

The Parish of Bramley
St Peter's, St Margaret's
and the Church in Rodley

to Engage through Worship,
Friendship, Learning and Service



Annual Report
and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2009

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Bramley Parish Mission Statement:

‘To engage with the people of Bramley and Rodley to share God’s love
for them through worship, friendship, learning and service’

BRAMLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Parish Church: St Peter's Church, Hough Lane, Bramley, Leeds, LS13 3JF.
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Licensed Building: The Church in Rodley, Wesley Terrace, Rodley, Leeds, LS13 1JJ

Incumbent: The Revd Ian Rodley

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Independent Examiner: Valerie J Walton CTA, ATT

Background

Bramley Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent and clergy team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the buildings of St Peter's Church and St Margaret's Church.

Members of the Parochial Church Council

Members of PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

Team Rector (Incumbent):	The Revd Ian Rodley	Chair, Ex officio
Team Vicar:	The Revd Julie Upton	Ex officio
Reader:	Raymond Vollans	Ex officio
Churchwardens:	Norah Gibson	To 2010
	John Hepworth	To 2010
Deanery Synod Representatives:	David Jorysz (Vice Chair, PCC)	To 2011
	Raymond Vollans	To 2011
	Andy Hulme (Deputy Warden)	To 2011
Elected members:	Catherine Dutson	Until 2010
	Jonathan Foote	Until 2010
	Gillian Jorysz (Secretary)	Until 2010
	Margaret Charnley	Until 2011
	Joanna Herbert (resigned 2010)	Until 2011
	Trevor Learoyd	Until 2011
	Maureen Spreadbury	Until 2011
	Michaela Stevenson (Deputy Warden)	Until 2011
	Elaine Langton	Until 2012
	Susan Woodhead (Treasurer)	Until 2012

JOINT CLERGY REPORT – CHALLENGE AND CHOICE

Given the constraints imposed by the present economic climate, together with the increased demands of care and responsibility placed upon our congregations; it is a source of wonder and delight that we were able to achieve so much last year.

In 2009 the programme of upgrading St Margaret's was completed by Christmas, with the replacement of the last of the windows. The *Save our Steeple* challenge secured the necessary funding and detailed planning for work to begin on preserving the Bramley landmark in mid 2010. During last year we also shared the joy of Trinity Methodist Church as they moved to their newly refurbished building; encouraged by the experience of the previous twenty months when they shared St Peter's building with us. The legacy of that partnership has been to develop greater understanding between our traditions and a commitment to explore further opportunities for working and worshipping together in the future.

In the summer of last year we embarked upon a new initiative as we began to increasingly focus on the challenge of our shared mission within our parish. Later with the help of the Deanery Missioner, the Revd Alistair Kaye, we made a start on developing our outreach strategy for the next few years. The aim of this is to build up the confidence of our congregations in facing up to testing times, and to discover fresh opportunities for sharing our faith within our community. One early example of this project was the launch of the *Saturday Service*; an informal family friendly service that also extends hospitality through the Parish Social Club.

Encouraged by the fact that our churches have triumphed over significant challenges in the last twelve months we also approach the future with hope. In May 2010 we get underway with a stewardship campaign *Our Challenge, our Choice* where the emphasis will be equally on the gifts of time, skills and talents together with money. We are confident that our congregations can overcome what may seem to be insurmountable obstacles, because we are confident that God will guide us into the future as he has in the past.

THANKS

We use this opportunity to place on public record our appreciation for all who have worked hard to raise funds, support activities and encourage new initiatives. We are particularly grateful to our Churchwardens Norah Gibson and John Hepworth, their deputies Andrew Hulme and Michaela Stevenson, our Reader Ray Vollans, the PCC, Leadership Team, and all who have served on various PCC committees and parish organisations; together with all the members of our congregations who have continued to be as 'salt and light' to Bramley.

*Julie Upton, Team Vicar
Ian Rodley, Team Rector*

Reader's Report

The year has been rewarding. We had the blessing of Trinity Methodist Church being with us, and to see their church reopened and remodelled. How St Peter's will look with a repaired bell tower, and reordered church inside - that is to look forward to.

However, changes to our ministry team are taking place as Julie, our team vicar, is leaving us for Sheffield. I would like to thank Julie for her love, and support for my ministry as your Reader, and wish her all the best in the future. And thanks again Ian, and all of Bramley parish, for your support - it has been truly a wonderful year.

