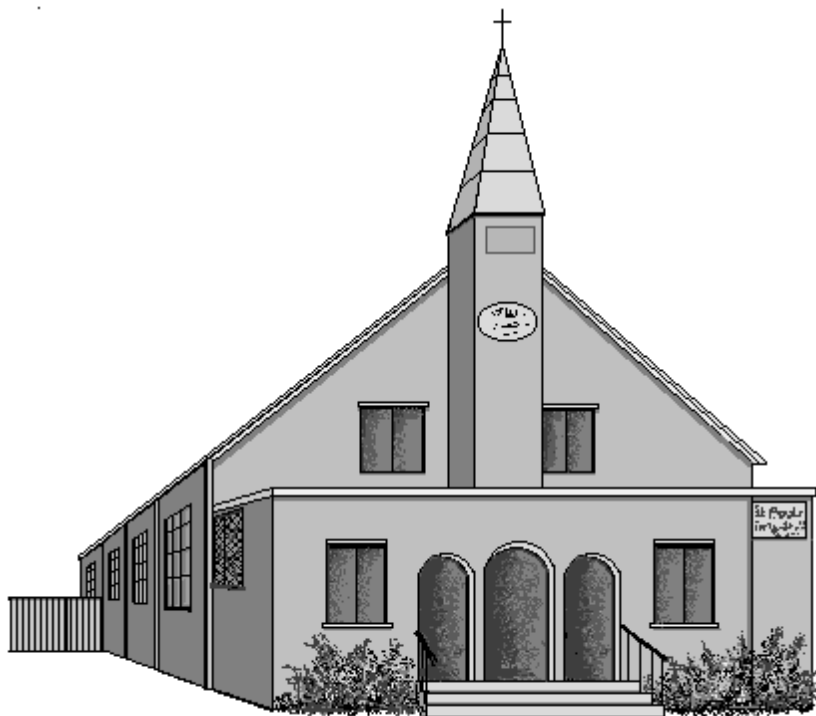


ST PAUL'S HAINAULT



2008/2009
ANNUAL
REPORTS

St Paul's Church, Hainault

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

During the Morning Service 10am Sunday 29th March 2009

AGENDA

1. **Opening Worship and Prayer**
2. **Minutes of the 2008 APCM**
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes (please mention to the chairman in advance)**
5. **The election of Churchwardens for 2009/2010**
Proposed Resolution:
The rule in Churchwarden's Measure 2001 limiting years of service to six will not apply in the parish of St Paul's Hainault until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2015.
6. **The election of the Parochial Church Council for 2009/2010**
7. **Presentation of Reports:**

(a) Vicar's Report	As in the Published Reports
(b) Churchwardens' Report	“
(c) PCC Secretary's Report	“
(d) Treasurer's Report and Accounts	
(e) Electoral Roll	
(f) Deanery Synod Report	“
(g) Spring Harvest Report	“
8. **Appointment of Auditor**
9. **Results of the Feasibility Study**
10. **Coming events**
11. **Any other Business (Items to be notified to the chair before the meeting)**
12. **Close with prayer and a hymn.**

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St. Paul's Church Hainault at 10am 30th March 2008

1 **Present: 43 Adults, 12 children**

2 The Meeting opened with Prayer and Worship.

3 **Minutes of meeting held on 25th March 2007:** Chris Cant proposed as correct, seconded Steve Thorpe. Unanimously approved.

4 Helen Duke was approved as minute secretary for the meeting.

5 **Matters Arising:** None

6 **Election of Churchwarden:**

Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
Jill James	Pauline Sheridan	Helen Duke

St. Paul's passed a resolution 2 years ago for Jill James to be able to stand for a further 3 years if she wished. Chris proposed that the Churchwarden measure of 2001 limiting the years of service to 6 years will not apply in the Parish of St. Paul's until the APCM of 2010. This was unanimously approved. Jill James was duly elected Churchwarden. It is hoped that someone will stand next year enabling Jill James to work alongside them for 1 year before she stands down.

7 **Election of PCC Members:**

Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
Pauline Sheridan	Jill James	Madge Docherty
Wendy Thorpe	Tom Gough	Sandra Woodard
Lisselle Clarke-Moisley	Pauline Sheridan	Dave Lovelock
Pam Hawthorthnwaite	Pauline Sheridan	Christel Caraline
Kathryn Whittaker	Jill James	Charmaine Andrews

Those standing down this year are: Ellen Hunt, Sharon Dillimore, Sandra Woodard, Nicky Cleaver (youth representative) and Helen Duke. Chris thanked them all.

