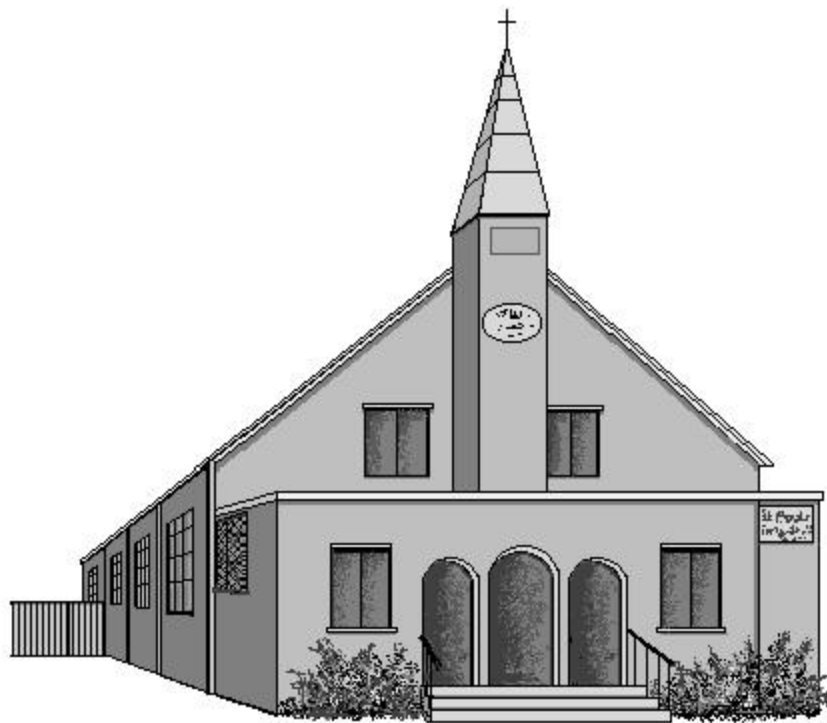


# ST PAUL'S HAINAULT



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# CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

It's hard to believe its report writing time again, time seems to go so fast it is hard to keep up, lots has happened since the last APCM the biggest being Chris and Joanna deciding to leave St Paul's. Chris would regularly pop in to have a chat with me before Busy Bees started and when he popped in as usual and said he had something he needed to tell me I was not expecting him to say he was leaving, it took some time before it sunk in and I am not sure I was prepared for what his leaving would mean to me.

It was a pleasure working with Chris and I pray that God will bless him and Joanna and all their family in the future.

We have been blessed at St Paul's in this last year by generous gifts from members of the congregation including five new microphones, the new computer and printer, the new cooker in the kitchen and the sofa at the back of church.

We also have a new music mixer, song pro soft ware and new chairs for the hall, unfortunately we have also had some cases of vandalism the worst being the windows over the chancel being kicked in over Christmas, we also had a bad gas leak which meant we were without heating over the Christmas period but God provided for us with mobile heaters and the insurance company covering all of the costs.



Some of the other things that have happened this year have been Moira and Artur's wedding, another successful jazz evening, the start of Messy Church and Worth Unlimited on the streets in Hainault.

I would like to end my report by thanking Sue, Sarah the PCC and all those members of the congregation who have helped and supported me through this interregnum as we continue on together I would ask that you would continue to pray for the right leader to join us here at St Paul's - someone who can build on the work Chris and Joanna started and take us forward as disciples of Jesus to bring God's blessing to this community of Hainault.

Jill James x

## Prayer ministry report 2010 – 2011

Prayer ministry continues to be available after the Sunday service but there are some slight changes while we are in our inter-regnum. Wherever possible a pair of prayer ministers will be available, except the family service. The active team members are: Charmaine, Sarah, Tom, Beryl, Pam and Julia. Pauline can sometimes fill in when she is not involved with Rocksolid. At Communion services, prayer is available straight after the distribution: at Morning Praise, it is available after the blessing. We don't have enough people to have a coordinator at the present time. If, however, someone feels a need for prayer after a family service, please do approach either myself or another member of the team. Most team members have other ministries as well and can only be available one Sunday a month. We are not a closed group—if you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please come and have a word. We particularly need more men on the team: at the moment, we just have Tom!! Last May, we held a training event for people involved in prayer ministry and/or pastoral care in their local church. Lin Button (from All Saints, Woodford Wells) came and facilitated this day. She spoke on "The Power to Heal". She is coming to lead another event at St Paul's on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. On this occasion, her theme will again be: "The Power to Heal", but the emphasis will be more on offering ministry rather than training. The cost for the day is £15. Please let me know if you would like to come.

