

# **All Saints' Parish Church Bramham**

## **Sunday 27th April 2003**

### **Agendas for the Two Annual Meetings**

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#### **The Annual Vestry Meeting**

- 1 Election of 2 Churchwardens for the ensuing year
  - 2 Notice of the Archdeacon's Visitation:  
Thursday 22nd May 2003, 7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church Bishopthorpe
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#### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chris Parkin's Report
- 5 Churchwardens' Report
- 6 Financial Report
- 7 Music Department's Report
- 8 Priest-in-Charge's Report
- 9 Election of Sidespeople
- 10 The Church Electoral Role
- 11 Election of PCC Members
- 12 Closing Prayer

# **All Saints' Parish Church Bramham**

## **APCM:- Sunday 27th April 2003**

### **Report of the Priest-in-Charge**

For much the most part, All Saints' Church in Bramham has continued steadily on its way since the last such meeting, Sunday 17th March 2002. Broadly speaking, the number of communicants has not dropped with numbers being remarkably consistent when the months are compared over a 12 month gap. But the lack of figures for a Sunday School and Family Services over the same period speak for themselves. This is a development we absolutely MUST address with great urgency this coming year. The Prophet Isaiah wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." For the one Sunday we had children from the village here I spent two days beforehand collaborating with Bramham School and visiting as many houses as I could on foot. At EVERY house I was known and made welcome. Every family visited BROUGHT one or two children who played a big part in the carefully prepared worship. The overwhelming response from our regular attenders was that this was a great success. So we need to build and I need some seriously committed help. I believe we can do this, I believe that this community has tremendous potential for this missing aspect of our Christian life and ministry.

Over the year, the Friday morning service has held its own with its very faithful followers. It is also a time of the week when much quietly done, but very diligently, cleaning, flower-arranging and tidying goes on, and I say thankyou to everyone who has helped with this. Thank you for all you do.

For myself, this last 12 months in our Cluster of parishes has continued to demonstrate how things are going to go in The Church of England. As I hope everyone continues to be aware, we continue as 7 parishes until early next month, when John Rendall is licensed to take over Tockwith and Bilton permanently (the 6th of May 2003). That means he has 10 parishes and Church buildings, but at least a Deacon is to start work with him, living in Tockwith Vicarage. I suspect strongly that we may see the forecast of less than 10 full-time Priests working this Deanery of 34 Churches come to be. 3 (or 4) of my colleagues may move on in the near future which will see 16 vacant parishes on our doorstep when that happens.

What's this all about? Is this the Holy Spirit at work in ways we cannot begin to understand? Do we believe it when we are reminded that God works in mysterious ways? I want to be part of the Church of God that is led by the Spirit of the same, not controlled and steered by the General Synod. Faith in Our Lord is about trust, putting our hand in His and walking forward through the impenetrable darkness, trusting Him completely. And we are in this together, the old days of each parish with its own Priest, each one being his own one-man-band have gone and never to return.

We are called to be God's people, proclaiming His Grace and goodness to those we meet. I like the few opportunities I get to celebrate the Holy Mysteries in our other Churches, NOT because I want to get away from you, but because there are many good other friends to see again, and share worship with. I rejoice that there is an increasing habit of worshippers visiting our other Churches, and that the Cluster Services are not only getting bigger, they are more representative. A special thank-you to the All Saints' members who are to be seen at our Cluster services. A new feature on the landscape is the Cluster Council, our common forum to share ideas and events, to see how we may better proclaim the Word and works of God. Fears that this body will take any decisions for us here are absolutely groundless - will remain so. At a recent PCC meeting it was suggested we could find a better word than, "Cluster." We're open to suggestion.

Thankyou for a good year, let us keep The Faith, with optimism grounded in love and the prayers of All God's Holy Saints, to take us forward into another year in our Christian pilgrimage. God bless you all and thank you. Fr Hugh.

# All Saints' Church Bramham

Minutes of the Annual General Meetings held on

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2002.**

Chaired by The Revd Hugh Lawrence – 24 Parishioners present

## The Annual Vestry Meeting

Mr. Stanley Menzies and Mrs. Anne Palmer were elected as Church Wardens to serve for the coming year. Proposed by Susan Jessop, seconded by Gillian Young. Unanimously carried.