Chris said that Kathryn Whittaker has been nominated to stand on the PCC and proposed that she will become a full PCC member after her confirmation at St. John's Seven Kings in October, at present she will be a non-voting member. This was agreed. The ex officio members are: Chris Cant, Sue Hartley, Sarah Clarke-Moisley and Jill James. Chris prayed for the newly elected PCC.

8 **Presentation of Reports:**

These were mainly as published in the Annual Reports:

Vicars Report	
Prayer Ministry Report	St. Paul's Wheels'n'Squeels
Readers Report: SatNav:	Rock Solid Report
Highlanders	Players for Jesus
Churchwarden's Report	Inspire
Treasurer's Report	Spring Harvest 2007
Electoral Roll	Singing Group
Busy Bees	Monday Homegroup
Mission – Global Outreach	Thursday Homegroup

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Hunt said she is confident that someone will be able to step in and be Treasurer this year. Barbara May is the book-keeper and Ellen thanked her for all her hard work and asked for a vote of thanks. Ellen said she is pleased to report that we have been able to pay the Family Purse again this year which is a major priority for the PCC. Tom Gough asked how the giving compared to last year and Ellen reported that overall this is down. Chris gave our thanks to Ellen for all her work over the last year, as she will be standing down having served on the PCC for 5 years.
- b) **Electoral Roll:** Pauline Sheridan confirmed that as at the end of March 2008 there are 47 residents and 29 non-residents giving a total of 76 on the Register.
- c) Chris gave special thanks to Wendy Thorpe for all her years as Highlanders Leader. Wendy stood down in September 2007. Sarah is leading the Sunday Highlanders and there is something new being planned for Wednesday evenings. Thanks to Jim Burns who has started taking the Highlanders to Fairlop Waters for golf after Church on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. He has also started a football session once a week in Manford Way.
- d) Christel Ceraline gave a short presentation on Link2God telling the Church Family what the plans and hopes for Link2God is about.
- e) Lisselle Clarke-Moisley gave a short presentation on Inspire telling the Church Family what has been happening since Inspire was set up in January.
- f) Chris had asked Ian Thurgood to give his testimony after his back problem was healed following prayer. Ian was unable to attend.

9 **Appointment of Auditor:** Thanks to Lawrence Segal who was the Independent Examiner of the Church Accounts for 2007. These have been signed. Lawrence is not willing to be committed for 2008. The PCC will appoint an Auditor.

10 **Nominated Person for Child Protection:** Sue Hartley is happy to continue as Officer in case of any allegations or issues. Sue has read the training manual. Jill James has been doing the administration. Those CRB checked in 2004 will need renewing. Sue & Jill were unanimously voted for.

11 **Plans for Sensory Garden:** Chris said some work had been done on Saturday by Chris Stewart and Rob Whittaker and thanked them both for their work. We now need some plants in containers for the garden.

Plans for the Linkway: There is a Diocesan Advisory Committee site visit on Monday 31st March 2008 to approve our proposed plans to knock the Linkway down and build a new hall which will be used by various Church groups. The feasibility study will cost around £4000. We hope to get a grant towards this.

12 **Coming Events in 2008:**

Spring Harvest	Saturday 5th-10th April	
Unlock London Walk	Saturday 19 th April 9.00	Battersea/Chelsea
Alpha Course	Tuesday 22 nd April 7.00-9.30	Vicarage
Prayers for Church	Wednesday 23 rd April 7.30pm	Every 4 weeks in Church
'Whose line is it anyway?'	Friday 25 th April	In aid of Christian Drama Project
Global day of Prayer	Sunday 11 th May	Millwall Football ground
Quiz/Poverty Lunch	Sunday 18 th May	In aid of Christian Aid
Summer Fayre	Saturday 21 st June	
Marie Segal's Priesting	Sunday 22 nd June	Ordination by Bishop at St. Andrews
Marie Segal's First Communion	Sunday 29 th June	
Kids Communion	Sunday 28 th July	8+ Preparation Course
Highlanders Holiday Club	28 th July – 1 st August	
Holiday Club	18 th August – 22 nd August	
Churches Together Service	Sunday 21 st September	United Celebration at St. Pauls
Confirmation Service	Wednesday 15 th October	St. John's Seven Kings
Healing Prayer Day	Saturday 18 th October	

13 **Any Other Business:** None

14 **The Meeting closed at 11.35 am with Prayers and a Hymn.**

VICAR'S REPORT

How wonderful it was to be welcomed back after my Sabbatical in January 2008! The three course meal in the hall was magnificent. Getting back into the swing of church life proved more difficult than I had expected but gradually things came together and 2008 has been a good year in St Paul's.

