

The Parish and Team Ministry of Littleham cum Exmouth
(Part of the Mission Community of Littleham cum Exmouth with
Lympstone)



**The Churches of Holy Trinity, Exmouth and St Margaret and St Andrew,
Littleham**

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The
‘BUNDLE’
for
the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Wednesday 16th March 2011
7pm
Littleham Leisure Centre

Agenda
Minutes of the 2010 meetings
Electoral Roll Statement
Reports of the organisations etc.

THE PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH

NOTICE

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2011
at 7.00pm in Littleham Leisure Centre,
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS: AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 10th March 2010
4. Election of Wardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th March 2010
2. Submission of the revised Electoral Roll
3. The Report on the proceedings of the PCC year to 31st December 2010.
4. The Examined accounts for the year end 31st December 2010.
5. The report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church
6. The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
7. Elections & Appointments –
 - a) 5 Deanery Synod Members
 - b) Election of PCC members (1 person representing Littleham
& 3 persons representing Holy Trinity)
 - c) Appointment of Sidespersons (for each of the parish churches)
 - d) Appointment of the Independent Examiner
8. The Team Vicar's Annual Report
9. Reception of the report of the Full Measure and Pastoral Link Project
10. Reception of reports from Church based organisations and groups
11. Any other permitted business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Agenda Item 1

PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 10TH MARCH 2010
held in Trinity Hall, Holy Trinity Church at 7.00pm

A THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1 **The Rector, the Rev'd Prebendary Ian C Morter** welcomed everyone to this meeting and asked the Team Vicar, **The Rev'd Bill MacKenzie to open the meeting with prayers**, which began with a reading from Hebrews 12.

2 **77 people signed the attendance sheet and Apologies were received from 24.** Attendance sheets are filed with this document.

3 **The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 4th March 2009**, having been circulated in the 'bundle' were proposed by Robert Knowling and seconded by June Parkinson. This was agreed by all and the Rector signed the document as a correct record.

4 **Election of Wardens for the Parish:** Those standing would hold the post for the next 12 months. Four nominations were received – Mrs J Jelfs and Mrs M Watson from Littleham; Mrs R Price and P Stock from Holy Trinity. There being no further nominations the aforementioned were duly returned as Wardens for the Parish. The Rector thanked these persons for accepting this duty. This finalised the first part of the meeting.

Signed.....

Date.....

B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1 **The Minutes of the APCM held on 4th March 2009**, having been circulated, were proposed from the Chair. All agreed that these were a correct record. The Rector signed the documents and thanked Mrs D Wright for her work in preparing these.

2 **Submission of the revised Electoral Roll:** Copies of this had been available in both churches for inspection prior to this meeting. A printed statement from Neville Wright was shown on page 5 of the 'bundle'. This showed a **total of 365 entries** being made up of **194 attending Holy Trinity** and **169 attending Littleham** with 2 with no preference. This showed an increase of 22 over last year, being the highest over the past 6 years during which N Wright had been Electoral Roll Officer. There were no questions. Thanks were offered to N Wright for his continuing work in this area.

3 **The Report on the proceedings of the PCC for the year April 2009-March 2010** prepared by the PCC Secretary. This was shown on page 5/6 of the 'bundle'. There were no questions. The Rector thanked Mrs D Wright for her work, also thanking Miss J Parkinson, who had taken this duty on at least one occasion.

4 **The Examined Accounts for the year-end to 31st December 2009:** These had been extensively studied at the Open Financial Meeting in January when there was the opportunity to ask any questions of the **Treasurer, R Soutter**. A Summary appears on page 6 of the 'bundle' also as a separate document with full details which was previously available. R Soutter began by pointing out that the figure of £1,009, item 2 of the total income, should read £10,009. The final loss for the year being £1,685. As we all knew investments had proved disappointing and this caused a spiral in that less interest meant more call upon capital, which then created even lesser amounts of interest. It was proposed by J Burlefinger and seconded by C Jago that the Accounts for the year to 31st Dec. 2009 be accepted. All agreed.

5 The Budget for the coming year “is challenging to say the least” began the Treasurer at this point of the meeting. The amounts we give the Diocese are rising rapidly in 2010 and will continue to do so in 2011. A figure of the first £8.25 per person’s giving goes straight to the Diocese towards the Common Fund and it is thought by some in the Deanery that this is unsustainable. We face a deficit of £20,000, but R Soutter concluded by saying that with faith in the Lord we shall balance the books. There was spontaneous applause. There were no questions. The Rector thanked R Soutter for his hard work on these documents, and also for the many hours, which must be put in for the day to day running of the finances of the parish. Again applause broke out.

5 The Report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church: These two reports are on page 7 of the ‘bundle’. There were no questions. The Rector thanked the Churchwardens for their stewardship of the buildings and the fact that constant attention has to be kept on the care and supervision, making sure the churches are fit for purpose and act as a mission factor in many ways for those who visit.

6 The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod: Page 7. There were no questions and the Rector said that Martin Follett the new Diocesan Registrar was very entertaining to listen to. He thanked Mrs D Cosslett for this report.