## The Annual Parochial Meeting

### 1 Apologies for Absence - Mrs. Anne Palmer

### 2 Minutes of the last AGM

These had been circulated with the Agenda and were also read to the meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs. Kitchen that these minutes be adopted and were duly signed by Father Hugh.

### 3 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

### 4 Election of PCC

Eleven nominations had been received before the meeting. Proposed by Mrs. Hale, seconded by Mrs. Dew that the eleven nominees be accepted although ten was our stipulated number. The following members were duly elected: -

	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
<sup>023</sup> Warden ↙	Peggy Kitchen	D. Mullen	Stanley Menzies
✓	Gillian Young 1	P.Kitchen	Stanley Menzies
✓	<del>Susan Jessop</del>	P.Kitchen	Gillian Young
✓	Dolly Mullen 2	Gillian Young	Doreen Stang
	<del>Arthur Tindall</del>	Stanley Menzies	Dolly Mullen
	Michael Ingram 3	Gillian Young	Stanley Menzies
	Simon Noble 4	Stanley Menzies	Gillian Young
	<del>May Booth</del>	P.Kitchen	Gillian Young
	Doreen Stang 5	A. Tindall	P. Noble
	Jim Mullen 6	D. Mullen	I. C.Dew
	Mavis Wilson 7	P.Kitchen	Gillian Young

Mr. Beaumont 8

Mrs. - Carson 9

Mrs. Jane Gilm 10

~~Mr. Gilm 11~~

## 5 Proposed New Election Rules

Father Hugh described to the meeting his proposed change in the election rules. If this was agreed at this meeting, it would be discussed at the first meeting of the new PCC. It would mean a third of the Council would resign each year, i.e. 3 members, which means we would only need to elect three new members each year. Father Hugh explained that if the new system was adopted it would mean one-third of the Council (i.e. 3 members) stepping down each year for one year. Father Hugh said this was a very good system, as it meant that only three new people had to be elected each year. Also it would hopefully mean more people would come forward for nomination as the period of commitment was only 3 years and not a life sentence.

Questions were asked how this would affect the Church Officers — It was explained that the Church Wardens, were ex-officio, and this also would also apply to the Treasurer and Secretary who did not need to be elected members of the PCC.

The PCC would decide which 3 people each year should step down. If vacancies occurred during the year, this could be solved in three ways i.e. carry on with fewer members, co-opt from the congregation or have a quick election.

Mr. Menzies said he would be in favour if the following words were added to the proposition " *one third to step down in normal circumstances*" Proposed by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs. Hale that this procedure be adopted. The new PCC to discuss this further at their next meeting. The proposition was passed unanimously.

## 5 Financial Report

Mr. Ingram presented the balance sheet, audited by Mrs. Watson, resulting in the following balances.

<u>General Account</u>	
Receipts	£20,802
Expenditure	£21,392
Excess Payments over Receipts	£590

For the information of the congregation Mr. Ingram issued a short separate balance sheet showing the Central Heating Account.

Cost of new Heating System	£30,330.00
Single Donation	20,000.00
From Efforts	666.20
From Project Fund	3,000.00
From Restoration Fund	960.00
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<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>£5,703.80</b>

It was proposed by Mrs. Kitchen and seconded by Mrs. Noble that these accounts be adopted. A formal vote of thanks to be recorded for the work Mr. Ingram had done, and also to Mrs. Watson for auditing the accounts. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Watson.

## 7 Electoral Roll

Mr. Tindall reported that only 38 completed forms had so far been received. He would continue to add to this number and the completed Roll would be presented to the PCC before May 2002. Formal thanks were passed to Mr. Tindall.

## 3 Election of Sidespeople

Our present sidespeople were all willing to stand again, and it was proposed by Mr. Menzies and seconded by Mr. Noble that they be elected on block for another year. These were:- Mrs. S. Palmer, Mrs. D. Elms, Mr. & Mrs. Mullen, Miss Booth, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Ingram and Mrs. Dawson.

## 9 Wardens Report

Main topic of the Wardens' report was the heating system, which was now fully operational. Mr. Menzies thanked everyone who had contributed especially the one very large single donation. He also expressed thanks to everyone who had helped to clean the church ready for a wedding in the middle of the installation and for the Christmas Services. He also thanked the army of people who had thoroughly spring-cleaned the Church during a three day period after completion of the installation.

