

The Parish of Wellow

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday 25th March 2007 10.45am Reports for 2006/7 and Minutes of 2006 Vestry and APCM Meeting

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

2. Accounts

In the Treasurer's absence Jonathan Wyld, Church Warden, explained the accounts and there being no questions it was proposed by Simon Veysey that we accept the accounts and seconded by Charles Kerr. They were accepted unanimously.

3. Reports

The reports had been circulated previously in a booklet. No questions were asked.

4. Elections for one representative to Deanery Synod

Tim Bray is standing down as Deanery Synod representative and Matthew said he was grateful to Tim for all that he has done as our synod rep. Janet Drew has been proposed by Libby Kerr and seconded by Charles Kerr as our new representative. Matthew then prayed for Janet in her new role.

5. Elections for six representatives to the PCC

Matthew explained that all PCC members have to stand for election due to a change in the rules of membership. The rules state that PCC members should be re-elected every three years and there should be a rotation of one third of the elected PCC members annually. Also, Rupert Dewey had stood down and so created a gap. Matthew expressed his thanks to Rupert for his work on the PCC.

For a 1 Year term serving until 2007

PROPOSED MEMBER	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Clover Holland	Richard Holland	Colin Tremellen
Simon Veysey	Jo Vening	Jonathan Wyld

For a 2 Year term serving until 2008

Jenny Matthews	Richard Holland	Charles Kerr
Charles Kerr	Jenny Matthews	Mary Anderson

For a 3 Year term serving until 2009

Pauline Preddy	Jonathan Wyld	Colin Tremellen
Colin Tremellin	Jonathan Wyld	Charles Kerr

Matthew then explained the role of PCC members. All members of the PCC were thanked and prayed for.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Sunday, 25 March 2007

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

This year we have a new Electoral Roll. Total number on Electoral Roll in is 34

Jo Vening - Electoral Roll Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There have been five meetings of the PCC during 2006. The main topics of discussion have been fabric (including the refurbishment of the vestry and pews), alterations to service times and outreach

Jo Vening - PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT

In last years report you may remember that I said it would be good to look to back at the plans and objectives that we set at the APCM in 2006 and to see what we have achieved in the last year. Our Objectives for 2006/7 were as follows:

Objectives for 2006/7

- i. To grow the number of regular attendees at our Sunday Morning Worship from 25-30 to 30-35.
- ii. To bed down our newly adopted Sunday Service pattern.
 - From Sunday May7th 2006 to bring our service start time forward by 15 minutes from 11am to 10.45am.
 - Continue to develop our repertoire of modern songs and worship styles
 - Continue to offer coffee at the end of each service
 - Continue to encourage church members to: lead, pray and read lessons.
- iii. To maintain and develop activities started in 2005:
 - Coffee 'n' Stickies
 - Sermon Series with visiting speakers
 - Monthly All Age Worship Service where the pupils of St Julian's Primary School take an active part.

- Wednesday School Assembly in Church
 - Weekly Prayer Meetings
 - Monthly Communion Service at Manor Close
- iv. To encourage families to worship more regularly
- v. To significantly improve our worship environment by
- Improving the seating comfort of the medieval pews.
 - Providing toilet facilities
 - Providing kitchen facilities
- vi. To encourage regular tax efficient giving
- Budget Sunday June 18th 2006
- vii. To continue to make a special effort to encourage members of the Parish to come to:
- Mothering Sunday Service
 - Easter Services
 - Christmas Services
 - Harvest Service
 - Remembrance Sunday

So what have we achieved with God's blessing:

1. To grow the number of regular attendees at our Sunday Morning Worship from 25-30 to 30-35.

2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Objective
23	33	35	37

2 To bed down our newly adopted Sunday Service pattern.

Our new All Age Worship services continue to have an informal, contemporary feel to them whilst still containing elements of the familiar. These services contain a variety of liturgy and thus every Sunday service has been different.