When I first became vicar in 1998 I was asked whether I was going to get rid of the pews. It will happen one day but I never believed there would be enough money to make it possible. After all there are so many other things we need to do first. Then Jill James was told we could apply for a grant from The London Over the Border Fund and so we did and were given £9000. Along with £1000 we raised ourselves we were able to buy 200 chairs and I hope even those who miss the old pews will soon grow to appreciate them.

I am so thankful to God for giving us the idea of shortening the pews rather than trying to sell them whole. Many of the congregation have been able to buy them and it is wonderful to know they will be well looked after. We are keeping the money raised to sand and seal the floor.

The year began with a new pattern of Sunday services. A Contemporary Communion was introduced to engage the young people who now stay in for the first Sunday of the month. This has proved more difficult than we imagined and we are still looking for a way of making this service suitable both for adults and young people. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

In the autumn I started a new course to help those who are new to the Church. It is called 'Xianity Xplored' and we are just coming to the end of the first series. It would be good to do it again with a larger group.

I do want to thank Jill James for taking over as treasurer in April after Ellen Hunt had to step down as her time on the PCC was up. Jill has also had to continue alone as churchwarden for a further year and we very much want someone to come forward to be churchwarden alongside her.

Sarah Clarke-Moisley has been doing a fantastic job with the Highlanders even though the numbers have gone right down since the older ones went off to University. I do thank her for faithfully keeping going and Wendy Thorpe who has done some amazing things organising events for the Highlanders and for the rest of the Church.

In 2008 we were able to raise funds for a feasibility study and the architect, Martin Heijne, has come up with some amazing plans. The challenge is to see them put into reality and make St Paul's a vibrant centre for this community where people can come and experience the love of God expressed through his people. Just like getting chairs seemed impossible this time last year so the new plans look impossible but God is able to do more than we ask or think!

Christopher

Prayer Ministry Report 2008 - 2009

I begin with a huge thank you to each member the team for their commitment over the past year—knowing that many of the team have other ministries as well as family commitments. And also I would like to thank Chris and Joanna for their support and for hosting our team meetings.

We have struggled with our numbers somewhat. It was a huge loss to say goodbye to Lisselle and Dave—we appreciated their contribution enormously. However it has been great to have Julia on board as our latest new member, as well as Christel and Pam who joined us earlier. We are not a closed group—if you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please come and have a word with either Chris or myself.



Following the success of the New Wine training day in February, we hosted another event in the autumn. Our guest speaker was the Revd. John Ryeland, director of the "Christian Healing Mission" in West London. He spoke on "Meeting Jesus—finding healing". This wasn't as well attended as the previous occasion: however many people were touched by the Lord and went away encouraged. Our next event will be a training event for people involved in prayer ministry and/or pastoral care in their local church. We are very pleased that Lin Button (from the Healing Prayer School in Woodford) is able to come and facilitate this day which will be on May 9th. She will be speaking on "Healing the roots of dis-ease": helping us to discern and pray into the factors in early experience that contribute to needs in the here and now. We hope that a good number of people from St Paul's will be able to attend. The suggested cost is £10, but we want to encourage people to benefit

from this teaching so we won't turn anyone away who can't afford the full fee. Please let me know if you feel this is for you.

One innovation during the past year has been to offer prayer at the altar rail for people at the monthly Traditional Communion services.

As we look to the future, we are beginning to pray about the possibility of beginning a monthly Sunday afternoon service of healing and wholeness (something quiet and fairly traditional), perhaps in the autumn. When Jesus was proclaiming the kingdom, healing and preaching went hand in hand together. People experienced his transforming power in their bodies and responded by offering him their lives. We believe that, it is just as true today, that the healing ministry is an integral part of the church's outreach and, as a team, we feel God wants us to move in this direction. Let us know if you would like to be involved in any way.

And, finally, I would welcome your constructive comments about anything to do with prayer ministry at St Paul's—what you have found helpful and perhaps, not so helpful. We will take your comments seriously and keep them in confidence, if you wish. Please continue to pray with us and for us that God's healing love will touch many lives both within the congregation and the wider parish, to the glory of His name. Thank you.

Sue Hartley

CHURCHWARDENS

This has been a very busy year for me as the only churchwarden but God has provided me with many friends to help and support me.

Busy Bees has received a grant to finish the sensory garden, I would like to thank the small group of committed people who have done the work to date. I am sure they are equally as happy as me to get it finished, I would like to say a special thank you to Bob Duke for all his hard work in the garden of rest and being available to make repairs when needed.