The Church silver, which was at present in the safe at Bramham Park, is to be moved to York Minster. The silver will be on view at York Minster several times a year and this would enable everyone to see it at York. The silver could also be brought back to Bramham three times a year for special functions if we so wished.

We now have a **Church Watch**, covering all churches in the District. Mr. Menzies is to be contacted by the Police and warned of any break-ins in the area.. All valuable equipment is to be marked and put on a police register.

All key holders were asked to contact Mr. Menzies, as the alarm number is to be changed at the end of this month, and then periodically.

The necessary Faculty for the proposed Ashes Garth has now been received, and the work should be commencing shortly. We are very grateful for the donations received from Mr. Ken Nussey and Mrs. L. Hale, to pay for this, in memory of their loved ones This is something, which has been requested by so many people for so many years, and it will prove to be a peaceful area where loved ones can be remembered. Proposed by Mr. Ingram and seconded by Mrs Mainprice that Mr.Menzies's report be received with our grateful thanks.

## **10 Vicar's Report**

Father Hugh referred to the phrase "Helping one another and so fulfilling the law of Christ" , a phrase of Scripture he used last year. Over the year that has passed there has been much burden-bearing, for which we should be very grateful. People have conscientiously, quietly and diligently worked very hard for the Church. He reminded us that "the Church" is people, not buildings.

He was very careful about thanking any individuals, as it is a well-known C of E minefield, but it is right to mention those who have worked the hardest and had the most to do. He thanked the Wardens, Anne and Stanley for their loyalty and commitment, also Gill the PCC Secretary and Mike the PCC Treasurer for the onerous tasks they perform.

During the year Olive Warrington had resigned as caretaker and from the PCC. We miss her but it is good to know that she is now happily settled into the Church at Tadcaster.

A children's service once a month in Clifford is now working very well. Although it has taken two years to get to the stage it is today. Father Hugh is hoping to run the same sort of service here at Bramham, but stressed that its success would not happen overnight, and would take some time to come to fruition. He would need a fair amount of Lay help to get this service off the ground. He was taking assemblies at Bramham School fortnightly, and results of this well appear in years to come.

He has been asked for a synopsis of the PCC minutes to appear in the Church Magazine. This is something, which has been thought about and discussed at PCC. Although the idea in principal is good, it is just another job for someone to undertake. The PCC is to consider the option of providing a copy of the Minutes at the back of Church so that everyone who is interested has the opportunity to read them. (More about this subject in Any other Business).

We were now using the new service of Common Worship at the 9.30 service on Sunday and Friday morning. This is to adhere to the Archbishops' Council ordered change from December 2000. Actually we are a year late in complying but we have now "caught up" (More about this in Any other Business). The 1662 Book of Common Prayer was being used at the 8.00 am services.

As regards the way the Church is going, Father Hugh is a firm believer that at the end of the day, God is in charge - not him, and that we believe that God works through the power of the Holy Spirit and that there is no suggestion that this modus operandi is in any way altered, and we only get a chance to finding out by prayer.

## 11 Previously notified business

- a) Ashes Garth - A plaque could be put up in the proposed Ashes Garth to commemorate loved ones whose ashes were elsewhere in the Churchyard. The plaque must be in York Stone and be one foot square.
- b) The new Common Worship book was brought up by Mr. Machin, who said consultation with the congregation should have taken place six or seven years ago, he was concerned that the congregation had not been allowed proper discussion about this.
- c) Church Music. Mr. Machin said he was concerned that although we now have a very good organist, the hymn tunes we are having are very often not known. He suggested that in the absence of a choir, perhaps a congregation "practice" could be held to get to know new tunes. Father Hugh said our hymnbook was out of date and he would like to see a new modern one introduced, which would be helpful when we started the Children's Service. Mr. Tindall said he had given our organist Simon Noble a list of the hymns and tunes that we were familiar with. Mr. Tindall was not in agreement with changing to a new hymnbook.
- d) Wardens. Mr. Tindall also asked why the system of having "**Vicar's**" Warden and a "**People's**" Warden is not now in use. Father Hugh asked for this subject to be brought up again, in view of lack of time.
- e) A Young People Service (described above in the Vicar's report) was discussed. This would be a very informal service, where 'everything went' and the children would take a very active part. It was essential that a new modern hymnbook be used. Mr. Ingram wondered if 9.30 is too early for young people, Father Hugh said that there was no reason why the young people's service once a month could be at 11.30. Mr. Menzies said the congregation would have to be consulted about any change in service times. It was important that we get this right and Mr. Menzies offered his help to get this new proposed service up and running.
- f) Church Magazine - Mr. Machin had brought up the matter of reports of the PCC meetings being printed in the Church Magazine. (Some of this subject had been covered in the Priest's report above,). The idea of combining Bramham and Clifford magazines was discussed. Mr. Machin was personally opposed to this and he wondered if the Parish Council would still contribute towards the cost of producing the magazine if it was combined with Clifford. This matter would be discussed again at PCC level.