The healing ministry is an integral part of the church's life and outreach: Jesus called his disciples both to preach the gospel and to lay hands on the sick. Prayer ministry is bringing people to Jesus, trusting that he will do something for them – which may not necessarily be what they are asking for! As we come alongside people, we seek to help them identify and remove the issues that could be blocks to receiving healing. In prayer ministry, we put our trust in Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Our faith grows as we meditate on the character and promises of God, and as we share testimony with one another. This is God's work. Lin Button once said that the worst that can happen when we are prayed for is that we will feel more loved after the ministry has finished. Let's be open to receive and use the gifts God wants to give us for the building up and renewing of his people. And maybe a good place to practise is in your home groups, if you don't already do this! And when God touches us in a special way, let's share our testimony with our friends. And if ever you wanted to share with the church family on a Sunday morning, just ask the service leader beforehand.



If anyone is interested, I have a list of CDs produced by Lin Button and her team which can be purchased from her PA.

I would like to thank each member the team for their commitment over the past year. 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 in the local community to the glory of His name. Thank you.

Rev Sue Hartley

## The Reader's report

It's always good to look back and see what's been done and where we've go to. I've been asked to keep it brief this year, so here you go a whistle stop look at 2010.

Seal (our youth bible study) met in the Demetriou house, and we spent evenings looking at various topics, including the theme of Justice in Amos, which resonates well with Kiva, ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)) the micro-finance organisation through which Highlanders support a range of small businesses across the third world.

Sunday by Sunday, Highlanders breakfast church has looked at a wide range of themes and bible stories, linking the truth of God's word to our every day lives.

We have run several Sunday services, sharing the vibrant outside-the-box thinking that typifies the thinking process of our young people with the adult church. I have enjoyed and been challenged by each service they have led, and if I have to highlight one in particular, I would chose the service where they introduced Kiva, and allowed the adult church to decide which entrepreneur would receive the backing of their hard-earned cash.

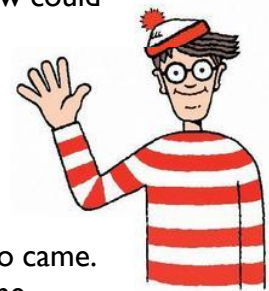
The midweek Wednesday group grew well during the first part of the year – we enjoyed the vegetables from the small allotment during Holiday club. During the winter term, we undertook a somewhat daring plan to prepare and serve a three course meal to the parents and church leaders of the members. The result was a lovely evening meal that even three inches of snow could not de-rail. In terms of numbers and ecumenical co-operation, this has to be cited as a great triumph, with at least 8 different churches being represented. The food tasted pretty good too, and we raised around £150 for Hope HIV in the process.

Holiday – sorry Wallyday – Club looked at the theme of living a distinctive life.

If I wore one I would take my hat off to the leaders who spoke from their heart, sharing their testimonies and bible perspectives with the young people who came.

September was a pretty big month for the whole church as the Cant family left the building, but not before Chris presided over the wedding of one of our youth leaders.

Other events have included the Big Church Day Out and Solid Remix.



We began a new ecumenical venture in January when Worth Unlimited Hainault, capitalising on the passions of Hainault Evangelical Church, The Sanctuary and St Pauls under the umbrella of Worth Unlimited. ([www.worthunlimited.co.uk](http://www.worthunlimited.co.uk)) Now every Friday evening a small team of volunteers are walking round the local streets, slowly familiarising ourselves with what's what and where's where. As we walk, we're praying, learning about the area and becoming familiar faces in the area. Our goal is to slowly build up information about the numbers and locations of young people gathering in the local streets, and eventually to be able to build relationships with them so that we are able to find out just what they want in their local spaces, to be able to signpost them to things that are already there and available for them and to help the providers of these facilities better employ their funding. If you would like to be part of this exciting new chapter in the outreach of the church, please ask for more details.