7 Elections and Appointments

a Parochial Church Council: Four persons were to be elected, two to represent each church for a period of three years.

For Littleham: Mrs Margaret Elms and Mrs Christine Seward had been proposed and seconded.

For Holy Trinity: Mrs Pat Eastwood and Mrs Molly Giles had been proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations the aforesaid were duly elected. The Rector thanked them for being prepared to offer the parish this service.

b Sidespersons: The Churchwardens had proposed the list of persons prepared to help in this duty, page 8 of the bundle, in addition the following names were verbally added to Holy Trinity list - Miss E Alvis, J Burlefinger, J Hobourn, Mrs D Lewis, Mr M Lewis, Ms B Richardson, Miss A Tunwell. The meeting agreed these nominations.

Lists of names nominated by the Churchwardens as under:

Miss E Alvis	Mrs L Bartlett	Mr J Burlefinger
Mrs S Carrahar	Mr R Cosslett	Mrs G Crane
Mrs K Davison	Mr E Diggines	Mrs J Diggines
Mr P Dixon	Mrs P Evans	Mrs M Giles
Miss V Haywood	Mr J Hobourn	Mrs J Jowitt
Mr R Knowling	Miss V Lambirth	Mrs D Lewis
Mr M Lewis	Mrs C Luce	Mrs J McGee
Miss B Midgley	Mrs P Newcombe	Mrs J Parkin
Miss J Parkinson	Mrs F Perryman	Ms B Richardson
Mr R Simmonds	Miss A Tunwell	

Mr J. Barker	Mrs J. Barker	Mr J. Elms
Mrs F Hughes	Mr C. Jago	Mrs J. Mitchell
Mr G. Roberts	Mr C. Stubbings	Mrs S. Stubbings
Mr G Taylor	Mr R. Ward	Mrs Y. Wardrop
Mr R. Watson	Mr J. Zweers	

c Appointment of Independent Examiners: The Treasurer, R Soutter, stated that he commended Bick Accountants Ltd., who had been doing this for us for the past few years and with whom we worked very competently, getting value for our

money. They were prepared to continue in this capacity. Bick Accountants Ltd., were proposed by R Bishop and seconded by Mrs Y Wardrop. The meeting agreed.

8 The Team Vicar's Annual Report: The Rev'd Bill MacKenzie began by saying that the Kingdom is like yeast working its way through dough, and we can see how God is at work amongst us. Hostile environments cannot halt the plan and purpose of God. He highlighted events that took place over the year, including new initiatives and help with the work in the Leisure Centre Lounge, which is now used for events of the church. Great things can happen when a group of committed people get together. Faithful members of Littleham congregation who have died were remembered – and we must press on (Philippians 3: 14) Fr Bill expressed thanks for all that has been done and looked forward with confidence to amazing days ahead.

(Full script is filed with this document)

9 The Team Rector's Report: The Rev'd Prebendary Ian Morter advised those present that as the Report had been published in the bundle, this would be a more personal account of the year. He expressed encouragement to those many people who were actively building up the Kingdom of God in our parish and Mission Community. With the retirement of John Clapham from Lympstone and himself becoming Priest in Charge there, we became a Mission Community, three parish churches, working alongside one another, each to grow in our faith. Georgina Vye became our Assistant Curate, living in the Rectory at Lympstone, and has taken part in running courses. He touched on the development of the Youth and Family work, under Nigel Candelent, and Fr. Bill, who is due to retire next spring, and said that under the Deanery Pastoral plan, he will not be replaced, which gave cause for concern, but he was sure that under God's providence and guidance the work in our Mission Community will continue to be blessed. Fr Ian thanked many people; those who supported the White Cross Mission Community, prior to the Rev'd Karen Spray's appointment as Priest in Charge, and all who give so generously of their time and gifts to God's Kingdom in this parish (Full script is filed with this document)

10 Reception of the Full Measure Report: page 9, The Rector stated that this was our response of thankfulness for all God's gifts to us all. Thanks were offered to Mrs Molly Giles and Mrs Janet Francis, supported by Graham Giles, for the continuing work in this Pastoral Link Project. The report was offered for acceptance. All agreed.

11 Reception of reports from Church based organisations and groups: pages 9 – 31. The Rector stated that these reports showed the different facets of our parish life and the immense amount of activity that went on behind the scenes. It reflects the life of mission and ministry successfully supported by all who work in these groups and we must thank all those who take the lead. He hoped that everyone would accept the reports in these pages. All agreed, there were no questions about the complete report

12 Any other permitted business:

A new Logo had been created for the Mission Community and it was hoped to use this on sweatshirts, etc once people had had a chance to see and approve it. This was put on view.

Mrs P Martin asked to place on record our thanks to the Team Vicar, Bill MacKenzie and the Team Rector, Ian Morter for the amount of time devoted to the pastoral care we have received through these changing times. The meeting showed its appreciation through applause.