We received a grant from London over the Boarder which has allowed us to buy the new chairs for the church, I know that some of you are sad to see the pews go but I am sure you will find the new chairs very comfortable. We have decided to keep two pews down the left hand side of the church.

I would like to thank Beryl and Joanna for the lovely new altar cloths and banners.

I would like to thank Chris and Joanna for all their support and prayers over this last year.

*God bless
Jill*

TREASURERS REPORT 2008

Family Purse

Unfortunately it has not been possible to pay the full £22,780 due for the Family Purse in 2008. We made payments of £18132 which leaves us £4648 short. Thankfully this is not carried forward into this year.

This is partly due to the fact that we were not billed for the gas used during the second half of 2007. We have now paid for that as well as the gas used during 2008 (£1015 in 2007, £2780 in 2008).

The Family Purse due for 2009 is £23056.

Our church giving in 2008 varied from 2007 as follows:

Standing order payments up by £312.13
Pew envelopes and cash down by £1409.14
Plate collection up by £785.75



General Funds	Income 2008	£34894.95
	Expenditure 2008	£33682.98
Restricted Funds	Income 2008	£16656.75
	Expenditure 2008	£18530.28 (half for the chairs)

(includes £10670 Diocese grant)

Total funds available as at 31.12.08 £6325.34:

(Unrestricted £3055.74 Restricted £3269.60)

Charitable Giving

Link to God	£211.69
Christian Aid	£15 (plus £483.42 collected Christian Aid week)
British Legion	£15.96
Compassion	£432.00
Stop the Traffik	£72.13
Burma Barnabas Fund	£25
Churches Together	£12
Redbridge Night Shelter	£27.33

Hall Hire

This income plays a large part in our financial welfare and is something that as a church we need to develop. The Hall is available for private one-off events e.g. parties or long term regular hire e.g. dancing lessons. Please do tell your family and friends about us.

Donation Options

There are a number of ways that you can give to St. Paul's which include:

Weekly plate collection

Pew envelopes

Standing order

One off donations

Please speak to either Chris or myself if you need more information on any of these.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and donate to us then your donation can be increased by 28% just by signing a declaration. This extra income is important to us and we need to be sure that we are claiming the correct amount, if you are unsure if you qualify then please talk to Chris or me and we'll advise you.

Looking ahead

I would like to thank everyone for their financial support in 2008, It has been an exciting year with the grant for the new chairs from London Over the Boarder and completing the feasibility study for developing the Linkway into a new building with much needed space.

May God bless all we do in the coming year and continue to provide for our financial needs.

Jill James

Church Warden/Treasurer

Electoral Roll 2008-9 Report

For the year ending March 2008 so far we have on roll only 40 residents but 26 non-residents Totalling 66. I shall report on the final figure at the annual meeting in March.

Pauline Sheridan



BUSY BEES REPORT

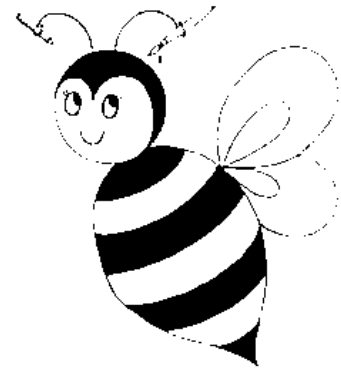
We have had a good year at Busy Bees and God has continued to bless all we do; the staff team is working well together each using their own gifts.

We were all very sad to lose Wendy Thorpe at the end of the summer term; Wendy had worked at Busy Bees for many years and is greatly missed.

Once again we finished the winter term with our Nativity in the church an opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with the parents/carers. Kathryn Whittaker from the church family has continued to plan activities around Bible

stories and this is going really well. Kathryn helped the children to make displays for the church.

We have been continuing with the Quality Assurance Scheme that is now a requirement for receiving Government funding; we have finished our sixth module and will be starting our next module shortly. We have just received a grant to buy some new equipment which will help to continue to improve Busy Bees.



I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in Busy Bees this year. I am very fortunate to have such a good team working with me and we will continue with God's help to make Busy Bees even better.

God bless
Jill

PCC Secretary's Report

It was a warm sunny start for our PCC Away Day last April at St Peter's Church, Aldborough Hatch – and I am not just referring to the weather!

After sharing Holy Communion we talked about our Hopes and Dreams for St Paul's. We felt God as active amongst us. He is in control so our plans to reach the wider community for Jesus are in his hands.

We realised that prayer is fundamental and a new monthly Prayer Meeting was started beginning on May 21st.