Holy Communion has been held once a month on the third Sunday and this too has had a more informal, contemporary feel but has continued to contain elements of the familiar.

2.1 From Sunday May 7th 2006 to bring our service start time forward by 15 minutes from 11am to 10.45am.

2.2 Continue to develop our repertoire of modern songs and worship styles

We have continued to sing traditional hymns but have over the last twelve months we have introduced a number of more modern songs. The organ has continued to lead and support sung worship but, thanks to the installation of the sound system, we have also experimented with recorded

to PCC's or other interested groups.

In February Rev David Osborne of the Environment Team came to High Littleton to give a talk on how to be an ecochurch.

Dates for up coming Meetings:

Tuesday 8th May 2007 – Wellow – Eucharist , New expressions of church
 Wednesday 12th September 2007 – Camerton – Shared supper , Rev Stephen Lynas

Thursday 29th November 2007 – Kilmersdon – Race and diversity

Nigel Vening - Deanery Synod Representative

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING HELD IN St JULIAN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, 19 MARCH 2006 AT 11.00 AM

Present: 17 members of the Electoral Roll and Revd Matthew Street

1. Appointment of Jo Vening as Clerk to both Vestry Meeting and APCM

Jo Vening was appointed to be Clerk of these meetings. Matthew thanked Jo for all her work over the last year and prayed for her.

2. Minutes of The Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2006 were approved and signed.

3. Election of Church Wardens

Jonathan Wyld was proposed by Nigel Vening and seconded by Colin Tremellen, Richard Holland was proposed by Colin Tremellen and seconded by Nigel Vening. Matthew then gave a summary of the role of a church warden explaining that they are the 'vicar's critical friends'. He then led prayers for the two new church wardens and expressed his thanks to Jonathan and Richard for all that they had done during the last year.

4. Date of Next Meeting: Sunday, 25 March 2007

Matthew Street then declared the meeting closed.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN ST JULIAN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, 19 MARCH 2006

Matthew Street explained that the reason for having an annual meeting was to sign off the accounts and to look back on the last year and to look forward to the next.

occur.

We are very grateful to Narp and Sue Nandi for the kind gift of providing and laying a new carpet for the floor of the bellringing chamber. This has enhanced our comfort no end. Also to Geoff Pike for recently arranging for the supply of three new ash stays one of which is to replace a breakage that occurred during a practice night. These things happen and are an occasional consequence of a well-used peal of bells.

Our thanks go to Jill Tremellen for her general duties as secretary and for negotiating and arranging the Bellringing Tour in August 2006. We are also grateful to Clover Holland for carrying the mantle of treasurer and keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Our current membership comprises:-

Richard Holland (Tower Master)	Colin Tremellen
Jill Tremellen (Secretary)	Geoff Pike
Clover Holland (Treasurer)	Stewart Cole
Sue Nandi	Tim Wheeler
Narp Nandi	Vince Curtis
Pam Pike	

Practice Night: Wednesday 7.45pm to 9.00pm - New members always welcome. Sunday Ringing: 10.15am to 10.45am.

Richard Holland - Tower Master

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

In the summer we attempted to appoint the new schools worker. This was as it turned out, was a very hard job. At the interview we failed to appoint. The position was re-advertised and in the autumn a suitable candidate (Gill Bushall) was appointed to start in the New Year.

During the year we have had a rich diversity of speakers. At the September meeting was Mary Dowrick the Diocesan President of the Mothers Union. Mary gave a very informative talk some of the high-lights are listed below The MU was founded by Mary Sumner at Old Arlesford in 1876, she was concerned for social change especially as women and children were being exploited. MU is not just for mothers, members include all ages, both male and female, clergy and lay (including Archbishops of York and Canterbury) Current activities have included: Drop the Debt campaign – petition to Buckingham Palace. The MU, which has now become the largest Christian women’s organisation with 3.5 million members in 77 countries including a branch in Baghdad with over 400 members this year.