The meeting closed with THE GRACE.

**THE CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FOR ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH BRAMHAM**  
**April 2002 — April 2003.**

Stanley Menzies and Anne Palmer were elected to serve as Churchwardens for the year at the Annual Vestry Meeting. The PCC met 6 times during the year.

A Memorial Stone was placed in the Lady Chapel in July In Memory of Father Derek Shaw The Vicar of Bramham for 35 years (1965 - 2000). We were delighted to welcome the Shaw family the day the Stone was dedicated

Extra Administrants of the Chalice were appointed Mrs Anne Palmer, Mr Keith Hewitt and Mrs Doreen Stang

Mrs Gillian Young took over the Parish Magazine in May 2002; the format was changed in September 2002. We are extremely grateful to Gillian for producing a first class Parish Magazine, she has spent many hours perfecting the magazine and we are all delighted with the results. St Luke's Church news is now included in the magazine and about 20 copies are always available for parishioners at St Luke's.

The Ashes Garth was prepared by Mr Neil Hale, Mr Ken Nussey financed the project and the Ashes Garth was consecrated on 12<sup>th</sup> November, it was very appropriate that the first Burial of Ashes was for Pamela June Nussey and Ernest Hale. Our sincere thanks to Mr Nussey and Mr Neil Hale for making this possible. At last we have a beautiful and suitable area for the burial of ashes in our Churchyard. Mr Hale has also checked and made safe many of the tombstones.

In October a temporary Sound System was installed, there had been complaints that the Priest/Readers etc., could not be heard. If children are taking part in the service they can now be heard, when the Priest is at the altar everyone can hear quite clearly, providing the money can be found the PCC will go ahead and install a suitable system. The Loop System was damaged when the new heating was installed this will be corrected at the same time.

The Family Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month is gradually taking shape and we hope that parishioners will encourage the younger children to attend Church for this Service. We are getting support from Bramham School. Our particular thanks to Stanley Menzies and Simon Noble.

Stanley Menzies, one of our Churchwardens, was ordained into the Church of England as a Deacon in December, we were delighted that the Service was held in Bramham Church and conducted by the Bishop of Selby. Stanley then had to resign, as Churchwarden and we were fortunate when Keith Hewitt volunteered to be the Churchwarden for the remainder of the year.

A Readers Rota was formed in the new year of 2003, we now have 8 people taking it in turns to read at the 9.30 am service.

Vandals and badly behaved children have been a real nuisance in the Churchyard. The vestry window was broken, now repaired and a grill fixed to the outside. During the summer months children will insist on playing around the Lych Gate, smoking, scribbling graffiti and being abusive to passers by, the Police are aware of this problem. The gates have been removed until we can be sure the children will not damage the woodwork. We have placed a note in the Parish Magazine warning Parents of the danger of playing in the Churchyard and hope that they will see that their children are under proper control.

Additional lighting has been installed in the Chancel and in the porch.

The new central heating boiler is now working well, there were teething problems for some months and the Heating Engineers have had several problems to tackle, and cure. We are all enjoying the really warm welcome as we walk into Church on cold winter mornings!



The Boiler House Door has been repaired, repainted and declared safe. The Boiler has made a huge difference to the Church and gradually the building is drying out, the Organ benefits from a constant temperature, although during this initial stage a few things have had to be adjusted, we hope that next year the drying out process will be completed.