As we're now in inter regnum, I've been delighted to take the opportunity to preach in 'big church' again, the series that Sue has put together have been really challenging... I'm thoroughly enjoying preparing for may part of the new series on the Minor Prophet after Easter! Acting as Chair for the PCC had been something of a challenge for a non-committee-type person like me, but I've been helped and supported by a fantastic team, and I don't think we've had too many hiccups! So a pretty crazy year all round. And looking forward to even more in 201.

Sarah Clarke-Moisley

## SUNDAY SERVICES

The leaving service for Chris and Joanna was a very moving occasion. There were heartfelt tributes from Tom and Amy - and many members of the congregation came forward to pray for them. It was very special to see the young people spontaneously offering to pray for Dan, Jon, Nick and Susanna. Since the Cants' departure, we have continued with our usual schedule of Sunday and midweek services. Sue takes the Sunday 8.30 and the Wednesday 9.30 Communion services and leads at least one 10am Sunday service (usually the Traditional Communion). Sarah has been preaching at the Informal Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Ellen has also preached a few times. Let us keep her in our prayers during her 3 month spell at her placement church and as she draws to the close of her Reader training course.

It has been good to welcome clergy and readers from other churches to preach for us, especially at our family services. And we appreciated Tony Bishop's help with the services over Christmas and the New Year. Let's keep Tony and Tricia in our prayers during the next 9 months of ministry in Argentina.

Please pray for the PCC as we plan the services for 2011 – that God will speak to us and build us up through his word and through our fellowship. Please pray for all who preach and lead our services.

Rev Dr Sue M Hartley

## PCC SECRETARY REPORT -

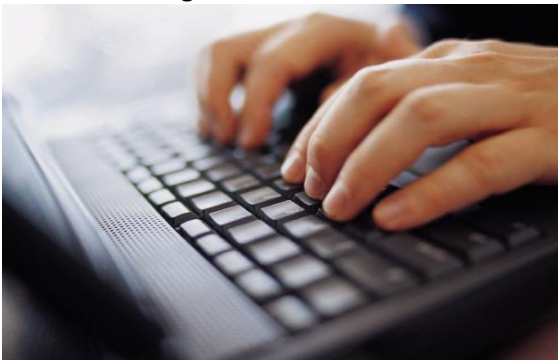
During the PCC Away Day in May we talked about gifting. Some people may be regarded as having special gifts from God, but Rev Chris Cant pointed out that we should exercise all the gifts. He encouraged us by saying, we are all called to care, hold on to the truth, share the Good News, listen to God's voice and to step out in faith to do His will.

Last year Rev Chris Cant's decision to leave the parish was received by the PCC and congregation with surprise and sadness. Chris, Joanna and family have been part of our church family for over 12 years during which we have grown in spirituality.

Chris has been an amazing minister to us all in different ways, and much of his hard work will continue to influence our church and personal lives.

The PCC have met 9 times during the year and we are particularly grateful to Rob and Kathryn Whittaker for welcoming us into their home for our meetings.

The last PCC meeting for Chris, in September, he encouraged us with Jeremiah 17:11-14 saying, "Don't lose sight of the faithfulness of God, even when it gets tough."



We had a meeting with the Archdeacon of West Ham, Rev Elvin Crockett to help us in the process of choosing the next vicar. We spent some time in producing a Parish Profile so that prospective candidates were informed all about St Paul's and what we get up to! It's on the St Paul's web site, see if you agree with it.

Tom Gough has been busy on our behalf with the plans for the extensions to our church and has been very successful with the applications for grants so far. Our thanks go to him for all his efforts and mine for being the minute taker at meetings.

We managed to order much needed chairs for the hall, which are a great asset when we have functions. It's simply amazing how our prayers have been answered enabling us to afford the chairs as well as pay in full our obligatory Family Purse to the Chelmsford Diocese.