In November Jenny Humphries of World Mission gave a very good presentation. She is willing to come out to parishes to give her presentation

music supporting our worship. Our thanks go to our three organists: David Cox who regularly covers the 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays, Ian Cannock who regularly covers the 2nd Sunday and to Pauline Preddy who now regularly covers the 3rd Sunday.

2.3 Continue to offer coffee at the end of each service

Coffee has continued to be provided at the end of each service by a loyal band of helpers on the coffee rota and this has given members of the church family every opportunity to get to know each other, our thanks to you all for all you have done. Our new regular welcoming teams have made visitors to the church feel welcome and I certainly enjoy arriving each Sunday to be welcomed by a cheery face and a service sheet. Thank you welcome team for all you do each Sunday.

2.4 Continue to encourage church members to: lead, pray and read lessons.

It has been a delight to see members of the congregation actively taking part in the new services by leading prayers and giving the readings. It is has been encouraging to see both Richard Holland and Colin Tremellen leading services as well.

3 To maintain and develop activities started in 2005:

3.1 Coffee ‘n’ Stickies

Coffee ‘n’ Stickies was started in September 2005 to enjoy ‘sticky’ cakes and coffee and to discuss ‘sticky’ problems from the previous week’s sermon. This group has recently been meeting alternately at the home of Pauline Preddy in Wellow and Jennifer Cole in Peasedown St John on a Monday night from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Numbers can fluctuate from 3-10 but those who have attended have enjoyed the chance to get to know members of the benefice family better in the hour’s worth of coffee time and to wrestle with Sunday’s sticky problems! Why not come and join us one evening!

3.2 Sermon Series with visiting speakers

During the last twelve months our talk series have included:

Sep 2005 – Apr 2006: ‘Searching Issues’

May 2006 – Dec 2006: ‘Be Daring and Dynamic’ – 24 studies in Acts

Jan 2007 – Aug 2007: ‘Prayers that make a difference’

A new brochure outlining each new talk series has been produced. Each brochure has outlined not only details of the talk series but also the timing and content of the services, prayer and giving at St Julian’s along with who are the members of the PCC, and a map outlining where we are. A copy of each new brochure has been delivered to every home in Wellow. It has been a delight to invite a number of different speakers to share in our Sunday

worship. May I personally thank: Grace Turner, Ray Lockhart, Peter Blair, Jennifer Cole, Peter Foy, Matt Wheeldon, Viv Quick, Richard Meryon, Rosalind Meryon, Dick Beath, Nathan Hartley, Jo Vening and Carl Beech for preparing and sharing God's word with us.

3.3 Monthly All Age Worship Service where the pupils of St Julian's Primary School take an active part.

Our Monthly All Age Worship Service where the pupils of St Julian's Primary School take an active part occurs on the first Sunday of the month. The All Age Worship committee: Clover Holland, Yvonne Small, Clare Chapman, Charles Kerr and Sue East, Head Teacher of St Julian's Primary School, meet monthly with me to plan and review the All Age Worship Services in which a good number of the members of St Julian's Primary School take part. During the last twelve months four of these services have included at least one Baptism. The link with St Julian's Primary School has been strengthened and this service has proved to be most popular with attendance levels in excess of 50 every month.

3.4 Wednesday School Assembly in Church

Links with the Primary School over the last twelve months have continued to blossom. At the Wednesday School assembly the following series have been looked at:

Spring 2006 – 'Love is...'

Summer 2006 – 'Sayings and stories of Jesus'

Winter 2006 – 'Trust and Obedience'

Spring 2007 – 'Drama and Game'

From September 2005 the weekly assembly has been held in St Julians Church and I am extremely grateful to Pauline Preddy who has come along and played the organ each week. A number of mothers and fathers now attend the assembly regularly and it is a delight to be able to welcome them.

3.5 Weekly Prayer Meetings

It has been a pleasure to come and pray regularly each Tuesday with a small number of people. God has certainly answered our prayers over the last twelve months in some very special ways.

