

Holy Trinity Church,

Matlock Bath

Agenda, Minutes, Reports and

Annual Accounts

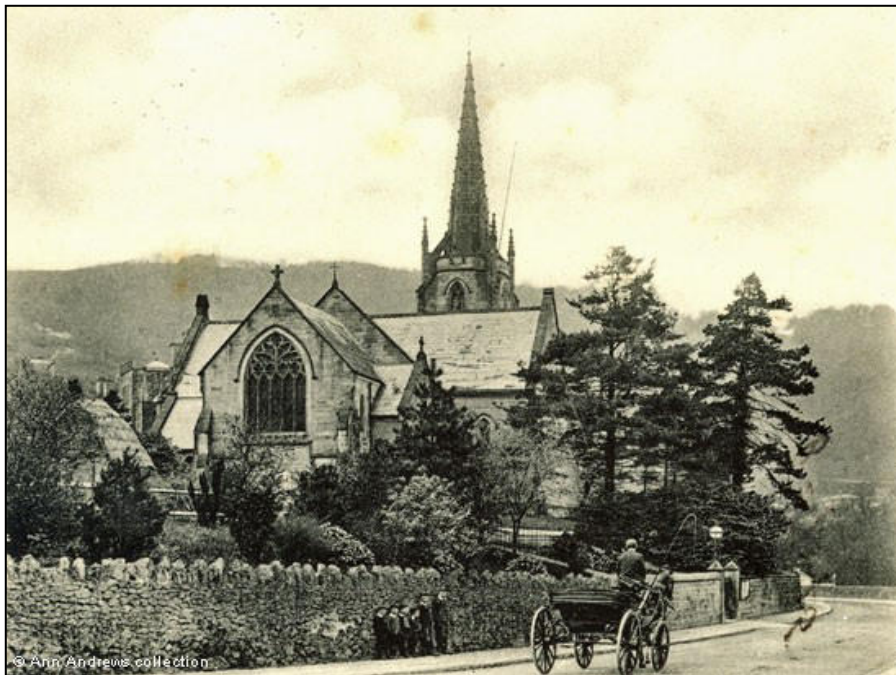
for The Annual Parochial

Church Meeting

To be held on Sunday 17 April 2016

In Trinity Hall

Following the Morning Service



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MATLOCK BATH

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting and Election of Church Wardens,

Sunday 19 April 2015 after the Morning Service

AGENDA

Prayer.

Apologies for Absence.

Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday 19 April 2015.

Matters Arising.

Election of Two Church Wardens.

(The Parishioners Meeting now closes and the Church Meeting continues).

- Reports.
- a) Electoral Roll.
 - b) Parochial Church Council.
 - c) Finance and Adoption of Accounts for 2013.
 - d) Deanery Synod.
 - e) Other Reports.

Appointment of Auditors.

Chairman's Address.

- Elections.
- a) Parochial Church Councillors
 - b) Sidespeople.

Other Matters of a Parochial or General Interest.

Closing Prayer.

The first gathering of the new Parochial Church Council will be Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall.

Sheila Laming

PCC Secretary.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MATLOCK BATH

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Church Wardens held on Sunday 19 April 2015

Present: 23 members of the Church were present.

Chairman: Rev Nick Grayshon

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from 10 members of the Church.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 28 April 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Mike Pilling Seconded: Michael Wilderspin

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of Two Church Wardens.

There was one nomination: Mike Pilling:

Proposed: Sheila Laming Seconded: John Ramage

There being no other nominations Mike was duly elected unopposed and there is one vacancy.

Tony Jones thanked Mike on behalf of the church for his service as warden.

5. Reports.

The reports had been attached to the Agenda and available to members prior to the meeting.

a) Electoral Roll Report.

The report was received and noted.

Proposed: Chris Shepherd Seconded: Val Grayshon

b) PCC Report.

The report of the PCC was received and noted.

Proposed: Mike Pilling Seconded: Peter Shaw

c) Adoption of the Accounts for the year 2014.

The Accounts for 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts, having been audited, were adopted.

Proposed: Tony Jones Seconded: Peter Newberry

The meeting thanked Philip, in his absence, for his work over the past year and for making the accounts easy to read and understand.

It was noted that the accounts are healthy and Nick Grayshon thanked the congregation for their giving. As neither the previous or current treasurer were present those present were asked to pass any queries to either the PCC or to David Green.

d) Deanery Synod Report.

The Deanery Synod Report was received and noted.