It's been an interesting year; I have enjoyed being on the PCC, and we have got on well together with Sarah CM as our chairperson. Do consider joining us if the Lord is prompting you to be a member on the new PCC which will be decided on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pauline A. Sheridan

## Treasurer's Report 2010

I started the year greatly concerned about the state of the church finance so I made an appeal on behalf of the PCC for all members of St. Pauls to consider giving £1 a week more. Thank you to all of you who responded to this. Despite the number of emergency repairs that had to be paid, particularly in the latter part of the year, the bank account was in credit by just over £3,300.

### Family Purse

The family Purse is an amount of money that contributes toward the running costs of the Diocese of Chelmsford. Every church pays a share which is calculated on the size of the electoral role and the socio economic nature of the parish. There is a leaflet explaining how this money is spent at the back of the church.

The Family purse due for 2010 was £23,056. It was paid in full which is a great achievement. Thank you to everyone for your generous giving over the year.

The amount for 2011 is £23,643, which you will notice is almost £600 more.

Church giving is broken down as follows;

	2009	2010
Standing orders	£7,116	£6,524.43
Pew envelopes	£5,407.74	£8,498.
Plate collection	£4,455.56	£3,300.42



A summary of the accounts of the last two years is attached.

### Hall Hire.

The income from the hall plays a large part in raising money. Several activities bring in a regular monthly income but the hall is available for private parties.

The rates are £70 for 4 hours in the afternoon

£150 for an evening from 6pm to 11pm

£200 for the afternoon and the evening combined.

Please tell your friends and families and help spread the word.

### Donation options.

There are several ways to give to St. Paul's:

Weekly plate collection

Pew envelopes

Bankers Order

One off donations

Please speak to Beryl Gough if you need more information about any of these.

### Gift Aid

More income can be raised from your donation if you are a U.K. tax payer. By signing a declaration saying that you pay tax the Government will contribute an extra 22% on all you give up until 5<sup>th</sup> April. From the 6<sup>th</sup> April the tax rate goes down to 20%. This means that on a £10 donation the Government will give an extra £2.80 until 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011. After that date it will be £2.50 but this is still

well worth doing. St Paul's received £3,559 in reclaimed tax this year. Please ask Beryl if you would like to do this.

### **Grants**

The Bridge House Estates Trust Making Fund helped considerably to cover the cost of the Access Report the PCC had carried out in October 2008. £750 was received on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

The insurance money covered the cost of all the gas repairs and the hiring cost of the temporary heating. Also, it paid for the window breakages. Praise God for that!

### **Building Development**

There is a separate account for this fund. Donations are occasionally given to St Pauls and therefore show up in this account. All monies are transferred into The Building Development Fund. Grants have been obtained to cover the cost of making new drawings in order to obtain planning permission.

### **Looking ahead**

The Diocese has asked each church to support the work of The Deanery Youth worker, Hilary Musker, to the tune of £700 a year. As our youth group has benefited from her input the PCC have yes to this and I will make 10 monthly payments of £70.

In addition to this the PCC have decided to contribute £50 a month into IMPACT which is the name for all our youth and children's work. This shows that we value the work carried out by many members of the church and will support it regularly.

I would like to thank Angela Maselino who has taken on the book keeping part of this job. I could not do this job without her so we are all indebted to her putting in the hard work.

Please pray that we are sensitive to the leading of The Holy Spirit as we follow God's guidance. We know that God will provide the finance for all that we need if we give His kingdom first place in our lives.

Thank you for all your giving and may God bless us as we meet the needs of the coming year.

Beryl Gough, Treasurer.

## **Report from the Director of Music**

It was a great encouragement to see the singing group added to by Lauren, Hannah, and Eleanor. It with great pleasure that I 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 that Lauren, Hannah, Eleanor, Pam, Sandra, and Betty with Steve and Luke, Artur, Lee and Sharnia on percussion with Rebecca playing Clarinet. Moira now occasionally plays bass guitar and the additional musical support boosts the sound in a tremendous way. James is now learning guitar and we look forward to him joining us in the future.

