

# PARISH OF WHYKE, St GEORGE with RUMBOLDSWYKE, St MARY and PORTFIELD, ALL SAINTS

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC, 2009

### **Background**

St. George's Parochial Church Council, working with the incumbent, the Rev'd. Stuart Craddock, assisted by the Rev'd. James Rhodes-Wrigley and the Parish Reader Mr. Brian Dunstan, are responsible for the promotion of the Gospel and for leading the mission of the church in the parish of Whyke, which includes the former parish of Portfield. The former parish church of Portfield is now a museum and St. Mary's Church, formerly the parish church, has been declared redundant and converted into an architect's office. The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the churchyards attached to both of these buildings.

### **Membership**

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

*(The years shown after the names show when they are due to be re-elected)*

#### **Ex-officio members**

Incumbent	The Rev'd. Stuart Craddock
Assistant Priest	The Rev'd. James Rhodes-Wrigley
Parish Reader Emeritus	Brian Dunstan
Wardens	Sheila Price
	Leslie Shipp
Deputy Wardens	Geoff Merry
	Neville Stevenson-Watt
Representatives on the	Tom Batting (2011)
Deanery Synod	Fred Corbin (2011)
	Emma Stonham (2011)

#### **Elected members**

Emma R. Brown (2011)	Susan Howell-Evans (2012)
Louise Gibbon (2012)	Carol Lambourne (2011)
Abbigail Greaves (2011)	Ruth Sullivan (2010)
Ken Green (2011)	Jeff Thompson (2010)
Tracey Hills (2012)	Eddie Tuke (2012)
Peter James (2010)	Andy Wilkes (2010)

#### **Co-opted Member**

Rosemary Lay (2010)

#### **Officers**

Honorary Treasurer	Tom Batting
Honorary Secretary	Ken Green
Child Protection Co-ordinator	Janice Turner
Health and Safety Officer	Derek Price
Independent Examiner	James Chisham

The PCC Bankers are Barclays Bank

The parochial church council met eleven times during 2009/10, including an away-day on a Saturday morning. There are members on the church electoral roll

#### **Review of the Year**

.Of the Future Plans or Projects mentioned in the Annual PCC Report for 2008: The nave altar from St. Mary's has been installed. The Christmas Tree Festival was held, and included a skating rink in the church. The net profit was £4,700, and £2,000 was donated to St. Wilfrid's Hospice, The consideration of a new organ for the church is ongoing The single voice choir for girls has not yet been implemented.

Mrs Tracey Hills has been accepted for a three year training course to train as a reader.

Sue Elleray, Emma Stonham, Tracey Hills, Liz Cooper and Barbara Phillips have been appointed Lay Pastoral Assistants;

The Syrian Orthodox Church have been given permission to use St. George's as their Provincial Home. They meet once a month on Saturdays in the Centre.

An invitation has been accepted from the Archbishop's Council and General Synod for St. George's to run a trial of the new Eucharistic Prayers for six months.

The gold cope has been restored, and a donation made to the Seffrid Guild, the embroiderers at the Cathedral in recognition of their excellent work.

A legacy of £1,000 was left to the church by Joyce Parsons

A chalice has been donated in memory of the former Rector, Revd. Richard Ratcliff

The lighting over the choir has been improved by removing the baffles from the down lighting lamps. The same procedure will be carried out on the next two down lights in the nave to improve the lighting over the nave altar.

Bolts have been fitted to the glass doors inside the west door so that the west door can be left open in the daytime to enable passers by to see the inside of the church.

An approved electrical contractor has tested all the portable electrical appliances in accordance with the Health and Safety Regulations.

A new colour photocopier has been purchased and installed in the parish office.

A new contractor has been appointed to clean the centre. The cleaning of the church is now carried out by volunteers from the congregation.

The Probation Office Community Service has been cutting the grass regularly in St. Mary's Churchyard, and has brought it up to a very satisfactory standard. A new strimmer has been purchased and made available to them on permanent loan.

#### **Future Plans or Projects.**

A sound insulation system is urgently needed in the centre to make it easier to have conversations when there are a lot of people there. Enquiries are continuing as to the best method of doing this and what the cost would be

The Community Service has promised to redecorate the centre at a mutually convenient time.

Communion before confirmation has already been agreed in principle, and was instituted in 2010.

Two new curates will be coming to St. George's after June, 2010, and this will almost certainly affect the pattern of services and the running of the church.