We were encouraged to hear that it was possible for us to get a generous grant towards replacing the pews with some comfortable chairs. That would allow the church to be used for a variety of different events and be part of making it more welcoming to the community.

When discussing the repairs necessary to the Link Way it was suggested that we could incorporate general improvements to the hall, giving disabled access and toilets and an extra meeting room.

Although this seemed impossible for our small congregation to contemplate or even fund, some amongst us felt confident that God would find a way – 'Nothing is impossible for God!' if this is what God wanted for us.

So we agreed to take steps towards raising funds for a feasibility study to look into developing our church buildings. The process has taken nearly a year but now we are ready to present the outline plans to the APCM and decide on a date for a meeting when the proposals can be considered in detail by the congregation.

My sincere thanks must go to Sarah for being such an efficient minute secretary at PCC meetings and to Chris for encouraging me in my new post as PCC secretary.

Pauline Sheridan

Spring Harvest 2008

5-10th April - Theme: One Hope



I must begin by saying a big Thank You to Sharon Dillimore who has faithfully organised our trips for the past five years at least! She has done this so well (even if not able to attend SH herself) and we still use all her brilliant, professionally designed letters & forms!) Next to say thank you to Steve Thorpe and Charmaine Andrews for taking on the organising since Sharon stood down.

Nearly 50 of us went from St Paul's, Hainault including family and friends! I think the Highlight for me was singing in the rain all huddled in the bandstand to celebrate Rob Whittaker's 40th birthday. Everyone joined in; ages ranged from 7 to 70's!

The theme for the week was: The Big Story: One Hope. I particularly enjoyed hearing Tom Wright speak about Hope & we have since read his book! I missed the alternative worship this year: no Iona and no Northumbria Community but I enjoyed a daily walk along the beach.

As usual the high standard of everything was inspiring! A good time to be refreshed & spend time with God alone or with others.

Joanna Cant

Report from the Director of Music

The singing group had blossomed in 2008 and the quality of music has improved yet again. It is a great pleasure to find myself leading a band of singers who are supported by percussion and guitar in a way which we all hope enables the congregation to be brought closer to God as we worship Him at our various services.

I am delighted to have Pam, Sandra, Betty, Lisselle and Christel with Steve and Luke on drums and occasionally Lee on the African Drum. Dave played guitar and all enjoyed using their particular gifts to the glory of God week by week but last September Dave and Lisselle moved on to pastures new. I would really like to thank them for all they contributed over such a long period of time. Moira now plays bass guitar and the additional musical support boosts the sound in a tremendous way and I am hoping that occasionally Helene will be able to join us with the Saxophone I bought for the church. There is also a lovely church guitar waiting for someone to play.

Another new change is that from now on, in response to some people who find the drums a bit too loud, the traditional Communion Services will no longer have drums playing.

During the year we started the idea of inviting musicians from other churches to join us occasionally for a particular occasion and when Churches Together in Hainault and Chigwell was due to come to us, we arranged a "Big Sing" which was a tremendous success and from which one lead guitarist from the Sanctuary church offered to help Luke learn to play lead guitar.

A Big Carol Sing took place on the same basis early in December and we stopped half way through for mince pies and a time of fellowship.

I have decided to change the rehearsal time from 10am to 6pm on a weekday which will enable a lot more people to come along to music practice. I am also inviting all instrumentalists to join us and if you would like to use your musical talent to the glory of God, you would be most welcome. I am hoping that we shall have both new adults and children and we can start to form the music group of the future. We shall also continue to hold three monthly drumming practices.

Finally, even if you don't want to join the singers on a Sunday everyone is most welcome to the singing practices to come and listen or join in. Look out for the dates and times and simply turn up. You will be warmly welcomed.

Tom

REPORT FOR ROCK SOLID & CLIMBERS



There have been a couple of major changes since the last APCM. Firstly Kathryn has stood down as the leader! She has done a great job for the past three years leading the group enthusiastically. A big thank you to her for all she has done.

Also we decided to join RockSolid and Climbers together partly due to lower numbers of younger children but also to make the most of the number of leaders we have. The joint group now meets in the lounge twice a month & once a month in the Hall (when Highlanders are in the Church) 'Inspire' has continued for the time being during this slot but it is under review at the moment as Lisselle and Ellen are unable to continue running it. We can have up to 14 children depending on who comes! We have a wide age range from 4 to 11!

We have mainly followed the themes in church: studying Philippians last term and Joshua this term. We have a good team of leaders, we try to get together to pray and plan once a term & share ideas.

