

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2006

The full PCC met five times during the year with an average level of attendance of 76%. The parish groups (Pastoral, Education and Spirituality, Justice and Peace, Children's Liturgy, Finance, Social and Fundraising) met between Council meetings.

The Education and Spirituality group suggested that Fr Phil be asked to organise a Christian Basics course open to all members of the congregation. The sessions proved to be lively and thoughtful. A Parish Retreat was held at Park Place guided by the Revd Clive Ashley. Times of prayer and teaching and the opportunity to share worship with the Religious Community proved to be a restorative weekend. The Lent Reflections were well received by those who came. The Parish also re-launched the bible notes scheme and encouraged bible reading through a series of Advent talks/discussion evenings on Luke's gospel. Members of St Paul's congregation were invited to join us for these evenings. A re-working of the Jubilate Mass used on the second Sunday of the month was proposed.

In partnership with Fr James Theodosius and St Paul's Church, a Breakfast Taize service was set up in October. It takes place fortnightly, alternating between the two church halls. The simple Eucharist includes music from Taize and is followed by a cup of tea and a bacon roll. Average attendance is just over 30, half of whom are children.

Each Sunday information tables and notice boards are set up in the hall to keep the congregation up to date with events.

The Justice and Peace group continued to support and shape our charitable giving. Our charitable giving for 2006 totalled £ 2087.37 including:

Church Mission Society	£ 339.05
Children's Society	£ 713.74
St Joseph's (Night Shelter)	£ 789.16
Mission to Seafarers	£ 180.70
Church Urban Fund	£ 57.00

This group also organised a sale of charity Christmas cards and encouraged members of the congregation to send 'Amnesty International' greetings cards at Christmas as well as focusing thoughts on environmental issues.

The Pastoral group arranged a tea for the Thursday club (over 60's group) in August which was very successful. They also discussed ways in which greater pastoral support can be given both in church and the wider community.

The Children's Liturgy group continues to support our thriving ministry to children. A youth group called SWYFT (St Wilfrid's Youth Fellowship Team) was formed. SWYFT raised nearly £300 towards fitting out the newly refurbished parish room. The youth group are joining with St Paul's on their Friday night 'Energize' group for youth.

During the year there were several events which brought people together as a church family. The parish day out to Salisbury was much enjoyed. There was a young families' weekend at Knowles Tooth (a large Diocesan House available for hire) which was a great success. The parish shared with ten other churches in 'The Noise Project', an event based at both the Whyke Oval



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and Parklands Green which involved gardening and simple clearing jobs in houses in the parish followed by fun afternoons of sports and activities. The young people played a key role supporting this event.

Children's Liturgy Team and Crèche report 2006

We have had another good year, with the numbers of children increasing - although we have unfortunately lost some leaders due to their other commitments. The activities the children participate in are generally related to the lessons or Gospel for that Sunday - which can sometimes prove challenging for the leaders! - but we hope you enjoy seeing the results of their work.

We ran another very successful Good Friday Workshop which saw about 40 children joining us for various activities culminating in a short service led by Fr.Phil. The children enjoyed the Advent theme of Christmas Carols, and we hope you enjoyed seeing their work, which formed part of the decorations in Church for Christmas.

Many thanks go to Georgina for again working with the children - this time to create the drama which they performed at the Christingle Service, which was well received and enjoyed by all.

It is lovely to see the children joining with the Music Group, singing and playing their instruments. They are very talented and it makes a lovely addition to the services. Many thanks go to Maggie Weaver and Victoria Larley for all they do to help the children with this. If anyone is interested in joining us, either to help with the Liturgy Team or Crèche, please speak to any member of the team for further details. You will be most welcome.

Music Group

In the year ending December 2006, the music group has had a few changes in singers, but we now have about 10 regular members, and are hoping to increase in the New Year. The music we do at the moment is a little restricted by the amount of singers we have.

The music group now has 3 organists, two guitarists who take it in turns to play for the mass, a trumpet, and a flute. We try to provide a variety of interesting music for the Sunday Mass and for any extra services during the year, such as Midnight Mass, Ash Wednesday, Easter Vigil, Taize services, etc. We are also hoping to re-vamp the St Wilfrid's Special Hymn Book, to contain the hymns we use, but which are not in the hymn book. With the help of Victoria, children are still being involved musically in the Jubilate services, playing instruments during the Eucharist, and enhancing the worship: it is hoped this will continue and expand.



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Churches Together in Chichester

2006 started with the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, culminating in the United Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 20th January. After the successful Lent lectures came Good Friday and the open air drama in the City Centre showing Christ's final hours. Taking part were people from local Churches. This was followed by a 'filled to standing' cathedral service.

During the year CTIC were supporting the Fair Trade campaign, the Home Share experiment taking place in this area, New Frontiers, a joint project with Chichester Theatre involving young homeless people. Also in October was the sleep-out to raise money for Chichester Christian Care Association, in which 20 or so people from St Wilfrid's took part.



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