Raymond Vollans, Reader

Rodley Church

A new Superintendent Minister, Revd Godfrey Nicholson, replaced Revd Marian Jones in September 2009. Revd George Bailey was fully ordained in July 2009.

The charities the church continues to support are:

Samaritans Purse:
– Christmas Shoe Boxes
Trinity refurbishment
St Peter's Steeple Fund
Barnabus Fund
Christian Aid
Bible Society
Action for Children

The Cub pack is thriving now with 2 warranted leaders, one helper and 16 Cubs. We are still looking for leaders to re-open Beavers and Scouts.

Regular meetings by Police PACT are held in the hall. The Social Group organised several outings during Summer 2009.

We have a very successful Ladies Group with an average attendance of 25-30 people. The CCL Licence, shared with St Margaret's, is now set up.

Various items of property have been upgraded, including new church doors (from money left in memory of a previous church member).

We have supported "Churches Together around Leeds 13". We received 3 new church members in July 2009 and November 2009. We have good links with Valley View School, via Revd George Bailey, and a well-attended Mums and Toddlers Group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Mary Thornton

Deanery Synod

In the Church of England, the Deanery is the next tier of structure moving out from the Parish. It is through the Deanery that we relate to neighbouring parishes, the diocese and the wider Anglican church. As Deanery Synod representatives, our role is to maintain a permeable parochial boundary that allows our concerns to be related to the wider church and our own actions and debates to be informed by the broader church context.

Deanery synod met 4 times during the year at different churches in the deanery. In February Bishop John visited to license Kingsley Dowling as Area Dean and Julie Upton as Assistant Area Dean. He then spoke to synod about changing patterns of ministry – specifically non-stipendiary and lay ministry – and answered questions.

In May the principal item was to approve the Armley Deanery Plan for 2009 -2015. This sets out a strategy for mission and a plan for pastoral organisation within the constraints of available staff and financial

resources. The deanery's 2009 allocation of 14.5 whole time equivalent stipendiary clergy will reduce to 12 by 2015. The plan summarises each parish's mission aims and the expected deployment of clergy. For Bramley it's anticipated that we will continue to have 2 stipendiary ministers but that we will explore working more closely with Stanningley (where staffing has recently reduced from 2 to 1) and Wyther parishes.

In September there were 2 presentations. Bob Brooke spoke about ministry with people with learning disabilities and particularly about 'Opening the Doors', a book and DVD approved by General Synod, to which he contributed. Shelagh Hopkinson spoke about the work of the Children's Society. Finally, in November, the Archdeacon, Peter Burrows, spoke to synod about clergy terms of service. By 2011 no clergy will be appointed to the 'freehold' of a parish; there will instead be a 'common tenure' which gives clergy more employment rights but clearer responsibilities and accountabilities.

Every synod also included a report from Alistair Kaye, who is Deanery Missioner for a fixed period until 2012, on his work, plans and achievements. This appointment is an important element of the Deanery Plan and the regular updates emphasise its ownership by the whole deanery.

Nigel Greenwood, one of the Ripon and Leeds lay representatives on General Synod, attended 3 times during the year to report on their meetings. This was useful as there are currently no lay representatives on General Synod from Armley. Lay deanery synod representatives form the electorate for general synod; indeed this responsibility will be exercised in autumn 2010.

David Jorysz
Deanery Synod representative

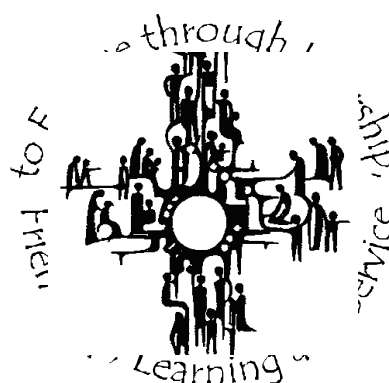
CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND LEEDS 13

Thankfully, over the year, the clergy vacancies in some of our churches have been filled, although St. Thomas' new minister is not being licensed until April 2010.

As the year began, we considered the work being done at Hillside among the asylum seekers and ways in which we in our churches could support them. Acts of Witness took place on Good Friday and the Saturday before Christmas, and there were joint acts of worship for Church Unity, Good Friday and Advent Sunday, as well as the shared Community Carol Service with the Salvation Army Band. We shared a wave of Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

As the areas identified in our 'Forward Together with God' have been successfully acted upon, we have begun to discuss further ways in which we could work together for our community and the world. These will become evident during 2010.