3.6 Monthly Communion Service at Manor Close

Every month, on the first Wednesday, at 10.00am, I have taken communion for up to 4 residents of Manor Close. It has been a real pleasure to get to know these folk better as we share coffee with each other after the service. My thanks go to Pauline Preddy who has kindly come and played at each service and to Jacky the warden who arranged for the services to happen.

Further to the report made last year the Church has applied to two grant bodies for grant funding to assist with altering our medieval pews to make them more comfortable. It is anticipated that the result of those grant applications will be received in early Summer 2007.

Jonathan Wyld - Church Warden

TOWER MASTER/KEEPER'S REPORT

It is with great sorrow that we have to report the death of our dear friend and fellow bellringer, Revd Brian Sutton. Brian died unexpectedly at the end of September last year from a massive brain haemorrhage. He was waiting for admission to the Bath Rheumatic Hospital for observations on an illness that had developed over the previous six weeks. Our heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Bridget. Brian was very much instrumental in the re-formation and training of a band of ringers at St. Julian's to ring in the new millennium of 2000. His quiet, gentle and skilled teaching brought out the best in everyone and put ringers new and old at their ease. His wonderful personality was appreciated not only in the bell chamber but also wherever he went and this was acknowledged by the tremendous turn out at his funeral. Truly a great man whose Christian faith emanated in the most supportive and loving way. Brian is really missed.

On a happier note we are delighted to welcome three new ringers to our Tower over the last few months. They are Narp Nandi, husband of fellow ringer Sue, Tim Wheeler and Vince Curtis. All three are making steady progress and have attended a recent Branch training day on Bell handling and control. It is wonderful to have their dedicated company to join our merry band and augment our numbers. Stewart Cole continues to make good progress and I am sure it won't be long before he will be ringing with us for Sunday services as well as faithfully attending practice nights.

Our Bellringing Tour of 2006, on Saturday 12th August took us to the wilds of Wiltshire. We rang at churches in West Lavington, Chirton, Marden and Seend with varying degrees of success and broke the day with a wonderful lunch at The Mill Stream Restaurant at Marden. It is always a challenge ringing in different towers as no two bells ever handle the same but the experience is definitely worthwhile. The weather on the day was kind to us and the spirit of adventure and camaraderie is a great joy; even if the fear of the new bells shows on our faces as we gird ourselves for the challenge.

We are grateful to the PCC this year for arranging and installing the emergency lighting system within the tower staircase and bellchamber. This is a much needed safety measure that has been on the cards for a while. Fortunately the system has not had to be used in emergency but it is reassuring to have a safe means of exit should any sort of electrical failure

St. Julian's Wellow - Expenditure analysis 2007

Expenditure	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Budget 2007
Parish Share	6136	6136	7300
Vicar's Expenses	1000	920	920
Heating etc.	950	952	1000
Insurance	2400	2503	2630
Organ maintenance	150	141	145
Major repair	3500	2200	1500
Minor repairs	2000	42	100
Children's work	0	100	100
Organist	970	930	990
Admin	1125	1824	1250
Outreach	2640	2516	2850
	<u>20871</u>	<u>18264</u>	<u>18785</u>
Upkeep of services	500	891	
Portable Toilet			1275
Newsletter	250	308	350
Quinquennial Reserve	200		200
Safety Electrics	2000		
Sundry expenses		1333	500
	<u>23821</u>	<u>20796</u>	<u>21110</u>
Note: Potential Expenditure from Capital			
Alan Hardiman fees for North Field			500
Allocation for Pews			5000
Vestry Refurbishment			17000

GOODS & ORNAMENTS

During the year there were no disposals or losses of goods and ornaments. The following new donations were made to the Church:-

30 Gideons Bibles generously donated by the Gideon Society. These are now distributed in the pews.

A new white hot water urn of a more practical weight and size than the one we were previously using.