Proposed: Bernice Smith Seconded: Chris Shepherd

e) Other Reports.

All other reports from the various church groups, having been circulated in advance of the meeting, were considered en bloc. Nick thanked all the people for the huge amount of work represented by these reports.

All reports were approved unanimously

6. Appointment of Auditors.

It was agreed that Mr Geoffrey Crapper should be invited to continue to act as our Independent Examiner.

Proposed: Tony Jones Seconded: Sue Dargavel

Approved unanimously

7. Chairmans Address.

The vicar had given his annual report as part of the service of Morning Worship which had preceded this meeting. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes. The chairman invited comments:

- A query was raised over the suggestion that the Alpha course may not be continued. It was stated that Alpha may not be the only way of bringing people to faith.
- It was suggested tht the church could be represented at various local events such as the Craft Fair at the old chapel. An issue might be staffing this.
- Concern was expressed over discipling folk who have attended Alpha. Mike Pilling gave a brief report on the Tuesday evening home group in church which tries to fulfil this need.

Nick Grayshon asked those present if others felt as he did, that God may be asking us to do some things differently. Various suggestions were voiced: Prayer breakfast on a Sunday, the need for a consensus on how to do outreach and then to get on with it., discussion about the roles of pastorates, prayer meetings and homegroups took place with a decision to try monthly 'Pastorates'. Nick Grayshon agreed to find dates for May, June and July, alternating Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

8. Elections.

a) Three Parochial Church Council Members to serve from 2014 - 17.

Three nominations were received and elected.

David Green:	Proposed: Allison Pilling	Seconded: Nick Grayshon
Peter Shaw:	Proposed: Bob Crabb	Seconded: John Ramage
Maria Austin:	Proposed: Sheila Laming	Seconded: Mike Pilling

Approved unanimously.

b) Sidespeople.

Twenty people were elected to serve and were thanked for the important role they play in the life of the church.

9. Other Matters of a Parochial or General Interest.

There were none

10. Date of the next APCM

This will take place on Sunday 17 April 2016 following the morning service.

There was much discussion about the merits of holding the meeting on a Sunday or midweek. It was proposed that the next APCM be held on Sunday after a service of Morning Worship but in Trinity Hall not in church.

Proposed: Barry Key	Seconded: Bob Crabb	
Votes in favour: 17	Against: 0	Abstentions: 0

The proposal was therefore carried.

It was suggested that there be a proper 'sermon' in the service rather than the vicar's report to the APCM.

It was noted that there had been some tension and disagreement over this decision which was fine but that this needed to be handled carefully.

Peter Dargavel closed the meeting in prayer at 1.00pm

HT APCM 2015 – Vicar's report

Not only looking back to 2014 but including 2015 to date and the rest of this year.

Romans 15 v 5 and 6 is this year's church text and a verse we often use as a blessing at the end of services: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." We've seen the truth of these verses in our church life together, in 2014 and especially this year as we've studied Acts 15 at Home Group and on Sunday mornings.

Thanks firstly to Val. Thanks to Mike as Warden, and to the PCC.

Thanks to Caroline our administrator who is invaluable and frees me up lots, and to the generous giving that makes her employment possible. Welcome to Jon Cooper our Family and Youth Worker. And thanks to you all, for your labour in the Lord -whether seen work or hidden work.

Looking at you, HT congregation what do I see ?

A wealth of maturity and experience in the Lord, a people Peter describes in his first letter chapter 2 verses 9 and 10, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

I also see lots of hard work in the Lord and a depth of prayerfulness. Thank you to all who were able to come to the MAPs (Mission Action Plan) Healthy Church Check on Thursday at St. Mary's. It was a very good and helpful evening as it especially confirmed many things that I've been wrestling with, teaching on and praying for. For example the Acts 15 discussion and teaching we've had. Lee Townend, Diocesan Church Growth Officer, will compile the work we did and get back to us on it.

Our church life is very good and very mixed, with joys and struggles, with disagreement and agreement, with some confusion and some clarity, with lots of love and caring and sharing. Normal church life.



As we build on what the Lord has said to us and done in us all over the years, we continue to listen to what He is saying and doing amongst us now and look forward to where He is taking us. Some of it is scary - look at that *bridge!*

Who we become in the process is as important as the achievements on the ground.