*Edward Turner, Churches Together
around Leeds 13 representative*



BRAMLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met 6 times in 2009. Details of the PCC's terms of reference and membership are shown at the front of this report. The leadership team met 10 times last year. Its members are the team rector, team vicar, churchwardens and deputy wardens, treasurer, reader, director of music, and secretary.

During the year the PCC has:

- Continued with plans for the refurbishment of St Peter's Church, beginning with the steeple, and following the offer of a grant towards this from English Heritage.
- Contributed to the Armley Deanery Plan.
- Approved expenditure guidelines for the finance group.
- Introduced "Communion before Confirmation", following approval by the Bishop, for children over 7 years of age after preparation.
- Held an Awayday in August, with the theme of "Developing the parish's mission strategy". We are assisted in this by Revd Alistair Kaye, Deanery Missioner.
- Approved the worship group's recommendations:
 - to hold informal, themed worship services, monthly on Saturday evenings, at St Peter's Church.
 - to have joint Sunday morning services with Trinity Methodist Church on 5th Sundays in any month.
 - to revise the "Bramley Prayer" jointly with Trinity Methodist Church.

- Introduced a "Safe Church Policy" for the church's contact with vulnerable adults. This will be administered together with the Taking Care Policy for children, and Judith Armitage has agreed to continue to be our parish representative for both policies.
- Reviewed and updated our Health and Safety Policy.
- Made plans to hold training sessions for people who have specific roles, beginning with sidespeople in January 2010.

The following task groups, which have formal remits, continued to meet: Buildings, Community Development, Communication, Finance and Stewardship, Refurbishment, Fundraising (core), Fundraising (events), Fundraising (grants), and Worship, and are reported in more detail elsewhere.

Please pray for all PCC members as they continue to assist in the leadership of the parish in our church mission and the maintenance of our buildings.

Gillian Jorysz, PCC Secretary

PROPERTY MATTERS

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT

There is success to report at both churches. Our campaign to raise funds for the repairs to the steeple of St Peter's had a major boost in 2009 when we received the offer of a grant of £129,000 from English Heritage. By the end of that year, we had raised a total of around £163,000 towards our target of £200,000. This allowed us to start Stage One of the repair work - a detailed survey of the steeple and preparation of specifications for the work, meaning companies could be invited to tender. Our architect, Richard Crooks, was confident that the actual repairs would start in the Spring of 2010.

Richard has also prepared plans as a basis for the refurbishment of the rest of St Peter's and these were discussed at open meetings with the congregation. In principle, the plans have been approved. Current and potential hall users will be asked for their views on what facilities should be provided in the refurbished building.

Volunteers kindly repainted the kitchens in the upper and lower halls and some of the corridor areas of St Peter's and thanks go to Jan, Julie, Andy, Connor and Patrick.

The floor in the worship area of St Peter's is a major cause for concern and we must proceed with the refurbishment as fast as we are able.

At St Margaret's, the work to replace all the windows was completed, so the building is warmer and far more attractive. The Quinquennial inspection was carried out in early December and we are awaiting the report, but were immediately made aware that part of the roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

Priorities for 2010 will be the St Peter's steeple repairs, automation of the clock, and completion of plans for remodelling the worship area, halls and offices there. Fundraising for this major project will then start. Please hold these concerns in your prayers.

Our warm appreciation is expressed again to David Cox and Margaret Charnley for the generous measures of time and effort they have given throughout 2009.

*Norah Gibson/John Hepworth,
Churchwardens*



PARISH HALLS

For the past couple of years our Parish Halls have accommodated not only our own regular users, but those who moved across from Trinity Methodist Church during their re-building programme. Following the re-opening of Trinity only the Rainbows have moved back, leaving our Halls fully booked on most evenings of the week.

Our regular users now include Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Weight Watchers, Dog Trainers, Irish Dancers, Karate, Art classes, and Slimming World, who opened a new session on a Friday in September 2009. Also new to us during the year were, Net Mums, Explorer Scouts, Flex Dance, and Aerobics.

In amongst all that lot were individual bookings for Children's parties, Family parties, Christening parties, Keep Fit sessions, Sales, Fayres, Social events, and a Corporate Training Course with daily sessions lasting for a 5 week period during July and August 2009.