Pauline, Denise, LeAnne's mum, and Karen Morgan who took the children to Stubbers took a small group of children to Solid at Stubbers in the Summer which proved worthwhile but it was generally felt maybe we would do something else next time. We didn't manage a Christmas outing this year but had a successful Christmas 'Inspire' with lots of fun & games as well as a very successful Christmas Craft day..

On a rota basis one leader sets up the Creche in the Chapel and accompanies any parent & young children who come on a particular service.

Altogether an encouraging year & we feel it a privilege to work with such a lovely group of children!

Pauline & Joanna

SEAL

You can't know me for very long before you discover that I love the Bible. In my opinion, it's a beautiful range of literature, an amazing collection of thought provoking concepts and situations and above all, the inerrant word of God. I don't know it as well I need to, and far less than I'd like to, but what I do know of it excites, informs, encourages and sustains me. In a world where pretty much everything is subjective, transient or down-right dodgy, that's not to be sniffed at.

Because it means so much to me, I thoroughly enjoy sharing that enthusiasm with others, and so get to enjoy even more, the stretching and learning that comes from joint study.

Being a youth leader is a great challenge. Working with minds that are so creative, hungry, alive and vibrant is a real privilege. So it makes sense to combine two passions. Hence Seal.

Seal is a youth bible study group that meets alternate Wednesdays at the very accommodating Chateau Demetriou, where, for two hours we share prayer time as well as testimony, we look at the Scriptures and real life every day issues and see how they interact – and usually manage to enjoy some rather more-ish cakes too!

The group's name comes from our very first study, where we looked at Ephesians chapter by chapter.

Ephesians 1: 11 – 14

*In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

You see, it's not simply about having heard the message of Jesus – we have a responsibility to make a decision to believe the message at which time we are then sealed in that salvation by the Holy Spirit.

There are one or two spaces in the group now, a couple of the originals have had to concentrate on coursework and revision, so if you'd like to join us, let me know.

Sarah Clarke-Moisley

Highlanders

Not really sure how to sum up the last year in Highlanders. We've looked at some tough issues, and worked our way through some cool scriptures. I have, yet again, been delighted, challenged and enthused by interaction with some truly amazing people.

I guess I have to mention a couple of highlights. The Boat Holiday was certainly a special way to bid farewell to those moving on to University, work, and other options. Even the weather managed to hold on until almost the end of the weekend. We certainly miss that group; they've been a real backbone and inspiration for our whole fellowship.

Since September, we've been working through Philippians, using a combination of talks, discussions activities, and DVD's to explore how our faith impacts our living, and how the Bible relates to that every day living.

Before Christmas we had a day out to central London. Beginning with the Sunday service at St Paul's, taking the tube to Hyde Park for outdoor ice-skating followed by a short wander around the German Market. The bus journey down Oxford Street gave us the opportunity to see the mind-boggling mass of humanity desperately trying to spend their last pennies before Christmas. It really was like looking at a huge ant nest! The queue to get into Hillsong was impressive too, but having been tipped off by Jamie P to get there early, we were able to find some really good seats to enjoy the Christmas service before taking over the downstairs of Oxford Street's Pizza Hut.

The New Year has brought us to the time where we look at the Holiday Club in August 2009 – yes really, already. We have a few spaces left if you feel you'd like to be part of this vibrant, exhausting and totally amazing week then let me know!

Sarah CM

Wednesday Night Hainault and Barkingside Youth Group (Highlanders)

This year we have had a change to the highlander group that Wendy ran so well for so many years.

We have started a new group on a Wednesday for 11-15yr olds at our church and another group for 15yrs + on a Monday in Clayhall Baptist Church. These 2 groups are run by a team of people from different churches in the area headed up by Hilary Musker, our deanery youth leader. The groups are for young people in the area who attend a church, and for their friends. The one based at St. Paul's has about 30 young people who come regularly. Joanna, Moira, Josh and I lead this group with Hilary and a lady called Ann from St Cedd's church. The young people at the moment come from St Paul's, St Lawrence, Holy Trinity Barkingside, St Cedd's and the Sanctuary.

We offer table tennis, snooker, team games, craft, table top games and a lot more, we have a break half way through and have a tuck shop and a short time of bible study and prayer. It has been a change for our young people to let others join the group and for other young people to come from their churches a join us.

We have done one term now and are starting to gel as a group. If anyone would like to join our team, please speak to Joanna or myself and please pray that God will provide us with more male leaders, so we can let the boys out to play football on the back field more. Give wisdom to the leaders, and that strong friendships will grow between the young people and they will all learn more about God.