The process of going forward is so important, we do so in love. There's a lot of cost involved in going forward, personally in terms of character, Christ likeness, and corporately joining the new things that the Lord is seeking to do, maturing us further and adding to our experience. There'll be things to leave behind, whether well-trodden paths or ways of doing church, Sunday services or Home Group or evangelism. Or returning to some things like healing, or adding new things like understanding more of Israel in God's plans and praying for God's ancient people. Take up your cross the Saviour said, count the cost.

Prayer, Children and Youth, and Evangelism:

What I'd love to do, but scares me a little, is to do things differently, perhaps very differently. Because I believe the Lord is taking us this way and what some of what we do doesn't really work.

Firstly: Church Prayer Meetings. Perhaps weekly or fortnightly. Being together perhaps with an agenda perhaps not. Simply to seek God, sing, rejoice, cry, pray, be still and silent, call out, teach one another, whatever.

I'd say to the Home Groups 'this is what's happening, I strongly encourage you to come but it's up to you.'

I'd say the same to those not in a Home Group or who go to one elsewhere, come to this. Our arranged church prayer meetings for years have been low in number which in a way is OK but revealing.

We've had early Tuesday morning prayer meetings, monthly Sunday evenings, and Monday and Wednesday mornings, and the best attended the weekly Sunday morning prayer before the service. So perhaps we'll have a couple of times a week, perhaps Tue and Wed evenings, though during the day is fine too, when there's opportunity for us all to come together. Count the cost.

Secondly: Children and Youth should continually be amongst our priorities. Hence the appointment of Jon as Family and Youth Worker. He and I met earlier this week and have agreed on a prayer and advertising campaign for Children's Church which will be presented to both congregations on Sunday 3rd May. Count the cost

Thirdly: Evangelism and Expectation. We expect many to hear the good news of Jesus and to respond in different ways. Some may be added to a Sunday morning, some won't, some will require other forms of church.

I wonder if tried and tested ways like Alpha are to be left and different ways of evangelism tried. Perhaps we are not to use a model of teaching/telling and speak so much, the model which Sunday service sermons and Alpha are, but rather to listen and discuss. Dave Harper (Church in the Peak Leader) has recently returned from Oman. Apparently one in three Muslims comes to faith in Jesus by revelation such as a dream, apologetics or proclamation doesn't work. So should we simply ask people, 'what do you believe / think about Jesus?' or 'what may I pray for you?' or 'what miracle would you like in your life?' Count the cost.

Ephesians 3 v 20/21:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! **Amen.**"

Electoral Roll Report 2016

The Electoral Roll as reported to the APCM 2015 had 62 names on it, 20 resident in the parish and 42 non-resident. Of these 62, 1 non-resident has been deleted from the roll, and 2 non-residents have applied to have their names added.

The Electoral Roll for 2016 therefore consists of 63 people, 20 resident in the parish and 43 non-resident.

Tony Jones Electoral Roll Secretary

Parochial Church Council

The new PCC met on Monday 11 May 2015 welcoming Maria Austin, Pauline Key and Peter Shaw as new members to serve for three years. Milena Nutt was also co-opted to the PCC to fill a vacancy. The PCC therefore is made up of Nick Grayshon (Chair), Mike Pilling (Warden and Vice Chair), Sheila Laming (Deanery Synod member and Secretary), David Green (Treasurer), John Ramage (Deanery Synod member) Michael Wilderspin (Deanery Synod member), Maria Austin, Pauline Key, Peter Shaw (elected to serve 2015 – 18), Val Grayshon, Allison Pilling, Judy Crook (elected to serve 2014 – 17), Milena Nutt (co-opted for 1 year).

During the year six meetings were held as well as a half day meeting in June where members shared breakfast and discussed 'Defining Discipleship'.

During the year PCC have also considered a variety of issues including the Quinquennial report and necessary repairs, Next Steps in Reordering, the Parochial Church Hall, Following and Fishing, Outreach at Harvest and Children's' Church.

At every meeting PCC members have paused from business from time to time to pray about decisions, activities or individuals.

Sheila Laming

PCC Secretary

Treasurers Report for the APCM 2016

I took over as treasurer after a couple of months into 2015 and want to thank Philip Sunderland (previous treasurer) for handing over a positive and well presented set of accounts.

I would like to say that at the end of 2015 things are still looking as positive. However, the church was presented with a prospective bill of £35,000 for repairs to the roof not long after I took over. In spite of a good response from the congregation in raising nearly £17,000 and the possibility of a VAT refund and a reclaim of Gift Aid, the impact of the impending repairs presents a major challenge to the church's finances.