Our parish web site has produced a significant increase in the number of enquiries for our Halls, many of which turn into bookings, providing we can fit them in to our busy schedule. The Halls heating systems have been somewhat overstretched during this past very cold winter, especially in St Peters Lower Hall, where numerous complaints were made about the cold conditions. Despite the improvements and upgrading of that Hall, the heating and insulation will need to be looked at if we are to retain our bookings. And finally, a reminder about all the support for our Parish Halls that goes on quietly and efficiently behind the scenes. Cleaning, repairs, security, access, invoicing, heating, bookings and organisation: all aspects of a Halls system that never stops.

Our grateful thanks, then, goes to all who are involved in the smooth operation of our Parish Halls, for it is entirely due to their efforts that our system works so well.

David Cox, Chairman, Buildings Group

REPORTS FROM **PARISH GROUPS**

BAPTISM

We are a group of 7 helpers who support our clergy when families bring their children for Baptism.

Up to 4 helpers welcome parents, children and godparents to a preparation meeting at 12.30 pm on the last Sunday of the month prior to the chosen Baptism service date. Application forms are checked, a seating plan given and hymn requests noted.

On Baptism day, 2 helpers make the church ready, filling the font, lighting candles, greeting the visitors, giving out books, and caring for the needs of the families as they arrive. At the end of the service, the church is returned to its tidy state.

The team's task is to make everyone feel welcome, at ease and valued.

Each year we have 10 preparation and 20 service dates. More helpers are needed to lighten the load! Can YOU help? Please speak to Margaret Beaumont for more information.

Margaret Beaumont

BELLRINGERS at St Peter's

Conditions in the ringing chamber at St Peters have continued to deteriorate following the 2007 deluge, a situation that has directly affected ringing during 2009. During this past year the bells were rung for just 5 weddings, the lowest for some time, and for just 10 evening services throughout the year. Despite the very cold conditions, the ringers gathered to ring the bells on the Sunday after Christmas, only to be plunged into darkness by a light failure but able to continue in the dull glow of some old Christmas tree lights!

It has been far too cold and wet in the belfry to even consider ringing during the first few months of 2010, but hopefully the bells will ring again before work starts on the steeple in the Spring. When that is completed in the Autumn of 2010, it will be a question of gathering our ringers together again, and hopefully getting back to some regular ringing.

And finally, let us not forget our small team of clock winders, who have continued to climb through a wet and soggy tower to keep the clock going. Now, of course, the end is in sight, for our clock will be automated during the steeple repairs and not a moment too soon for some of our "not so young" clock winders!

David Cox, Ringing Master

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Church members continue to be involved in a wide range of local community organisations, including: Tenants and Residents Associations; the Neighbourhood Forum; Bramley Elderly Action; BARCA-Leeds; the West Leeds Debt Forum; the Healthy Living network; the Voluntary, Community and Faith Forum (VCF). Through these networks, the Parish continues to participate in information-sharing and joint activities with our various Community partners.

Our work in local schools continues and we have had excellent Activity Days last Easter and at Christmas, when the creative talents of the young people in our community were most beautifully displayed.

Community engagement is at the centre of our Parish Mission and will be a key item in the job description in the recruitment of our new Team Vicar.

If you have any suggestions of how our community development work can be expanded or improved, please let us know.

Julie Upton, Norah Gibson

MOTHERS UNION

We began the year with our Annual General Meeting. Margaret gave the annual report reminding us of an interesting programme of speakers and events.

In March we welcomed Carolyn Peuleve, who told us about her work as Diocesan President, and about the work of the Mothers Union overseas.

In May we joined other Mothers Union members in the Diocese for a visit to Holy Island. Our evening out was once again an opportunity to relax and enjoy each others company. At our Advent Afternoon we welcomed friends from St James, Manston, and members of our own congregation. A service by the Revd Julie Upton was followed by refreshments.

Thank you to Margaret and Susan for arranging the programme, and to everyone for their help and support. Thank you, also, to Joan for her work as treasurer, and welcome to Maureen, our new treasurer.

Marion Wright, MU Branch Leader

MUSIC MINISTRY

This year has been one where we have been faced with the continuing challenge of having no permanent organist for St. Peter's. This has made it difficult for the choir to work on music needing organ accompaniment and at times even led to us having to resort to CDs to support hymn singing during worship.

The Music Group tries to serve both congregations and give Allan some help or even time off at St. Margaret's. This has meant that four members of St. Margaret's congregation have now joined the group for joint worship, Saturday evenings as well as services at St. Margaret's. This was noticeable at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Music Group has also supported virtually

all the baptism services during the year and provided music and support for the many families who come along for this important sacrament. We have all worked to enhance the celebration of Festivals and actually invited the Hilton Recorder Consort to assist with the St. Cecilia's Day Evensong. This was our only choral Evensong during the year but we did provide music for the 2 Memorial Services for the recently departed.