The next major financial drain on our limited funds will be the Disabled access into Church. We have to provide reasonable access for the disabled, we hope to find the necessary funds during the forthcoming year and with the Architects agreement we will proceed with the work.

A small sub-committee has written to all parishioners who previously donated money through the Covenant Scheme. Gift Aid has replaced Covenants and the initial response has been good.

There are structural problems with the Bells; therefore the Ringing Team have had to abandon ringing in Bramham for the time being. The enormous costs for repair are being considered.

The Clock has been wound every week by Mr David Machin and more recently by Mr Paul Topping, we are so grateful to them for keeping this lovely clock in order. At the moment Fr Hugh is making enquiries into an electrical winding mechanism. The Flag Pole is not in use at the moment, the ladder needs to be secured firmly to the wall before it is considered safe to use the flagpole again. Our thanks to Paul Topping for attending to this on our behalf.

Miss May Booth died in March 2002; May had been a member of the PCC for many many years and a devoted member of the congregation here in Bramham. In July we learnt that May had left money in her Will to purchase a seat in the Churchyard and a substantial contribution towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

We have 2 representatives on the Cluster Council, there have been misunderstandings within the Parish about the role of this Group, and clarification has been given to the PCC.

The Church Plate will be deposited in York in the very near future.

The Relatives of the Kendall Family will shortly present a Remembrance Book; we think that this will be placed in the Lady Chapel.

The Churchwardens would like to thank all those who have served on the PCC throughout the year and particularly express our thanks to Mrs Gillian Young our extremely efficient secretary, Mr Simon Noble, Mr Arthur Tindall — all retire this year under the 3 year rule, and to Mr James Mullen who will also retire from the Council this year. They have all been hard working, faithful members of the PCC.

### **THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE FOR ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH BRAMHAM**

The PCC are so grateful to this hard working group of people who continually raise funds for the Church.

This year the events have included a  
Flower Festival to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee  
The Market Stall in Wetherby  
A Garden Party at the home of Mrs Dew  
The Christmas Bazaar

The amount of money raised will appear in the Financial Statement.

Parish Church of All Saint's, Bramham  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2002

General Fund Receipts & Payments Account	<u>2002</u>		<u>2001</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving Envelopes	389		423	
Covenants & Gift Aid	6684		8411	
Collections and other giving	6423		3758	
Income Tax recovered	<u>2399</u>		<u>2430</u>	
		15895		15022
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Efforts	2590		1609	
Donations	3017		36	
Collections designated for Charities	<u>85</u>		<u>348</u>	
		5692		1993
Income from investments				
Bank Interest		3		17
Income from charitable and ancilliary trading				
Magazine advertisers & donations	1961		1163	
Fees for Weddings, Funerals & Gravestones	<u>1215</u>		<u>1457</u>	
		3176		2620
Donation from Poor Fund		0		1000
Transfers from Sundry Funds				
Altar Fund	60		10	
Thackwray Trust	51		51	
Restoration Fund	79		79	
Open Door Fund	<u>1530</u>		<u>10</u>	
		1720		150
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>26486</b>		<b>20802</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Diocesan Quota	14288		12806	
Deanery Quota	60		47	
Parish Expenses	2983		2545	
Organist	1467		781	
Altar	755		0	
Caretaker	520		272	
Heat Light & Water	499		516	
Repairs & Renewals	941		1194	
Insurance	1785		1741	
Printing the Magazine	1092		1056	
Sundries, postage & stationery	492		87	
Charitable Donations	<u>187</u>	25069	<u>348</u>	
Transfer to Project Fund		<u>250</u>		
		25319		21393
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<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>1167</b>		<b>-590</b>
General Fund at 1st January 2001		2668		3258
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General Fund at 31st December 2001		<u>3835</u>		<u>2668</u>
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<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>				
Bank Account	3835		2603	
Cash	0	3835	<u>65</u>	2668

SUNDRY FUNDS RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st December 2002

	Restoration Fund	Mayman Trust	Altar Fund	Open Door	Thackwray Trust	Project Account
Balance at 1/1/2002	5858	10846	274	1792	245	24060
RECEIPTS						
Investment Income	79	1772	10		51	
Bank Interest			0			
Building Soc. Interest	4	74		3	2	22
Waived Fee			20			
Coffee mornings, Stalls & Efforts						1500
Transfer from General Account						250
Donations & Collections				870		
	5941	12692	304	2665	298	25832