The first challenge is in the day to day running of the church. Total receipts for 2015 excluding roof repair receipts was £55,511 (£72,451 - £16,940) and total expenses £67,909. The net deficit for 2015 was £12,398 (£67,909 - £55,511). Bear in mind that total receipts in the previous year 2014 was £80,714. Of course we could cut back on some of our outgoings but your PCC works on the assumption that you want to be warm in church and appreciate the facilities that are currently available. Or maybe you want to be cold or not support the work of the Mission Societies that we help fund?

The second challenge is how do we fund the £35,000 necessary to repair the roof? We already have £16,940 raised and if we added the CBF reserves (£6,986) and were able to receive a VAT refund (£7,000) and reclaim some Gift Aid tax (£3,000), we would be in a position to afford the repairs. However, this would leave the church with NO RESERVES and any VAT refund could only take place after the final bill has been paid. This might necessitate some kind of a bridging loan.

As a congregation how can we rise to the challenges that are before us?

David Green—Treasurer

Deanery Synod – Annual Report 2015

Deanery Synod met in March, June and October 2015. In March the meeting heard a presentation from David Channon, Diocesan Director of Education. June's meeting was addressed by the diocesan advisor on spirituality. In October Canon Alan Billings addressed the meeting on 'Lost Church: why we must find it again'.

The other major item for discussion has been the Deanery Reorganisation whereby Wirksworth and Ashbourne deaneries will merge with a dedicated part-time Area Dean in charge, David Truby will take on this role initially. There will be a meeting of the new 'Carsington Deanery' on 9 June 2106 at Bradbourne.

S Laming

Administration Report

I have almost completed 3 years in the Admin role now and find that I am still learning about the duties as well as taking on new tasks such as the annual online Statistics for Mission returns for both churches.

In the past year I have acted as verger at funerals in Holy Trinity, written out the marriage registers at St Mary's for a variety of weddings and had an increase in my admin duties this year whilst working closely with Bob Crabb on the recent online application for the faculty for Holy Trinity and more so for the online application to the Listed Places of Worship for the Roof Repair Fund grant.

Last spring we had the Healthy Eating Group, part of the Escape Project based in Bakewell, meeting in Trinity Hall over a number of weeks learning how to make basic meals. The ABRSM music exams have been held in Holy Trinity in July, November and March. In addition I have attended a course at the Derbyshire Records office on Record Keeping and recently enjoyed an afternoon at Huntley Green with the "Tea for 2.30ish" group in Cromford. I enjoy the variety of duties and activities that come with the job. My thanks once again go to Nick, Val, the BCP attendees and the members of both PCCs for their support and friendship during the past year.

Caroline Prince

All Age Worship

All age worship continues to be a regular part of the cycle of worship at Holy Trinity happening on the first Sunday of each month and spilling into other services during the major school holidays. With the emphasis on all age the challenge is to leave all who attend with something to go away and think about be they six or sixty, starting out on their faith journey or well on their way to salvation. Sometimes an easy task and sometimes hard depending on the topics selected for consideration by the church leaders it is always a rewarding task made easier by the continual support of the church membership.

Richard Maltby

BCP

The Book of Common Prayer Communion service takes place at HT on the 2nd Thursday morning each month and usually at St Mary's on the 4th Thursday. This quiet service followed by refreshments fulfils a need in the community. Visitors are very welcome.

Judy Crook

Christian Aid.

In May 2015, a total of £667-23 was collected at Holy Trinity, from the village door to door collection and at the Cooperative supermarket. Not a record but a sound achievement, nevertheless. I am pleased that we now have a regular Christian Aid service in May, when the congregation is able to focus on the particular areas of need that we are supporting and the team of collectors is commissioned.

I hope that all our regular collectors will be happy to do this important work again this year. I thank you all very much for your courage and perseverance in climbing some very steep streets in our village and being prepared to knock on doors and talk to residents! Without you, we would never make such an impact year on year.

You will know from the March newsletter that we need more collectors this year. Please give this your prayerful thought!

John Phillips.

Churches Together in Matlock

Other members are All Saints, St. Giles, St Joseph's, MMURC & Life Works Hub. The forum committee meets 3 times a year and comprises the minister and one or two of the laity from each church. Events organised annually include newspaper advertisements for Christmas & Easter church services, Stall at Matlock Victorian Market, Café Carols for older folk, and a service in Hall Leys Park on Good Friday. As the week of prayer for Christian Unity falls in January, bad weather prevented planned services over several years of bad winters so in 2014 we held the service in Hall Leys Park on an evening near Pentecost. This year there will be a service in Hall Leys Park, at the Park Head on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 7pm

A new venture in 2015 was "Praise in the Park". This was a lovely occasion helped by good weather and it may be repeated in 2017.