We still need new members so please continue to pray for us so we can continue in the work we have been called to do.

Edward Turner, Director of Music

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Group has met 6 times during the past year. Yet again the main area of work has been to consider how to improve the pastoral care of those coming for Baptism.

The idea of a 'Prayer Tree' was suggested last year and we have now implemented this. Every child who is baptised is prayed for on the third Sunday of the month and the parents are told in advance of this.

The group continues to support the monthly services in the sheltered housing which includes Rossefield Manor, Daisyfield Grange and St Peter's Court. A quarterly service is held at Wellington Gardens. These services are much appreciated by the residents and are often attended by 20 or so people. I would like to thank all those who regularly support these services.

There are a number of people who receive Holy Communion at home monthly because they can't attend the church services for a variety of reasons. This service is available for anyone who feels they can't get to church. If you, or a friend or relative, inform Joan Lockett or Ian Rodley they will be happy to arrange a visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pastoral Care Group for all they have done this coming year including the monthly prayer group who meet regularly to pray for the parish.

Julie Upton, Team Vicar

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets monthly at St Peter's Church, on the last Thursday in the month at 10.30 am, throughout the year. This year we have decided to include prayers for those who have been baptised during the current month.

We are sure that the power of prayer is important, and those who can't make it may like to set aside a few minutes for prayer on the morning we meet.

We will always welcome prayer requests.

Jackie Worthington

SOCIAL CLUB

Following the decision to change the regular openings from a Friday evening to Saturday evening, the Social Club has seen something of a boost in popularity. During the first half of 2009 the Club opened on two Saturdays each month from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, attracting a small increase in members who came along for a quiet drink. However, amongst these openings were several themed and organised evenings, including Family Quiz nights, St Georges Day party, and a BBQ in July, all of which were very popular and successful.

Due to the relatively small numbers attending on evenings without a theme, it was decided to open just once a month from September onwards, following the new Saturday evening Family Service at St Peters, and with a themed event and refreshments on each occasion. These events have included a Harvest Evening, a 2nd World War Anniversary event, a Festive Party Family Night, and the Social

Club Christmas Party, all excellent well-attended events. In amongst those were a St Cecilia's Day concert and a 50th birthday party, both requiring the services of the licensed bar.

The themed evenings with refreshments have continued into 2010, with a Family Skills Competition in February and a Beetle Drive in March, with yet more similar events planned for the year ahead.

The proposal put forward at the 2009 Social Club AGM to finance a new lighting system in the Lower Hall is coming to fruition. After much searching and discussion a suitable installation has been found, and should be completed in April or May this year.

It would seem that themed and organised evenings are what people want in the Parish, and whilst ever we have the manpower that is what the Social Club will endeavour to do.

David Cox, Social Club Secretary

SPRING OF PRAYER

There were 2 weekends away at David's House, in Marske, Swaledale, during 2009. Last year's themes were "Love" and "Love is". In all, 22 people attended. The sentence, "Love God, love each other and love yourself" summarised both weekends. We trust that the theme continues to grow.

This year we again booked David's House for 2 weekends. The first was on 12 – 14 March, when the theme was "Psalms", and 10 people attended. The next will be on 9 – 11 July, and the theme has not yet been finalised. Four of the 12 places are already taken.

If you would like to join us in July, or you would like more information, please ask Elsie Longbottom or Margaret Beaumont.

Elsie Longbottom

THEATRE PLAYERS

The year began with a devastating event for us; the sudden death of one of our Principals, Alan Jackson. Alan was a much-loved member who brought many gifts to the group including his wonderful sense of humour. We were very fortunate that Ian Owers agreed to take over the role of the Dame revealing a huge amount of hidden talent! The whole group pulled together to create a successful production of Sinbad. A gift in memory of Alan from the people who worked with him, allowed us to upgrade our sound system.

Both the Pantomime in February and the Summer Show in June played to packed houses and were very well received. In July, as well as existing members, a large number of newcomers arrived to audition. We were delighted to welcome this new talent and to make use of all of them in our next Pantomime, Cinderella.

We can currently boast a wide age span from around 5 to almost 70 years. Each member of the team makes a unique contribution and we all work together to create entertainment for our community, whether on stage and seen by the audience or behind the scenes, making sets, sorting out sound and light, sewing and ironing costumes or being there on the night to look after the audience. A huge thanks to all who support this group as audience members; it'd be a poor show without you.

