

Annual Review, reports and meetings

Staff reporters

Finances

ALL SAINTS HERTFORD PCC

ACTUAL V BUDGET FOR 2014

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Giving net of tax	60,505	54,000
Income tax	18,064	16,000
St John's Hall	6,000	6,000
Donations	5,266	10,000
Soundbites	3,500	3,500
Baptisms weddings & funerals	11,082	9,000
Magazine	374	0
Interest	29	0
Dividends	655	650
Church hire	2,915	3,000
Events	7,096	6,000
	115,486	108,150
Expenditure		
Clergy expenses	3,091	3,250
Visiting priests	750	750
Choir/Flower Club	46	500
Service materials	1,691	1,500
Insurance	6,798	6,000
Heating	12,190	17,650
Cull interest/Heating Fund	-1,232	-3,882
Electricity and water	2,345	2,500
Organ tuning	840	750
Organists	9,830	10,000
Choir pay/music/robes	1,776	2,000
Administration	4,285	4,250
Copying	781	350
Diocesan contribution	63,297	63,297
Charitable giving (net of funds in)	1,000	0
Sundries	1,358	0
Transfer to Fabric Fund	5,000	0
Transfer to Organ Fund	1,500	0
	115,346	108,915
Net income	140	-765

Trustees Report (extracts)

Objects and policy

The objective and responsibility of All Saints Hertford PCC is to promote, in co-operation with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Jo

Loveridge, the whole mission of the Church of England in Hertford, including in particular:

- Seeking to have a steadily growing congregation;
- Reaching more widely into the local community; and
- Deepening our faith.

In common with the Church of England in general, we believe that our church exists for the benefit of all who wish to take advantage of what it can offer, both in spiritual terms and in all other respects. Those benefits are offered without restrictions or conditions, and although we always welcome contributions to our finances, such benefits are with few exceptions offered free of charge. We therefore seek to be outward-looking and inclusive in all that we do.

At the heart of our activities are the benefits offered by the pastoral mission of the Church, in which we are involved in our own local area. These benefits of course include spiritual support in the great landmark events of life, such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. However, they extend much more widely than this, and include support for the sick and elderly and others in special need, and the spiritual and social benefits of regular or occasional attendance at church services.

Grouped around this core activity of mission are numerous other activities which deliver public benefit in a variety of different ways. More details can be found in the next following section of this Report, but the range of such activities can be summarised as including in particular:

- Musical activities;
- Social activities; and
- Activities directed at particular groups, such as children and young families.

Review of 2014

We are pleased to report on a year of steady progress.

In these challenging economic times we were fortunate to increase our income by 8.5%.

Overall our reserves increased by £9,492 over the year, helped by the record warm weather, increased giving and successful events. We were also blessed by not having substantial repair bills this year. As a result we were able to maintain all our activities and our substantial church building, and at the same time make in full our charitable contribution to the Diocese of St. Albans, as well as supporting a variety of outside charitable organisations and causes. In this connection, we would mention particularly our funding of choir scholarships and teaching grants to encourage the development of the musical talents of young people.

As well as the regular activities of the church, our worship in 2014 included a Puppets at Epiphany service, a Diocesan service to mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women, an evening service at the war memorial, hosting a town-wide service at All Saints to mark the centenary of the commencement of the First World War, and a Remembrance service with Alan, Lord Bishop of St Albans and culminated in our Carol Services in December, which had an increased attendance, to a total of some 6,500 adults and children.

Our major festival of the year was a Posy Festival in July, which was an enjoyable opportunity for the congregation and others to dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones.

Our work with children and families continued, with an Easter Journey for 9 to 11 year-olds from four schools, and a Messy Good Friday. We held several services in conjunction with Abel Smith School, including Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival and their Carol Service. We delivered over 5,000 church Christmas cards and handed out over 1,000 fliers to promote our family activities. We also started a new Bible Study Group and a new Fellowship Group, and continued to support the Hertford Food Bank. It is especially pleasing to receive frequent feedback that we are regarded as a very friendly church.

Finally, special congratulations are due to the following:

- To our incumbent, the Rev. Jo Loveridge, on being appointed a Canon of St. Albans Cathedral;
- To our curate, the Rev. Ginni Dear, on her ordination to the priesthood; and

- To Hazel Ford, one of our choristers, on winning a choral scholarship to Robinson College, Cambridge, to read linguistics.

Copies of all reports are on our website at www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php

PCC Membership

Congratulations to the following elected to our PCC:

Andrew Povey-Richards, Edwin Godfrey, Wendell Newbold, Judy Oughton, Martin Penny, Renee Booker, Tony Weeden, Sandra Weeden, Marion Hassel, Rosemary Bolton, Kay Povey-Richards and Dorothy Toyn.

Other members include Colin & Janet Bird and Jonathan Bates, our Deanery Synod Representatives.

Thanks

Many were rightly applauded for all they do. Special mention must be made of Janet Bird as she reaches the end of her second term as Churchwarden, Ginni and, of course, Jo