Kathryn Whittaker

SatNav Annual Report 2008

Well, I guess a lot of folk have found their Saturday evenings a whole lot quieter recently. After 3 years of unfettered sung worship and extemporary scripture reading, the time and season came for SatNav to close. At the beginning of the year, logic dictated that September would see a whole heap of changes as team members left Hainault for tertiary education. The team went away to Chellington for a weekend retreat, and helped by Hilary Musker and Andy Poultney we spent time trying to seek what God was saying to us about the future of our team's ministry. It was a special time, including teaching, worship, prayer, communion and fellowship, and we all came away refreshed and even more alert to the still, small Voice. Continuing through the season, we met regularly for prayer and practice as we hosted the fortnightly services, joining and being joined by people from many ages and background.



Again in 2008, we led worship at Takeaway, and various other churches, encouraging musicians and worshippers as best we could. We were invited to play at Coppice Primary School, which was a wonderful afternoon, even with the dodgy weather – I think the sight of a tiger, a duck and a pirate playing worship songs is one I'll remember yet awhile!

After much prayer we realised that we had to make the tough decision. Time had come to the end of the season. Not just for the year, but for the ministry as it stood. I'm sure every member of the team had their own response to this. We all understood the practicalities, as well as the spiritual promptings supported by many passages, not least of all the famous passage in Ecclesiastes 3.

Having spent a real lion's share of the previous three years in preparation, practice or prayer for this ministry and these amazing people, personally I found it very hard to accept. Still. There are many times when we each have to decide whether we trust God or not, whether we believe that His view is ultimately bigger and better than ours or not, and for me this was one of those times.

Since we first began, way back in 06, we hosted baptisms, a confirmation, several training conferences and a wedding. We led worship at churches all over the deanery, and brought live worship to a local school's fayres, covering the parish with the gospel.

We decided to make our last event a real humdinger, and set together an entire afternoon and evening to include some testimony and a barbecue as well as music, prayer and scripture. Invitations were sent to all past team members and we were thrilled to have many of them join us at various parts of the day. For me, it was all over far too soon – guitarists' fingertips will only last so long before they totally shred and vocal chords only resonate for so long! Once the tidying up was done for the last time it was time to pray blessing over those who left for various universities, colleges, jobs and life choices.

I could go crazy with impressive statistics, but to be honest, SatNav never was about numbers, it was only ever meant to be about worshipping Jesus and bringing the Word in an easily accessible and memorable way. Given the amount of people who have subsequently said how much they got from our ministry I think we achieved that.

And to all those who now miss the evenings, I echo your sentiments

Sarah Clarke-Moisley

MISSION-GLOBAL OUTREACH

We have been caring and sharing Jesus by supporting a variety of causes with our prayers gifts and money over this last year.

One of our main concerns is to sponsor Abel, 7 in Ethiopia and Natalia 13 in Brazil through Compassion charity. Our support means that the whole community benefits in both countries, which is so important these days.

A few of us attended The Global Day of Prayer at Millwall Football Ground on Pentecost Sunday, May 11th. It was very worthwhile being part of a huge number praying together for the needs of the world.

We have responded to special appeals like the one for Burma following Cyclone Nargis on May 3rd and for the Congo with small donations. We also supported The Christian Drama Group, the British Legion and the Redbridge Night Shelter.

At Christmas we were able to send gifts for the soldiers serving in Afghanistan, (Pam Hawthornthwaite posted off 17 parcels), and a large number of Love in a Boxes for deprived children in Europe. Pam Drain took them to the Samaritans Purse Organisation. We were also able to donate toys for local needy children known to the social workers.



Each year we support Christian Aid through collections on Manford Way during Christian Aid Week. This year will be on Sat May 16th followed by a Quiz + Lunch on Sunday May 17th. (make a date!).

Thanks to all who have shared in the prayers and donations over the year for these concerns and let us thank God that He has enabled us to be part of this work for Him.

Pauline Sheridan



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LinktoGod has had a very busy year developing the Christian vision of Christel Ceraline to reach out to lonely people in the Redbridge area.

In the past year we have touched many lives in different ways by visiting the home of those needing a little assistance which range from repairing door bells to assisting with decorating and repairing a broken door latch and a broken curtain rail.

It soon became apparent that many folk who are lonely and at home all day could really benefit from the opportunity to come together and a Day Centre has been started at St Paul's Hainault which meets at 10am on a Wednesday morning for a couple of hours. During this time cups of tea or coffee are served and board and card games are played while the conversation positively blossoms.