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 area were due to come to us, we arranged a "Big Sing" which was a tremendous success and this year was no exception. We look forward to more services like this in the coming year.

As we have a number of younger people, rehearsal times are now from 6pm on a weekday which enables 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 Gough

## **REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

I am delighted to report that Planning Permission has been granted for the building development though at the time of reporting, we are disputing one of the conditions that states that we not play music out of doors.

The next phase is for us to raise the cost of creating the detailed plans that the builders need for the building work and we shall shortly be receiving the revised costings for the creation of the building.

I anticipate that the amount of around £1.3M is required and the PCC have decided to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding following the recommendation and encouragement of the Archbishop of York. I shall also be approaching a number of Grant Making Trusts including the City Bridge Trust who helped us before. The financial needs will be broken down into bite sized chunks and particular Trust Funds approached for specific parts of the overall cost.

The PCC know that if it is God's will that this building is to be created, then the funding will be found and both the church and the community will be able to benefit greatly. One other condition stated by the LB Redbridge is that the building work needs to be started within three years.

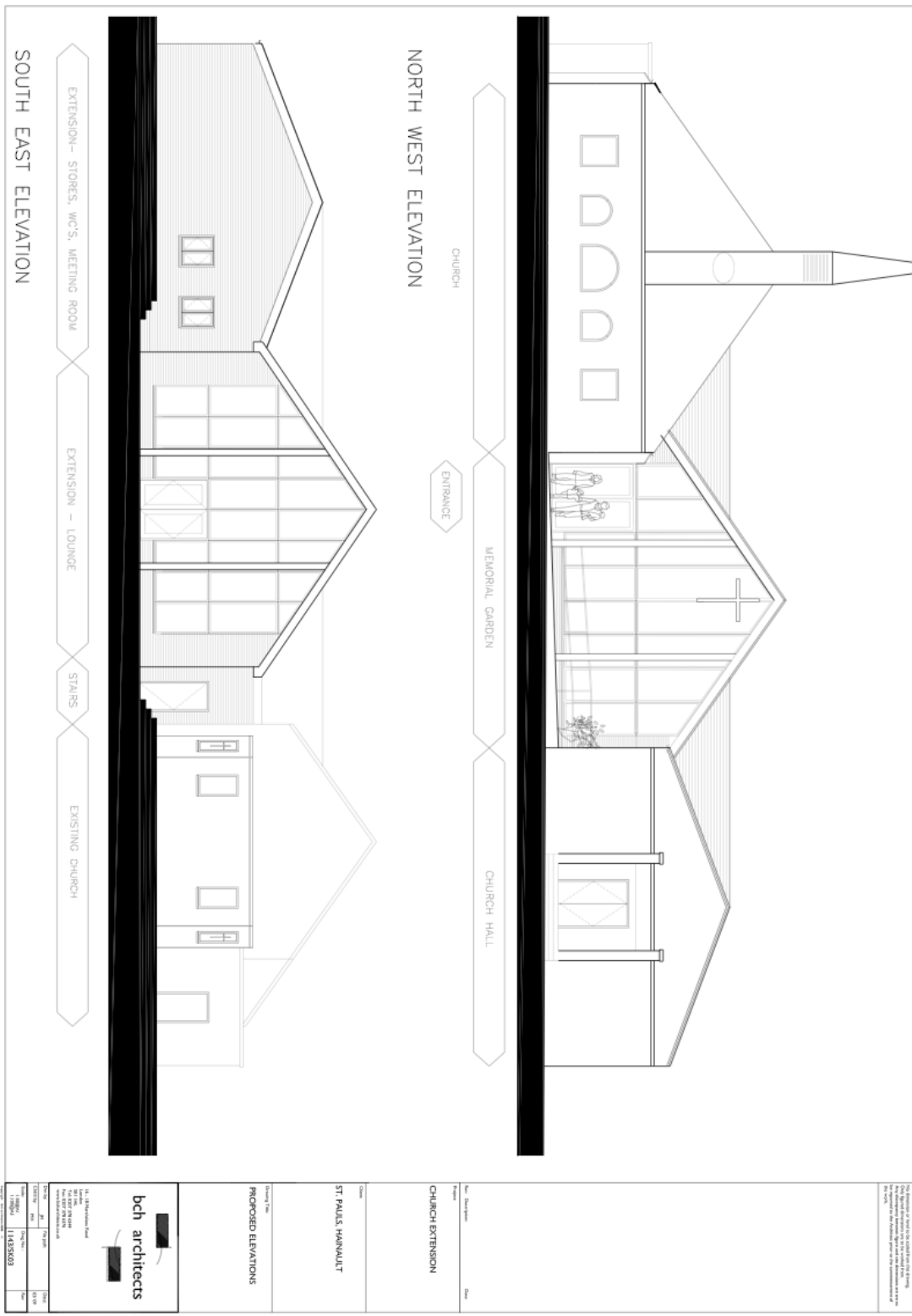
If anyone would like more detail about the Development Plan, please contact Tom Gough. Overleaf is a drawing of the proposed elevation.