FABRIC & GENERAL REPAIRS

During the year the following works were carried out:-

A decorative corbel in the Hungerford Chapel fell down and was most professionally repaired and made good through the efforts of three parishioners Grierson Gower, Les Lazell and Brian Messer whose time was donated free.

A new emergency lighting system was installed in the tower.

A full inspection of all the electrics in the church was carried out and reported on by Lloyd Blackmore.

A single toilet was arranged on permanent hire and is now located outside and just to the East of the Vestry.

4. To encourage families to worship more regularly

Children are now welcome at every Sunday service. On other than the 1st Sundays activities have been provided for the children in the service by a responsible adult, thus giving parents an opportunity to come to church and worship without the constant pressure of supervising their own children. This facility has been largely ignored this year and we have failed to encourage the families who attend on the first Sunday to come on the other Sundays in the month.

5 To significantly improve our worship environment by

Over the last twelve months in close consultation with Alan Hardiman (Church Architect) the PCC has been looking at ways:

- Of improving the seating comfort of the medieval pews.
- Of providing toilet facilities
- Of providing kitchen facilities

We are all greatly indebted to the Fabric Committee who have worked hard this year on these various projects.

5.1 Improving the seating comfort of the medieval pews.

Over the last twelve months two potential sources of funding have been identified via English Heritage. Jonathan Wyld has spent a considerable amount of time pursuing these funding sources with the result that two formal applications have now been made. The results of these will not be known until June 2007 at the earliest. Thank you Jonathan for all your hard work!

5.2 Providing toilet and kitchen facilities

A great deal of work and effort has gone into potentially citing new toilet and kitchen facilities at the west end of the church. After much deliberation it has been decided to look at ways of adding these facilities outside the current footprint of the church.

6 To encourage regular tax efficient giving

Budget Sunday was held on June 18th 2006. A number of people made a response to the call to review their giving, with a few setting up a monthly standing order thereby allowing the PCC to budget more effectively. My thanks go to Clover Holland our treasurer and to Colin Tremellen who have quietly kept us ticking financially this year.

7 To make a special effort to encourage members of the Parish to come to:

- Mothering Sunday Service
- Easter Services

- Christmas Services
- Harvest Service
- Remembrance Sunday

Each of our special services in the last twelve months has been well attended and it was good to see members of the Parish joining us at these significant times. The highlight for me was the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve where we were bulging at the seams with 210 people and had two delightful donkeys join us for the service!

8 Other Things

8.1 Outreach and Giving

In May 2005 the PCC agreed to give away 10% of all the money it received in the form of a tithe and to set up an Outreach and Giving Committee under the leadership of Colin Tremellen. This group has been tasked with recommending where our giving should be placed and with setting up a link project with another parish in the developing world. Members of this committee are: John Rose, Martyn Smith, Colin and Jill Tremellen, Sue East, Julia Wyld and Erica Smith. After much consideration and work coupled with a site visit made by Erica Smith the Outreach and Giving Committee are working on developing a link with Mondo a small village five miles outside Kondo in Tanzania. We look forward to more developments in the next twelve months but can I thank every member of this committee for their hard work and dedication over the last twelve months.

8.2 Cameo Orchestra

On Saturday 24th June it was fantastic to see a good number of people attend the concert by The Cameo Orchestra in St. Julian's which raised £550 for church funds. Our grateful thanks go to Richard Holland for organising the event and to Joyce Mannings for organising the food.

8.3 Harvest 'Bring n Share' Barbecue

This was held on Sunday 1st October following the Harvest Service. Although the weather was far from perfect a good number of Wellow residents supported this event. Our thanks go to Pauline Preddy for organisation to Jonathan and Julia Wyld for organising liquid refreshments and to Simon and Claire for loan of their field and for support with the 'barby' and gazebo.