Linda Birch and Edward Turner



YOUNG PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAYS

There have been 2 activity days during the past year, Christmas and Easter, at St Margaret's. They are attended by a whole range of children from the community and everyone certainly has a good time.

We have an excellent team of helpers who organise the different activities and ensure that not only do the young people have a good time but they also learn something about Christmas and Easter.

This has proved to be a great opportunity for reaching out to the community and we now have children and parents asking when the next one will be.

A very big thank you to everyone who supports these activities.

Julie Upton, Team Vicar

2nd BRAMLEY (St. MARGARET'S) BROWNIES

St Margaret's Brownies still maintains a healthy pack with a full unit of 25 girls between the ages of 7 and 11 and a waiting list of about another half a pack.

This year we said Goodbye to Snowy Owl, Trudy Newall, who retired from the unit at Christmas after 28 years service with St. Margaret's Brownies. She will be missed by both Brownies and Guiders alike. We also said goodbye to Julie Sadler who will also be missed after having been with the unit 2 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their help and support over the years.

We welcomed Rachael Elliot who has joined the unit. Rachael, Helen and Claire (who were both working as unit helpers) are now working towards their

warrants. I would like to wish them good luck with this and thank them and Louise for their help and support over the last year.

This year we are celebrating 100 years of Guiding. The Centenary Celebrations started with a gathering for the whole of Leeds County at Wetherby Race course. There were over a thousand members both old and young gathered for this event which was launched with a fun run around the race course. Each participant received a medal at the end of this event. There are lots of challenges which have been set for us over the year and we are looking forward to taking part in these.

Pack Holiday this year was a small event with only a few Brownies at White Rose House in York. However those that did join us had a good time visiting the Railway Museum, Jorvik and the York Maze.

Gillian Damp, Guider in charge

29th S.W. LEEDS SCOUT GROUP

2009 was another fun filled, successful year for the Beaver, Cub and Scout Groups of the 29th. The numbers, as always, attending the groups go up and down throughout the year but all the groups are well attended finishing the year with 16 Beavers, 14 Cubs and 26 Scouts. A new Explorer Unit was recently approved and started in Sept at St Margaret's catering for 14 – 18 year olds, enabling our older Scouts to stay at St Margaret's rather than leave to join one of the other established units, the nearest being Pudsey. The Unit has been aptly named the 'DYB Unit' (Do Your Best). A change around in Leaders has seen Phil and Adam move from Scouts to set up the new unit which also looks as if it will be a great success with 9 young people already members.

As always a variety of group and district events, scouting activities and badge work took place throughout the year which saw some of the young people gain the highest badge in their section for all their hard work, Queens Scout Bronze Award in Beavers, Silver Award in Cubs and Gold Award in Scouts.

The leaders tried their hand at gliding for the first time last year and thoroughly enjoyed it, so took along some of the older scouts earlier this year; a great time was had so this will probably become a regular event in the year's timetable.

Fundraising for the group continued as usual through the year with the normal events of bag packing at Morrison's Kirkstall, clothes collections and Christmas catalogue sales all of which raise a much-needed amount of funds. The main efforts of fundraising this year have been geared towards the group activity holiday to Switzerland in August 2010. A small group of parents with a great amount of support from the leaders, and the Scouts themselves, have organized and held a variety of events - table top sales, car boot sales, Christmas Fairs, Bramley Carnival and Beeston Festival amongst others along with a few individual sponsored events and donations. The group is well on its way to hitting the minimum amount required of £4,000 with the very generous support of family, friends and the general public attending the events as well as the generous donation from the Bramley Parish fund amongst others.

The groups ended the year looking forward to 2010 and the many activities they have planned including camps, night hikes, badges and even more fundraising with the final push towards their target so that approximately 45 young people and leaders will be able to have a very enjoyable experience in Switzerland.

Karen Drewell, Group Secretary

FINANCIAL MATTERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

It has again been a difficult year financially for our church. You will see from the accounts that although the Halls have continued to be used well and income has risen from approximately £13,000 in 2008 to £15,400 in 2009 we show a small deficit of £179 due to the rise in energy costs. I am however, endeavouring to find cheaper suppliers and hopefully this will be of benefit later in the year.

The overall deficit of £1,730 is less than last year as we reduced our Missionary Giving to 5% instead of 10% as in previous years.

