flooding.
4. The Village Association has repaired the snow plough we bought last year. It is now ready for action, with a contract to be drawn up, if the Council need to also use it.
5. The Garburn bridleway, via Applethwaite Quarry is in need of repair, after over-use of 4 x 4's and scrambler bikes. The N.P., (National Park) have agreed to put signs in place, discouraging the above and are helping with repairs.
6. Nanny Lane is being monitored by the V.A. If funds are available, this footpath hopefully may be restored in the spring. Another footpath needing attention is Antony Gate, leading from the village to the church.
7. A suggestion was made at the last meeting to improve the entrance to the recreational field, from the Troutbeck Charity Fund, as it is heavily rutted and may pose problems for cars attending the village sports, Animal Blessing Service and other events there. A decision will be made at our April meeting.
8. Japanese Knotweed is a very invasive species in the valley, and has been admirably dealt with by Katharine Brown and helpers during the year. A video is now available, showing how destructive this species is.
9. There is currently £3,278 in the V.A. account.
10. A fundraising day for the village is to take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May, with three local walks, plus refreshments. A – HISTORY, B - NATURE, C – VALLEY LONGER WALK. Jesus Church will be included, and we are collecting information on the Mary Browne graves there.
11. A.G.M. Monday, 12th May, in the Institute. An open meeting with the opportunity to see the new village defibrillator we have installed outside the building.

Rosemary Hopwood Village Association, Troutbeck.

Jesus Church in the Parish of Troutbeck



Mission Action Plan 2013-2014

Diocesan Vision

`Growing Disciples`

Our Vision

"Celebrate, Grow and Serve in Jesus' name"

- **Maturity in Faith**

Hold `Exploring Prayer` Course during Lent 2014

- **Lively Prayer and Worship**

Host an Animal Blessing Service
a Songs of Praise

Re-think the time and content of Worship on Good Friday

- **Community Service and Engagement**

Host a series of community events on behalf of the village
-Harvest Supper, Christmas Meal, Pancake Races

Show active support for the new Village shop / tea room
Investigate holding / taking part in Heritage Days

- **Evangelism**

Appoint Parish Missioner (June 2013)

Develop a `Chaplaincy` relationship with Windermere School
and host a young peoples` Confirmation Course

Run `Christianity Explored` Spring 2014

- **Quality of Relationships**

Complete urgent Tower repairs