Over the past year, 13 volunteers have visited the homes of seven clients in the community and 16 people have attended the Day Centre. Regular bible studies are held and around 6 people have attended them and above all the whole organisation is held up in regular prayer meetings. Twice a year all the volunteers come together to share experiences and pray for the clients and ask for God's guidance as to the way forward. We are particularly grateful to Rev. Dr. Sue Hartley who has agreed to hold training days. The first was on bereavement with the second due in May on mental health issues.

A new web site is being developed at www.linktogod.co.uk and a video is being prepared by Rachel Thorpe for publicity purposes.

LinktoGod is indebted to the congregation of St Paul's Hainault for their commitment to financial contribution from monthly morning service collections and also to Claybury Baptist Church for their generous donation. Sadly the first year's financial statement showed a deficit of £265 with a lot of expenses being paid for by Christel and other volunteers, so it is hoped that we can increase our funding over the next year. The greatest expense is the cost of the calls and a dedicated telephone line for the use of clients which is the very essence of a lifeline for those who are desperate to talk to a listening ear.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, or if you would like to make a regular contribution to the running expenses, please contact Christel Ceraline, Pam Hawthornthwaite or Tom Gough at St Paul's.

Tom Gough

THE STOKE AVENUE HOME GROUP

The Stoke Avenue home group meets fortnightly on a Monday afternoon at Joan Lingwood's house. We do a variety of activities:

- We have some Bible study—in recent months we have been doing some further reflection on the Sunday sermons and seeking to apply God's word to our own lives
- We have a time of worship in which everyone has the opportunity to choose a favourite hymn



- We have a time of prayer; we especially remember the sick, the needs of the church and one another
- Sometimes, especially if the weather has been bad and people haven't been able to get to church, we have a service of Holy Communion
- There is always the opportunity for people to share what is going on in their lives: this is a valuable time for giving and receiving understanding and support
- We also celebrate each other's birthdays with an extended social time—and homemade cakes!!
- At the end of each meeting we say the grace together and, if any member has been absent, we phone them and include them in this prayer of blessing

Because of health problems and bad weather, people occasionally can't make it. We do our best to keep in touch with one another by phone and visit. Everyone is looking forward to better weather in the spring.

I would like to thank Joan for her faithful hospitality and for her delicious homemade lemon cake!!

Do please keep the older folks in your prayers. Many of them have difficult lives: with poor health, reduced mobility or caring for a disabled spouse. It is so important that we do our best to make them feel included.

Sue Hartley

MONDAY HOMEGROUP

The Monday Homegroup has continued to meet at our house every other Monday. Over the past year, we have looked at many topics and books of the bible including:

- Ezekiel
- Malachi
- Paul and Barnabas
- Church Priorities
- Ruth
- Romans
- Corinthians

Membership of the group has fluctuated for various reasons – nothing stays the same for very long! We continue to meet as 'normal' Christians attempting to apply the Bible to our everyday lives and sharing our success and failures along the way with humour, compassion and mutual respect.

The Homegroup has become a place where people feel comfortable to share their hopes and problems and we always have a time of prayer for anything that is of concern or that we want to give thanks for. Everybody is welcome – see you there.

Rob Whittaker

THURSDAY HOME GROUP REPORT

Our group has met regularly at Tina Miller's house and we have continued to work our way through 'Your Daily Walk' as our subject for discussion.

When we broke up at Christmas we had just finished reading Leviticus and had some good discussions about how this part of the Old Testament can still be reflected in our lives today. We have started the new term with Numbers, although we have decided that we will read through some chapters of Numbers and then move on to Deuteronomy.

We try to meet every two weeks, but there are times when we have to move our meeting through some of the members work commitments. Our group includes Jill James, Barbara May, Tina Miller, Sandra Woodard Steve James, Terry (Sandra's boyfriend) and Bob Duke and we enjoy having the 'male' perspective which often leads to 'lively discussions'.

Helen Duke

Forthcoming Events in 2009

Baptism of Roma & Rayan	Easter Sunday
Spring Harvest	14th – 19th April
Unlock London	Saturday 25th April
London Marathon	Sunday 26th April
May Fayre	Saturday May 2nd
Thanksgiving for chairs & B&S lunch	10am Sunday May 3rd
Healing Day	Saturday 9th May
Iona Big Sing	5.30pm Sunday May 10th
Christian Aid Street Collection	Saturday May 16th
Quiz & Poverty Lunch	Sunday May 17th
PCC Away Day 8am – 1pm	Saturday May 23rd
Global Day of Prayer	Sunday 31st May
Jazz on the Green	Saturday 4th July
Younger Holiday Club	27th – 31st July
Highlander Holiday Club	3rd – 7th August
United Celebration at St Paul's	Sunday 21st September
Confirmation at St Paul's	Sunday 8th November (PM)