Geographically Matlock Bath & Cromford are a little removed from the centre of Matlock but I value working with members of different churches, learning about their churches, forming friendships and promoting a united Christian witness in the area.

It would be good to have another HT church member on the committee.

Judy Crook

Children's work - Sunday Morning Group

We are grateful for all the Hunter children who provide the nucleus of this work and we are always pleased to have visitors.

On most 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month the primary age children meet in Trinity Hall. We use Scripture Union teaching material which always includes a Bible story and then activities to re-enforce this story and its application to everyday life. Sometimes modern technology is needed and then the children help the teacher!

On the third Sundays the children stay in church but quiet craft activities are arranged for them in the transept. These sometimes relate to the service theme.

Recently the pre-school children have been joining in with activities on the 3rd Sunday rather than going to crèche. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays they have attended crèche but have followed the same S.U. teaching material as the older children for at least part of the time.

Working with the children is very rewarding but both Sue Crabb and I would value support from other members of the congregation. It would be good if a plan could be made soon for both the summer term and the summer holidays with named volunteers.

Judy Crook

Events Group

In March 2015, Julia Crellin came, to The Temple Lodge, with her mother Fiona Castle, describing her involvement in a Peruvian jewellery project. High quality silver items, designed for the British market, were displayed and available for sale. Julia also, amusingly, wove her testimony into the presentation of this job creation scheme for under privileged Peruvian women. Fiona was keen to do this return visit commenting "the events have a lovely, friendly atmosphere, with lots of good conversations happening".

The Craft Day, held in Church and including lunch, followed in May with many activities offered. Jon Hollands demonstrated Photography, popular with both men and women, Liz Goodwin and Mary Mc Donald, local ladies, led Button Making and Feltwork. Lynne Martin demonstrated Card Making and Lesley Hollingworth, well known local Christian artist and friend Katrina, advised on and led the day. Both demonstrators and participants commented on how much they had enjoyed the day and hoped it would be repeated in the future. The Christmas Workshop is becoming a tradition-a lady, in Cromford on being invited commented "Oh, yes I always come". It was held on a Tuesday, but this year it is to be on Friday December 9th 2016, as several people found a mid-week event inconvenient. Sadly, due to bereavement, we lacked a demonstrator but it was well attended and those with floral skills offered advice.

Thank you to all those who do the planning - Barbara, Hazel, Milena and Sue and many others who help on the day of the event. Helpers and ideas always welcome.

On May 14th 2016, Sarah Mc Kerney is to speak on Personality Types, with clips from 'Desperate Housewives' and share the Gospel, househusbands are welcome!

On October 4th 2016 we hope to have an evening discussing computer safety for children and young people.

Val Grayshon

Fabric

This group discuss what needs to be done to the church fabric to keep it a safe, welcoming and a comfortable place to worship and meet. We have many opportunities to contribute during the year on a needs basis and much effort is given by those devoted few. We also have 2 work mornings a year and have good turn outs, enjoying each other's fellowship and doing vital jobs both in and out of church.

The Quinquennial work has taken up a lot of time this year and we are about to start the works as recommended by our architects Smith and Roper. Our thanks go to Bob Crabb in particular for his 'dogged' determination in this essential area of work. The faculty has been granted, the money required is coming in (but more is required) and builders preparing to start.

Mike Pilling

Holy Trinity Primary School

The school has been very blessed in appointing excellent new staff, the head, Mrs Sally Swain, and Mrs Hannah Pearson to work with older groups. Every visit I make confirms the happy, positive atmosphere and commitment to learning from all. There have been many changes made to improve the learning opportunities and the quality of the building and site, and the recruitment of new pupils for next year is strong. The curriculum is exciting, and there is a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities and special events.

Governors have continued their training programme so that we are equipped to aid the school's development, and we are becoming an effective team bringing together a range of expertise. We hope that when OFSTED visit in the near future the commitment, professionalism and hard work of all at the school will be recognised.

Tony Jones

Home Group Reports

Clifton Road Home Group

Members: Peter Newberry, Peter Shaw, Val Grayshon, Brian and Maureen Newton, Anne and Michael Wilderspin, Sue and Peter Dargavel.

Leader: Peter Dargavel.