8.4 Flowers and Cleaning

Jill Tremellen and her loyal band of cleaners have made sure that the church looks spick and span each week. We are indebted to you all as we are to those individuals who decorate the church with flowers each week. Janet Drew and

about £1000 more than we had estimated. This was largely as a result of higher interest rates and receiving a higher tax rebate on Gift Aid than anticipated. Gift Aided donations continue to make a valuable contribution towards a satisfactory financial position. The expenditure for 2006 was less than anticipated. We spent less on major repairs and more on admin than we had budgeted. This increase was largely as a result of increased activity in growing the Peasedown congregation.

Our Parish Share was significantly higher this year than last (11.5%) and this continues to be the major expenditure we make annually. The Parish Share is due to rise considerably in the coming years to reflect increased numbers in our congregation. You should be aware that Peasedown and Wellow together still do not entirely fund the cost of our priest through this payment and if we wish to be assured of the continuing presence of a priest in the parish we should prepare to increase our giving.

Clover Holland - Treasurer

St. Julian's Wellow - Income analysis 2007

Income	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Anticipated 2007
Wallbox	200	184	200
Horton F Trust	1000	1013	1050
Newsletter	250	295	350
Collections	5550	5770	6000
Covenants	11250	10420	11650
CAF	900	1100	500
Tax Rebate	3800	4269	3650
	<u>22950</u>	<u>23051</u>	<u>23400</u>
Wedding/funeral Fees	500	813	2900
Fundraising(Net)		796	500
Sound System	1500		
Sundry donations	500	1068	
Sundry rebates			
Bank Interest		196	200
Deposit Accounts	1000	1034	1500
Restoration Fund		632	
	<u>26450</u>	<u>27590</u>	<u>28500</u>

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- Improving the facilities in the vestry for children's work to take place during the service
- Providing toilet facilities

6 To encourage regular tax efficient giving

- Budget Sunday June 10th 2007

7 To model giving as a church family by giving away 10% of everything we receive.

- To support a potential church link with Mondo in Tanzania

8 To continue to make a special effort to encourage members of the Parish to come to:

- Mothering Sunday Service
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Our total income for 2006 was £27590 and total expenditure £20796 thereby producing a surplus of £6794. It is as a result of our healthy finances this year that the PCC have earmarked from the General Fund £5000 towards work on the pews and £17000 towards Vestry refurbishment. Following the PCC's decision to use 10% of our annual unrestricted income on charitable giving we were able to make disbursements totalling £2516, towards the Gideon's Society, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, TEAR Fund, The Children's Society, Julian House, Dorothy House and partly funded an exploratory trip to Kondo.

Despite a reduction in fund raising and promised giving our income was

Julia Wyld have co-ordinated the flower rota over the last year, our sincere thanks go to you both for all you have done.

8.5 Parish Magazine

The Parish Magazine continues to be a key organ of communication within the village and the Church is delighted to be part of that. My thanks go to Jill Tremellen, Jo Vening as well as the distributors and contributors without whom the magazine would not happen.

8.6 St Julian's Website (www.wellowparish.info)

The Church Website has been improved and added to in the last year. On it can be found:

- Church forms and information
- Parish News
- Sermon Notes
- Service times and details

My thanks to Richard Holland for keeping the website fresh and alive!

8.7 Weekly Notice Sheet

The new weekly notice sheet started in May 2006. This provides:

- Details of forthcoming services
- Details of Events and Meetings
- Details of activities in the Ten Lamps Group

8.8 Gideon Bibles

It was a pleasure to welcome John Knowles from the Gideon Society to St Julian's on Sunday 19th November 2006. John came to present St Julian's with 30 new NIV Gideon Pew Bibles and to tell us about what the Gideon Society does. It was also a delight to be able to give £400 towards the work of the Gideons from money raised at the Sunday service and through a special collection.

8.9 Ten Lamps Alpha Course

This was successfully held at the Peasedown Cricket Club for ten weeks starting on September 25th 2006 and finishing on December 11th 2006. Dick and Cherry Beath successfully headed up this ministry and were ably assisted by Charles and Jane Auld, Peter and Sharon Blair, plus John and Anne Fox. 15 guests primarily from Peasedown, Wellow and Timsbury attended a thoroughly enjoyable course. Further courses will be run in 2007.