## **Electoral Roll for March 2011**

There has been some changes on the Electoral Roll due to a few families moving away and our vicar and his family moving to Devon and sadly Mrs Elsie Johnson passed away, Although disabled by a stroke for many years Elsie had been regular member for over 30 years. We had on Roll 53 residents and 36 non-residents but for March 2011 we have 46 residents and 32 non-residents.



Pauline Sheridan



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## **TUESDAY HOME GROUP REPORT**

We used to meet on a Thursday evening at Tina Miller's house, but in September after the Summer break we moved our meeting to a Tuesday evening.

We had been reading through the Old Testament and decided with the new term to have a change and we started with the Gospel of Matthew which the whole group found particularly interesting as we had been reading the Old Testament for a long time and found Matthew a refreshing change. After Christmas we then started reading Romans and have had very lively discussions while exploring Matthew and Romans. Jill and I alternate leading the group.

The members of our group are Jill and Steve James, Sandra & Terry, Barbara May, Tina (whose house we meet at) and Bob and Helen Duke. We have a very good fellowship within the Group and welcomed a new member recently with Martin Girvan joining us.

We try to meet regularly and enjoy the readings and discussions that we have. We would all like to encourage other members of the Church to join a Home Group as we find this a rewarding way of studying The Lord's Word in a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

God Bless

Helen Duke Co-Leader

## **Monday Homegroup Annual Report – February 2011**

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:

- The Ten Commandments
- Gifts and Worship
- Issues the Church is facing
- John's Gospel

The last year has seen some new faces join the regulars at the group and the newcomers have brought a welcome new dynamic (especially Terry!). 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.

We miss not having Jill James with us on a regular basis but we understand how much she does for the church and how busy she is – thank you Jill.

It has been great having Tony and Tricia Bishop with us on and off – they are currently working as Missionaries in Argentina. By this time next year they should be back with us and we continue to pray for them.

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*

## **THE STOKE AVENUE HOME GROUP 2010 - 2011**

The Stoke Avenue home group meets fortnightly on a Monday afternoon at Joan Lingwood's house. We continue in very much the same way as before:

- We have some Bible study—we aim to reflect in greater depth together on the previous day's teaching in church
- 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 and our families
- 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
- As a licensed minister of Holy Communion, Joan is extending her role by regularly taking Communion to Madge

When, because of health problems and bad weather, people can't make it to the group, we do our best to keep in touch with one another by phone.

I would like to thank Joan for her hospitality and generosity and for her care and encouragement of everyone in the group. 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.

Sue Hartley

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HAINAULT & CHIGWELL**

CTHC comprises St Paul's, Hainault Evangelical (host church), The Sanctuary, St Mary's Chigwell, St Winifreds & All Saints Chigwell Row, Hainault Baptist & The Church of the Assumption. Revd Chris Cant was Chairman until the end of September when Will Worth from All Saints became Chairman.

St Paul's representatives are Wendy Thorpe and Pam Hawthorntwaite with Tom Gough in reserve should they not be free to go to the meetings. The rest of the representatives from other churches

include Revd Jan Larkins, Rev Malcolm Lambert and Rev Ben King who are both of the team ministry of St Mary's St Winifreds and All Saints.