Once again the Parish Share has risen but our stewardship giving including weekly envelopes, standing orders, plate collections and tax reclaimed through gift aid has fallen substantially, hence the need for the forthcoming Stewardship Campaign.

My sincere thanks to Margaret Charnley for her continued support and help in keeping the day to day accounts and to Jan Hulme for dealing with the Stewardship records every week. I would also like to thank Judith Armitage for all her work on the Hall's accounts and to Ian Owers for his help with reconciling the Fees.

My thanks to David Jorysz for his continued support throughout the year and especially in compiling the annual accounts.

Susan Woodhead, Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Bramley

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2009, which are set out on pages 15 to 21, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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25 April 2010

BRAMLEY PARISH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	30,069	14,247	-	44,316	51,196
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	2,073	580	-	2,653	2,257
Income from investments	2(c)	1,621	564	-	2,185	2,542
Income from church activities	2(d)	18,933	544	-	19,477	16,061
Other incoming resources	2(e)	3,505	-	-	3,505	7,500
Total incoming resources		56,201	15,935	-	72,136	79,556
Resources Used						
Cost of generation voluntary income	3(b)	95	-	-	95	156
Fund-raising trading costs	3(c)	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	3(a)	57,836	15,126	-	72,962	103,155
Governance costs	3(d)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Used		57,931	15,126	-	73,057	103,311
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES before other recognised gains and losses		(1,730)	809	-	(921)	(23,755)
Gains/(Loss) on investment assets on revaluation	5	1,547	4,540	-	6,087	(18,922)
Net movement in funds		(183)	5,349	-	5,166	(42,677)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2009		(22,545)	74,996	17,826	70,277	112,954
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2009		(22,728)	80,345	17,826	75,443	70,277

**Bramley Parish
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2009**

	Note	£	2009 £	£	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5		73,637		67,550
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank and in Hand					
Bank - Current account		19,631		27,823	
- Halls account		3,342		1,838	
Building Society Account		143		137	
Cash in Hand		34		22	
		<u>23,150</u>		<u>29,820</u>	
Debtors					
Hall rents		2,017		1,956	
Sundry		2,548		10,086	
		<u>4,565</u>		<u>12,042</u>	
Total Current Assets			27,715		41,862
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Other Creditors and Accruals	6	<u>25,909</u>		<u>39,135</u>	
Net Current Liabilities			<u>1,806</u>		<u>2,727</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>75,443</u>		<u>70,277</u>
Represented By:					
General Fund					
Funds at 1st January 2009		(22,545)		(12,883)	
Surplus/(deficit), including unrealised gains and losses		<u>(183)</u>		<u>(9,662)</u>	
			(22,728)		(22,545)
Restricted Funds at 1st January 2009					
Surplus, including unrealised gains and losses		74,996		108,011	
		<u>5,349</u>		<u>(33,015)</u>	
			<u>80,345</u>		<u>74,996</u>
Endowment funds at 1st January 2009					
Surplus, including unrealised gains and losses		17,826		17,826	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
			<u>17,826</u>		<u>17,826</u>
			<u>75,443</u>		<u>70,277</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 March 2010

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards of SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are fund, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when due. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due; any share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, and are not included in the PCC's accounts. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2009	Total 2008
Note	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving:					
Stewardship	20,694	-		20,694	21,692
Tax recovered	4,653	-		4,653	5,010
Plate	3,870	-		3,870	5,633
Sundry donations	852			852	1,566
Donations - Steeple Fund		1,087		1,087	2,706
- St Margaret's development		210		210	808
Grants - general	-	93		93	-
- Steeple Fund		7,500		7,500	3,000
- St Margaret's development		5,000		5,000	10,500
Legacies	-	-		-	100
Collections for Charities		357		357	181
	<u>30,069</u>	<u>14,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,316</u>	<u>51,196</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising events - general	2,073	-		2,073	-
- Steeple Fund	-	580		580	2,110
- St Margaret's dev	-	-		-	147
	<u>2,073</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,653</u>	<u>2,257</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Income from investments and trust funds	1,614	-		1,614	1,978
Interest	7	564		571	564
	<u>1,621</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,185</u>	<u>2,542</u>
2(d) Income from church activities					
Fees	3,533	544		4,077	3,242
Hall lettings	15,400	-		15,400	12,819
	<u>18,933</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,477</u>	<u>16,061</u>
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Rodley JCC	2,283			2,283	2,383
Insurance claims	1,222			1,222	4,592
Extraordinary income	-			-	525
	<u>3,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,505</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>56,201</u>	<u>15,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,136</u>	<u>79,556</u>