8.10 Service of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child and Baptisms

In the last twelve months I have made 21 one hour baptism visits. 13 of the parents consulted chose to have a Service of Thanksgiving, introduced by the

Church of England as part of Common Worship in 2000. The other eight chose Baptisms, six of which occurred at St Julian's two at St John's PSJ. Those parents who opted for a thanksgiving service did so because it gave them the opportunity:

- To have their special service at a time that suits them.
- To tailor make their special service with their choice of hymns and readings.
- To participate in their special service with a set of words that are more meaningful for them.

These visits, which have mainly been to the new part of Peasedown St John have enabled me to get to know a number of families living in this part of our united benefice and I have enjoyed working with these individual families to make these services a special time for them and their newly born children. I would especially like to thank David Cox who has been so supportive in playing the organ for these extra 13 services over the last twelve months.

8.11 Weddings

We have had two weddings this last twelve months at St Julian's and one at St John's PSJ. A large number of the church family attended the wedding of Emma Veysey and Andrew Shaw. It was a great pleasure to have Paul Langham, Vicar of Holy Trinity Combe Down to officiate at this wedding. What a spectacular day was had by all!

8.12 Ten Lamps Group

The four Anglican and two Methodist clergy with responsibilities for the Ten Lamp Group villages meet every Tuesday from 9-10.30am to pray and plan. I have found these regular Tuesday meetings most helpful. The third Sunday 6pm group services have also proved to be most popular with between 60-80 people regularly attending. If you have not attended one of these services could I encourage you do so. I have been involved in three 'pulpit swaps' in the last twelve months and have enjoyed leading and preaching at each of the Ten Lamp Group churches.

8.13 Bath Guildhall Alpha

We, along with a large number of other churches in the Bath area, of all denominations, have been supporting this joint effort to reach out to those who do not yet know Christ. I have been invited to give three talks on the Lent, Summer and Autumn Alpha initiatives and have been helping to co-ordinate this programme as a member of the steering committee.

8.14 St John's, Peasedown St John

As much as I have enjoyed serving St Julian's over the last twelve months I have also enjoyed serving St John's. In May 2006 a new Sunday service pattern was launched at St John's PSJ by Andy Piggott, the Archdeacon of Bath which has resulted in a significant growth of St John's church family from average Sunday attendance of 40 (8 at 8am and 32 at 9.30am) to average Sunday attendance of 90 (30 at 9am and 60 at 3.30pm). 30 people joined St John's church family in April 2006 on mission from Holy Trinity Combe Down for a year and over the last twelve months St John's has seen 30 new people join the overall church family. The influx of these new people coupled with the work and energy of the mission team have secured for St John's a solid foundation for future growth in 2007/8.

Other key changes at St John's have included the introduction of:

- Men and Women's Breakfasts
- Children's Holiday Club
- Alternative Halloween Party
- Alpha
- 'The Homecoming'
- Peasedown Opportunity Project
- Coffee 'n' Stickies
- Weekly Prayer and Praise Meetings
- Pastoral visiting by members of the church family
- Links with Peasedown St John Primary School
- Sermon Series with visiting speakers
- Weekly Notice Sheet
- Monthly Home Communion at Idwal Close
- St John's Theatre Club

Objectives 2007/8

As this report demonstrates we have achieved a great deal over the last twelve months. So what about 2007/8? My dream is that as a church family we will long to be more and more filled with the Spirit and moved and melted under the Word of God and to see revival start in Wellow. To do this we will constantly need to recognise and accept our weaknesses and to really engage with God and ask him to come in power. Let us as a church family be outwardly focused at all times. Prayer will be our major focus over the next twelve months as we seek God's supernatural assistance.

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2 To maintain our newly adopted Sunday Service pattern.

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