Working together for the greater good of the people of Hainault CTHC, is a common denominator of Christian churches providing a forum for praying and supporting Christian work in the area. Worth Unlimited was supported and CTHC has promised a grant of £100 towards the expenses.

CTHC meets every two months and every two months there is an evening service when all the churches are invited. St Paul's has hosted two services and Tom always invites musicians from the other churches to join us.

Tom Gough

## Annual report 2011 “LinktoGod”

In the past three years we have touched many lives in different ways by visiting people in their home, looking after the day centre and Christel has also lead a bible a study every other Saturday until recently. The Bible Study has been a real blessing. It is important to underline that LinktoGod is mainly focused on people who are living on their own.



At the beginning we aimed to visit the housebound, give advice and a helping hand to single parents, but would need more volunteers to sustain such a service now. There is a shortage of volunteers so we have concentrated on running the Day Centre held in St Paul's Hall on Wednesday mornings. We have 20 people registered, many widows who come regularly, from the community, and enjoy the company and activities offered.

We are aware that the need is huge in this area and the majority of people who attend this day centre are not part of the church, which means that we are starting to reach the community.

We have a great hope for the future for the Day Centre as we can see that they are becoming a family in itself and that is one of our main targets.

We have been fortunate to have financial support for 2 years as part of St Paul's giving, and we would like to thank everybody for their generous support. Please pray that more volunteers will come forward so we can continue this work for the Lord Jesus. If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, or help to contribute to the running expenses, please contact Christel Ceraline, Pam Hawthornwaite or Tom Gough at St Paul's.

Christel Ceraline

## Global Mission

There are a number of charities locally and abroad we support financially as well as prayerfully. Each month we continue to support our sponsored children, Abel, 11 yrs from Ethiopia and 15-year-old Nathalia from Brazil through COMPASSION. The children's whole town as well as their families benefit so it is a small but worthwhile contribution towards reducing the inequalities of this world. In May each year we collect on behalf of CHRISTIAN AID, which provides emergency help as well on going support for projects run by indigenous Agents in many trouble countries. Please offer help if

you can on SATURDAY MAY 15th for an hour to collect on Manford Way. There will be the usual QUIZ AND POVERTY LUNCH on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> in aid of Christian Aid.

Our Family Service charity this year has gone towards LINK2GOD, which runs the Day Centre in our Hall on Wednesday mornings. Anyone interested in a chat with a variety of activities, board games, or quiz over refreshments, would be most welcome.

At Christmas we send the Christingle collection to the CHILDREN'S SOCIETY and the REDBRIDGE NIGHT SHELTER receives our Harvest gifts.

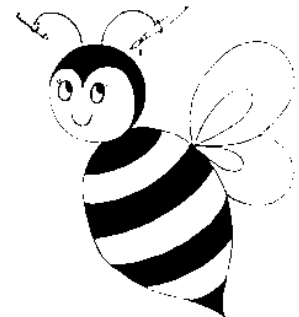
Messy Church is a new area of mission we have started this year, where whole families are welcomed midweek for activities, a time of worship and a meal once a month.

We continue to run the SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS for the young people but need many volunteers to help, which makes them so successful. The dates for this year:

5s - 11yrs will be from August 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 11-18yrs from July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Pauline Sheridan

## ST PAUL'S BUSY BEES



We have so much to thank God for this year, at the beginning of the year we received a grant from Redbridge which has paid for the upgrading of the hall toilets, new flooring in the lounge and a path which connects the patio to the sensory garden.

We also received a grant from the Hainault Community Project which paid for the soft surfacing on the patio and plants and containers for the sensory garden.

During the year our number of children has grown and along with it the number of staff.

In October I applied to Ofsted to increase the number of children we are register to have at any one session from 26 to 35 this was to meet the increased demand in January. Ofsted agreed on the condition we could provide extra inside space for the children after discussion with the PCC it was agreed that Busy Bees could use the church building.