PAYMENTS						
Transfer to General Fund	79		60	1530	51	
Renovating Church Heating	5000	797				24170
Churchyard upkeep		360				
Prizes and expenses				125		
	5079	1157	60	1655	51	24170
Balance at 31/12/2002	862	11535	244	1010	247	1662

INVESTMENT OF SUNDRY FUND BALANCES

Bank Deposits			44			
Building Society A/Cs	56	11535		1010	247	1662
£295 Funding Stock 1999/2004 (M.V. £295 )			200			
£1021 Treasury Stock 2012/2015 (M.V.£1292)	806					
	862	11535	244	1010	247	1662

Parish Church of All Saint's, Bramham  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2002

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2002

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS	
General	Restor- ation	Mayman	Altar	Open	T'wray	Project	2002	2001
Fund	Fund	Trust	Fund	Door	Trust	Fund		
<b>Monetary assets</b>								
Cash								
Bank A/c's	3835		44				3879	2677
B Society A/c's		56	11535	1010	247	1662	14510	41995
3835	56	11535	44	1010	247	1662	18389	44737
<b>Investments</b>								
1837 Charifund Units		16935					16935	20014
10067 Charibond Shares		13191					13191	12870
The above valuations supplied by the Diocese of York								
2041 2 1/2Y° Consols					1122		1122	1000
295 Funding Stock			295				295	286
1021 Treasury Stock	1292						1292	1223
The above valuations taken from the Financial Press on 8/02/03								
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>41661</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>1369</b>	<b>51224</b>	<b>80130</b>
<b>Liabilities Heating</b>								
Al Press	129						129	
Hire of Hall	168						168	
Clock Main	129						129	
Ropes	250						250	
Booth Bench	500						500	
Disabled Access	1000						1000	
Various								868
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2176</b>						<b>2176</b>	<b>30038</b>

- 1 General Fund                      The funds in this account are unrestricted
- 2 Restoration Fund                The funds in the account are designated to be used for the upkeep of the Church
- 3 Mayman Trust                      This is an Endowment Trust; the income is unrestricted
- 4 Altar Fund                         The funds in this account are restricted to be used to buy Communion Supplies
- 5 Open Door                         The funds in this account are unrestricted
- 6 Thackwray Trust                 Part of this fund is an Endowment Trust. The income from the Trust and the funds added are restricted to be used for the upkeep of the Churchyard
- 7 Project Account                 The funds in this account are restricted for use on special projects

I have prepared these Accounts and the Statement of Assets & Liabilities from the books and records produced to me and I have received all the explanations I have required.

RUTH A. WATSON  
Chartered Accountant (retired)

Chris Parkin writes...

It is quite strange to think that it is now over 9 months since I was made a Deacon, and plans are now well under way for the priesting of Stanley Menzies and myself, to be held in St Mary's, Boston Spa, on July 12th.

Even though I had quite an established ministry within the cluster prior to my training for ordained ministry, there has been a great deal to learn since my return and I am extremely lucky to have Fr. Peter as my supervisor. He has managed to keep me in line and has certainly challenged my thinking and practice.

In many ways the form of ministry that I have is new to the parishes in that curates before me have all been stipendiary, working full-time for the church, whereas the main focus of my ministry is within the workplace; this being the same for many Readers. At times, however, it has felt that people don't seem to realise the dual aspect of my ministry and seem to assume that my ministry is in the cluster parishes when that is I am not at work.

Within the workplace a great deal has been happening over the past year. I have been desperate to get Social Services to address the issue of the poor resources we have, it seems that they have heard what I have been shouting about or got fed up of having to listen to me bleating on because in the coming months a major refurbishment programme is to be undertaken, which although will be wonderful once completed will cause us a great deal of added pressure. Once the work is completed I hope to set up a service for adults with learning disabilities who also have dementia. So the year ahead is full of additional challenges and opportunities.

In the parishes, I have also been kept very busy, although time here is limited. I have begun to take such additional services such as Baptisms and Funerals and I am soon to be allowed to get involved with Weddings.

I have to admit that although the time has gone quite quickly I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months in this new role and would like to thank everyone for their continued support, encouragement and patience.

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Parkin