The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to about 9:30, usually chez Wilderspin or Dargavel. The main activities (apart from tea/coffee and chat during the first 20 or 30 minutes) are bible studies and prayer, with a DVD or something from YouTube from time to time. A wide variety of biblical subjects are tackled in depth or in outline, from both the Old and New Testaments. Occasionally, a particular course of study may be followed. Discussion is encouraged and often lively, but we have our devotional moments too. Prayer is mainly directed towards the concerns of individual members of the group, their families and the wider church.

Derby Road Home Group

Our group is unchanged over the past year, with 10 regular members attending and enjoying our worship, prayer and study together. This home group plays a vital part in our spiritual growth, as well as providing an invaluable source of support and love from Christian friends. Our prayer times are very important, covering personal, local, national and international matters, and we are currently studying Acts together.

We continue to offer our three big outreach events during the year to support charities, with the Traidcraft evening in November, and the two open garden days in late June or early July, and in early September at The Lilies, where Bridget and Chris Sheppard organise things brilliantly.

Tony Jones

Monday afternoon home group

The group meets fortnightly, usually in Wirksworth, with attendance varying between 4 and 7. During 2015 we looked at some of the parables of Jesus and at the moment we are working through the book of Hebrews. We enjoy lunch at Cromford Mill from time to time!

Judy Crook

Tuesday Evening Home Group

The Tuesday evening home group enjoys meeting in church at 7.30pm every week, except during holiday time. We have covered a range of topics with our group and very lively, entertaining and thought provoking discussions happen every week. Our recent topics have included: what are the truths of our faith, shackles, in the world but not of it, how do we share God's story, living in God's will, heaven and hell, what about the church, and many more.

These topics have been designed to stretch, challenge and feed our faith especially as we have a number of members who have come out of Alpha. We welcome anyone, who isn't in a home group, to join us on Tuesday evenings.

Mike Pilling

Wednesday evening home group

It was a pleasure to welcome two new couples to our small group recently. During 2015 we looked at some of the parables of Jesus and at the moment we are working through the book of Hebrews. Bring and share meals are happy times!

Judy Crook

Mission Partners

CPAS Report for Holy Trinity AGM report

The CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) enables the development of leaders at all levels, so that local churches can reach more men, women and young people with the good news of Jesus.

There are many ministries that are a part of the CPAS' portfolio:

1. Developing leaders through the Growing Leaders courses in 700 churches nationwide.
2. Supporting the leaders of 4,000 young people on Ventures and Falcon Camps.
3. Appointing clergy passionate about mission and the relevance of the gospel in 500 churches.
4. Exploring God's call to licensed Anglican ministry through vocations events.
5. Transforming the leadership of men and women on the Arrow Leadership Programme.
6. Equipping mentors for a new generation of leaders through Mentoring Matters.

With our support, CPAS can continue to equip, support and encourage local churches in their evangelistic work, sharing the gospel and reaching more people with the message of God's sacrificial love for them.

INTERSERVE REPORT

As a church we are continuing to support Catherine Truman working as a pharmacist at Christian Medical College, Vellore where she is doing valuable work in supporting the medical and nursing staff.

She hopes to visit us at the beginning of September and meet members of both St Mary's and Holy Trinity.

Anne Wilderspin

The Lee family – Jigsaw in Manila, The Philippines

Tim & Kate, with Rebekah, James & Grace, continue to live in Cambridgeshire where Kate teaches and Tim oversees the Jigsaw project which they set up while working with CMS in Manila. Although we haven't seen them this year the illustrated prayer notes have provided a wonderful picture of the way the children's work is flourishing and expanding in Manila, under the leadership of the national team. Lendehl, the team leader, has made contacts with officials in Manila so that Jigsaw is not only being helped financially (only a little) but also is recognised by the local government. Although Tim's health is still not good, he was able to visit Manila in February 2016.

The prayer notes not only give a picture of the activities going on for large groups of deprived children on the other side of the world but they also highlight specific needs of individual children and also the local workers. Please ask if you would like your own copy of the prayer notes displayed in Trinity Hall so that together we can support them in prayer from our homes.

Friends of Jigsaw Ministry is based in the UK and supports the work in the Philippines through prayer, gifts and fundraising – a new initiative was the 2016 calendar (a few copies still available at the time of writing).