In January I applied again to increase the number of children to 45 per session starting in April to accommodate those children waiting for extra places this was also agreed. In February we had an Ofsted inspection this went very well with the inspector suggesting that if she was not an Ofsted inspector she could happily work at Busy Bees, her feedback was very positive with her awarding us areas of good and outstanding. I daily offer Busy Bees to God and ask for his blessings on all we do and I am very grateful for the outstanding team I work with each day.

Jill x

## ROCK SOLID REPORT 2010—2011



We have a lovely group of children from 4-11 yrs old meeting on Sundays; the numbers vary each time from 6 to 16. With only 2 leaders on duty it's not always easy to prepare a programme to suit all ages, but the older children encourage the younger ones to join in.

During May/June some of our 8-11s were interested in preparing to receive Holy Communion with Rev Chris and they had some lively discussions together. On June 27<sup>th</sup> eleven children decided to take their

first Communion with their families, it was a very happy occasion.

In the autumn term they worked together enthusiastically on the Christmas Nativity Musical; some of them regularly coming to rehearsals midweek. That Sunday we had the heaviest snowfall of the winter and only temporary heating in the church. Nevertheless they all turned up and made the Topsy Turvy Nativity a marvellous success. Congratulations go to the parents too for their efforts, and thanks to Pam H for her expert help.

The delayed Christmas party in January went well when we invited the crèche children to join us in the hall with games, party food, and a goody bag.

We shall be taking the children out on a day trip in July for the Christian event known as SOLID; it's an activity Centre at Stubbers. The children have successfully run a Table Top Sale after church to help towards the cost.

The number of helpers has been reduced recently so please pray for us that we have a few more volunteers, just to help support the leaders. If you like children please offer to help, once a term would be great.

Pauline, Mandy, Karen, Sue and Denise

### Wednesday Night Hainault and Barkingside Youth Group (Highlanders) 2011

Wednesday night youth group is for 11+ olds at our church, headed up by Hilary Musker, our Deanery Youth Leader, Sarah, me, and a group of 4 helpers from other churches in the area. The group is for young people in the area who attend a church, and for their friends. We have about 20 young people who come regularly. The young people at the moment come from St Paul's, St Lawrence, and Holy Trinity, St. Cedd's, St. Winfred's and the Assumption church.

We offer table tennis, snooker, team games, craft, table top games, tuck shop and a lot more. We stop for a short time of bible study and prayer which we have found works best in small groups. We have worked out the groups by where the young people are in their Christian life so we can work out the sessions to suit for each group but all looking at the same theme.

We have been running for two and half years now and have seen the group growing in faith and friendship. We have also taken them on lots of trip including bowling, ice skating, Chelmsford Cathedral for youth events, rolling meals and discos, to name but a few! The highlight for me was seeing the young people peeling vegetables and learning how to make lasagne, soups, and apple crumbles. Then, being waiters, and serving their parents and guests from all the churches in the area for a lovely home cooked meal that they worked so hard at.

If anyone would like to join our team, please speak to me.

We thank God that the young people keep coming back and we have formed some good friendships with them. We pray that more young people will want to join the group and we pray for the children who will be joining us when they go up to secondary school in September. We pray for wisdom as leaders, and that strong friendships will grow between the young people from the different churches and over all they will learn more about God.

Kathryn Whittaker

## **Forthcoming Events in 2011**

PCC Away Day	Sat April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Harvest	Thurs April 14 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Day	Sun April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Street Party for Royal Wedding	Fri April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Healing Prayer Day	Sat May 7 <sup>th</sup>
FirstAid Training	Sat May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Christian Aid Street Collection	Sat May 21 <sup>st</sup>
Quiz + Poverty Lunch	Sun May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Summer Fayre	Sat June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Jazz in the Green	Sat July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Solid at Stubbers	Sun July 10 <sup>th</sup>
Highlander Holiday Club	Mon July 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>
Younger Holiday Club	Mon Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ellen's Licensing as Reader	Sat Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>
Harvest	Sun Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>
Light Party	Mon October 31 <sup>st</sup>
St Paul's Diamond Anniversary	Fri November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Messy Church, Wednesdays	April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup>
4pm-6pm	June 15 <sup>th</sup> July 13 <sup>th</sup>

To be arranged,  
Installation of Priest in Charge