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2009	Total 2008
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church activities						
Missionary and charitable giving						
Charitable giving		1,461			1,461	3,233
Charity collections			357		357	181
		<u>1,461</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,818</u>	<u>3,414</u>
Ministry						
- Parish share		26,992			26,992	24,032
- Clergy expenses		169			169	1,015
- Vicarages		258			258	344
Church running costs						
- Energy		734			734	640
- Insurance		1,928			1,928	1,847
Church property and maintenance						
- Maintenance and Churchyard		6,506	657		7,163	12,977
- Special works/developments	9	202	13,568		13,770	32,058
- Organ tuning & servicing		697	544		1,241	1,053
Upkeep of church services						
- Worship		1,000	-		1,000	726
- Organist		1,205			1,205	1,415
Children, Young People, Baptism etc		202	-		202	38
Printing, stationery and office		599			599	691
Sundries		304			304	686
Halls running costs	4(b)	15,579			15,579	13,921
BFH caravan - loss on disposal			-		-	8,298
		<u>57,836</u>	<u>15,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,962</u>	<u>103,155</u>
3(b) Generation of voluntary income						
Stewardship		95			95	156
		<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>156</u>
3(c) Fund-raising costs		-	-		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
3(d) Governance costs		-			-	-
		<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>57,931</u>	<u>15,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,057</u>	<u>103,311</u>

4 Halls Account for the year to 31st December 2009

4(a) Income	2009 £	2008 £
Rental Income	15,400	12,819
	<u>15,400</u>	<u>12,819</u>
4(b) Expenditure		
Salaries	5,239	5,083
Energy and Water	7,702	6,364
Insurance	1,929	1,848
Stationery, Adverts etc	34	15
Cleaning	256	198
Fire Prevention	419	413
Sundries	-	-
	<u>15,579</u>	<u>13,921</u>
Deficit	<u>179</u>	<u>1,102</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS

Investments	£
Market value at 1 January 2009	67,550
Revaluation gain (loss)	6,087
Market value at 31 December 2009	<u>73,637</u>

The market value at 31 December 2009 represents investments for:

Unrestricted funds		10,305
Restricted funds		
- Fabric Fund	21,230	
- Sundry historic funds	<u>24,276</u>	
		45,506
Endowment funds		
- Dobson Fund	15,877	
- Sundry historic funds	<u>1,949</u>	17,826
		<u>73,637</u>

6 LIABILITIES

	2009	2008
	£	£
'Historic' parish share	12,455	12,455
Other creditors and accruals	13,454	26,680
	<u>25,909</u>	<u>39,135</u>

7 FUNDS

	At 1 January 2009	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investment gain (loss)	At 31 December 2009
Restricted funds					
Fabric fund	25,984	564	(1,564)	2,096	27,080
St Peter's refurbishment/'Steeple Fund'	25,999	9,167	(6,684)	-	28,482
St Margaret's development	674	5,210	(5,884)	-	-
Music fund	457	-	-	-	457
Sundry current funds	50	994	(994)	-	50
Sundry historic funds	21,832	-	-	2,444	24,276
	<u>74,996</u>	<u>15,935</u>	<u>(15,126)</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>80,345</u>
Endowment funds					
Dobson bequest (i)	15,877	-	-	-	15,877
Sundry historic funds	1,949	-	-	-	1,949
	<u>17,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,826</u>
Total restricted and endowed	<u>92,822</u>	<u>15,935</u>	<u>(15,126)</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>98,171</u>

(i) Income from the Dobson bequest is to be used for the general maintenance and upkeep of St Peter's church and is therefore recognised as income to the unrestricted general fund.

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2009
	£	£	£	£
Investments	10,305	45,506	17,826	73,637
Current Assets	(7,124)	34,839	-	27,715
Current Liabilities	(25,909)	-	-	(25,909)
	<u>(22,728)</u>	<u>80,345</u>	<u>17,826</u>	<u>75,443</u>

9 CHURCH PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE - SPECIAL WORKS/DEVELOPMENTS

Expenditure incurred in 2009:

At St Margaret's:	
- replacement windows	6,345
- other works	741
At St Peter's:	
- steeple (preliminary fees)	6,684
	<u>13,770</u>

This was mainly funded from restricted or designated income whether received by way of donation, fundraising, grant or legacy either in 2009 or previous years. The work at St Margaret's, however, also drew on £1,000 from the Fabric Fund and £202 from general funds.