Judy Crook & Paul Hunter

We also pray regularly for Jill Ball and the work she set up in Ecuador,

Musical Worship

First of all, I would like to thank our regular music group members, plus those who take part from time to time, for the commitment, skill and enthusiasm that they bring to our worship. It is a joy and a privilege to lead worship week by week with such a reliable team. Secondly, my thanks go to the sound and projector teams for the generous and conscientious technical support that they give us every week to enable worship to take place! Thirdly, it has been really enjoyable for our group to lead worship at St. Mary's recently and I hope that we will continue to have joint services there at key times in the year.

I want to say thank you as well to the congregation for the frequent verbal appreciation and encouragement that is given to music group. Affirmation is good for the soul (!) but it is also good to know that you are enjoying the worship, so please keep telling us what works for you or if you have a favourite hymn or song that we haven't sung in a while.

Our annual Carols by Candlelight was a highlight this year, with the usual mix of traditional Christmas favourites and rousing worship songs. It's always good to have proper rehearsals, with a much expanded music group and to work together for a special occasion. Thank you to all the people who provide the extra strength in numbers and enthusiasm for the occasion.

A number of musicians from Holy Trinity joined with a much bigger band to lead "Praise in the Park," in Hall Leys Park in July 2015. This event was a real success for Churches Together in Matlock and a good witness to local people and visitors.

Finally, we always welcome new members: don't hesitate to talk to Paul Hunter or myself, if you would like to sing or play an instrument in the music group.

Masson House

Masson House is a small residential care home in our parish. The Monday afternoon home group plus others have again taken services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. These seem to be much appreciated by the staff and residents and I'm sure we would be welcomed more often if we had more time and more volunteers.

Judy Crook

Men's Group

We usually meet on the first Friday of the month in the Greyhound in Cromford for food and a drink. An enjoyable time is guaranteed. All are warmly welcome, please let Paul Hunter have your email address or contact details if you are interested

Parochial Church Hall

There has been much discussion about this building during the last year. Two separate people have expressed an interest in buying the building (at very modest amounts), one group have expressed the desire to hire the facilities for their model club but I estimate their funds are also very modest. The building is in quite good state of repair but needs some restoration to satisfy the latest insurance requirements. The utilities have been stopped and some tidying up of the grounds with a locked front gate have been made. PCC are in the process of making a decision as to how to proceed with this building given our need for it has diminished.

Mike Pilling

Prayer Chain

Currently 29 members of the congregation plus 2 worship elsewhere are involved in this vital ministry. There have been 27 prayer requests from April 2015 to February 2016.

Thank you to all involved. The biggest thanks of all goes to our wonderful Lord for listening and answering our prayers in His timing and in His way.

God Bless from Penny, Margaret and Tom – Prayer Chain Co-ordinators

Prayer Time (before Sunday Services)

All are more than welcome to join us before the service begins on Sunday mornings, even if you can only spare 5 minutes. We meet upstairs, roughly between 10am and 10.30am. We always pray for the leaders, the preacher, Children's Church and Music Group; that the Holy Spirit will guide the ones who are leading and that we will be willing to listen. Please

Quiet days for reflection

Since our Epiphany Labyrinth event held at HTMB in Jan 2015, there have been several opportunities to set time aside to be reflective this last year.

It was very encouraging to welcome new people on that occasion who had never used a labyrinth before.

We had a Quiet Day in Lent 2015 and 2 led reflections during Holy Week (Tues and Weds) at both churches led by myself and one by Bernice.

As we approached Advent last November, another Quiet Day took place, moving down to St Marys, Cromford, focusing on the prophecies of Isaiah. We had a few outside visitors who were intrigued and had a good look round and got involved at some of the 6 stations which were interactive, as they viewed the church.

Numbers attending do vary, but generally there have been anywhere between 18-30. This is quite usual. We all draw nearer to God in different ways and this is just one route to help.

Again there will be led devotions during Holy Week this year, offering church members time out to reflect and prepare for the events leading up to and including our Easter celebrations.

Further to this, if anyone is interested in Quiet Days out of the Parish, Whirlow Spirituality Centre near Sheffield offers a varied programme which is well worth having a look at.

Pauline Key

Reader report to the APCM

Reader duties involve leading and preaching at services, taking funerals, pastoral care and leadership. Michael Wilderspin and Bernice Smith are Readers attached to Holy Trinity, Matlock Bath and St. Mary's, Cromford. David Green is also a Reader but is taking a rest at present whilst other administrative duties take precedence.

Additionally, Pauline Key, an NSM (Non Stipendiary Minister), is providing very valuable support to Nick Grayshon in many aspects of the life of the church. Richard Maltby is the leader of All-Age Worship (monthly) and Mike Pilling is also being used to lead services and preach occasionally.

Under Nick's leadership, meetings are held about every 3 months to discuss church issues, preaching rotas, service themes and pastoral concerns including those concerns of Readers themselves.

Have you ever considered that Readership could be your vocation? The training scheme in the Derby Diocese is very good and is open to all. When the next Interregnum comes we need to be as well prepared as in the last three. Please contact Nick or one of the Readers for further information.

Reader hopes for the coming year mirror what Christians everywhere pray for - that the Gospel of Christ would be preached, people's lives would be changed and individuals would 'grow' and that we all would play a part in extending God's Kingdom here on earth.

David Green

ReOrdering Report

The new kitchen and toilets have proved well worth doing and it's well time, in fact overdue, to move onto the next phase. At my instigation at a recent PCC we had a discussion along these lines:

- > Move data projector to back of church, with a confirmatory faculty obtained. Michael (Wilderspin) agreed to lead on this item. Consultation has already taken place with the data projector operators who are in favour of this. > >
- > Lights changed and lowered – advice would be needed on this and involving the DAC from the very beginning Michael (Wilderspin) to lead on this item and will consult with Mike (Pilling) as Church Warden.
- > Levelling floor in church, replacing pews with chairs and creating additional storage space. Some work has been done previously on this but will need someone to lead and will require a faculty.
- > Car Park – John (Ramage) is handling this. Peter Shaw to speak to him about a common specification. This work cannot be paid for from the reordering fund. >
- > Boiler replaced

I'm very keen for us to take this forward without delay, moving forward in unity on these items. It was agreed that the next steps were for PCC to take some time to think and pray about this matter and for the named people to begin their work. It was noted that the reordering fund should be made available and used for developing areas of the church as outlined above and not for Quinquennial repairs. I have already done a piece in the Notices on this.

Many years ago Holy Trinity Church prayed, agreed and gave generously towards reordering. The vision was to make the church building more available to the community. We have had varied groups use it, some regularly such as the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music and the Dale Divas, and occasional users such as Diocesan Groups and Social Services. Reordering further will take this vision further forward. We may even have some sort of Fresh Expression Church-e.g. Café style.

On arrival here as Vicar I asked the then PCC agreed that the reordering was and still is God's will, so the issue is not 'shall we' rather 'when and how.' Though we have experienced members of the congregation willing to lead on these five things it is the responsibility of us all and the congregation's help, input, prayer and giving is more than welcome. Please either speak or write to me, those named above or any PCC member with your

Youth on Sunday mornings

Our group of up to six young people meets in the upper room and enjoys study time together preceded by drinks and biscuits. The programme uses various sources to help us learn more about our faith, including DVDs and bible study. Recently we have been examining the parables taught by Jesus and exploring their meaning and application. The young people contribute thoughtfully and the discussions are always enjoyable. Your prayers for their protection and nurture are very valuable.

Tony Jones

Youth Work and Children's Activities Holy Trinity 2025/16

This has been an eventful year for the young people and children with Jon Cooper in post for part of the time. At the moment we have between 12 and 14 regular young people on Friday evenings. The programme has been varied with sessions by Birgit, Sue, Jon, and John O'Brien from Sheffield. During July a number of young people attended Soul Survivor in Staffordshire with Nick, Val and Jon and during September, John O'Brien led a great weekend of blessing with two nights in church and a youth service on the Sunday morning.

During the summer holidays Birgit and Jon Cooper ran Drop in sessions once a week for young people to call and in and have a chat together. This was really valued by several of them.

At the moment we need a few extra helpers on a rota basis, as commitments are changing for some of the leaders and a couple of young people have moved home to Chesterfield, so need a lift during the evening to attend. Our thanks go to Birgit for leading during the year, Milena for lovely refreshments and ideas, and Sue for support and planning and to any speakers from church.

Sue Crabb

Warden

I have been church warden for 4 years now, have enjoyed the technicalities of the position and have learned to be flexible in my approach to some of the more mundane tasks required. For a full list of those, please ask separately!!

This is an important 'posting' for Holy trinity Church and I thank those who can help me out when I cannot sometimes be in church on a Sunday morning to open up and make sure all is well. There is a position for a second church warden and I seek any interested person who wishes to help, to ask what the job entails. It isn't all toilets and communion wine! I would value another named person to help me and full training will be given in an easy to assimilate way.

Mike Pilling