The Rector announced the close of the meeting, having taken 41 minutes – and the Grace was shared by all.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Agenda Item 2:

Parish of Littleham cum Exmouth

Electoral Roll 2011

Statement to be presented to

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Wednesday 16th March 2011

The statutory procedures for the preparation of the new electoral roll have been completed, and copies of the draft new roll displayed in both churches for the statutory period of 15 days.

The new roll is made up as follows:-

Total No. of entries - **369**

Made up of **202** with Holy Trinity as their main church attended.

165 with Littleham as their main church attended.

2 with no preference.

This compares with last year:-

Total No. of entries - **365**

Made up of **194** - Holy Trinity,

169 – Littleham.

2 with no preference.

This concludes my official report, but I would add that it is good to see that the number has once again increased, this is the highest total I have had to report since I took over 9 years ago.



Neville Wright (Electoral Roll Officer)

Agenda Item 3:

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2010

The attendance at meetings for 2010 was 75% - quite a way short from previous years. The PCC met on 6 occasions and its sub committees met separately to discuss their relevant business and reports were distributed to members for discussion/queries at the next PCC. The Red Folder at Littleham and Blue Folder at Holy Trinity contain copies for your information.

In line with general awareness, the Diocese sent in a paper to discuss “Shrinking the Footprint”, urging parishes to consider ways of reducing waste in all areas. The types and times of Evening Services in the Mission Community came under scrutiny, and a replacement for Administrator was successfully completed in September. Fr Ian’s leaving meant extra pressure for Churchwardens and – inevitably – the PCC, when Special PCC meetings were called with Lympstone’s PCC to agree the Parish Profile and the advertising for the Team Rector (designate) .

Each year there are retirements of members who have completed their three year term, and as you see, topics under discussion at PCC meetings are varied. If you have concerns then contact someone on the PCC who can bring them to our notice, we may not be able to move mountains, but we try!

Denise Wright: PCC Secretary

Agenda Item 4:

THE EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010

Full details of the Financial Statements are given in a separate document: these 'highlights' do NOT form part of the statutory documents.

Our total income to the General Fund for the year was:

This was made up as follows:

1. Voluntary Income: pledges, collections, donations, tax recovered, legacies
2. Activities for generating funds: donations for car parking, use of buildings etc. by outside bodies
3. Church Activities: fees, fund raising at church functions, use of buildings by Christian Organisations
4. Income from Investments

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
214655	197551
174578	160113
10296	10137
24904	21505
4877	5796
214655	197551

Our total expenditure from the General Fund was:

This was made up as follows:

1. Church activities: grants to missions etc, ministry costs, church running expenses etc
2. Generation of voluntary income costs
3. Fund raising costs: cost of items for resale, cost of catering functions for outside organisations etc.
4. Charitable Activities: cost of church functions, coffee bar costs etc.
5. Governance Costs: Audit fees, administrator's salary etc.

212431	202002
195889	185444
353	145
1737	1473
3284	3131
11168	11809
212431	202002

Our surplus for the year was then, £2224, plus a 'paper' gain in the value of our investments. They went up in value by £2483. This means that the final surplus was £4707. This is a nothing short of a miracle: we had been faced with a projected deficit

of £20,000! We received legacies of £13,000, and in addition giving increased yet again. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Work undertaken and funded from the Fabric Fund, included almost £60,000 spent on the windows at Holy Trinity. We are so very grateful to the Church Institute Trust for their grant of £25,000 towards this expenditure.

A generous private anonymous donor paid the entire cost of re-shingling the roof of the Lychgate at the entrance to Littleham Church.

We gave away a total of **£19755**, which was 10% of our income to the General Fund in 2009.

Here is the complete list of the various Funds at the end of the year:

1. General Fund
2. Churchyard
3. Fabric Fund
4. Flower Guilds: Holy Trinity
5. Flower Guilds: Littleham
6. Holy Trinity 0-5 Group
7. Legacy Trusts
8. Littleham Bell Fund
9. Youth and Family Worker
10. Youth Groups – Chill and HT

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
49237	44530
2561	42623
19904	44736
4286	3206
172	198
968	1130
52942	49669
77	3
93804	113587
432	755
224383	300437

The **Budget** for next year is again 'challenging' to say the least. We face a further rise in the amount we give to the Diocese – to a total of over £126,000, and as a result we face a deficit of £16,500. The PCC once more accepts that challenge, and believes that with God's help, we shall balance our books.

Agenda Item 5:

REPORT ON ORNAMENTS, GOODS AND FABRIC OF THE CHURCHES

a) St Margaret and St Andrew's, Littleham

The fabric of the church has needed little attention this year but several small items have been attended to as required. A seat has been put in the doorway of the chapel outside and is gratefully used each Sunday - thanks go to Mike Russell for this. The lighting has been checked and bulbs etc replaced as necessary. An improvement to the disabled toilet has been the welcome addition of a baby-changing shelf for our young mothers - thanks to Alan Jones for this. There has been much discussion about a new carpet for the church, a suitable one has not yet been found but the search is ongoing. The new sink in the Vestry is an improvement and very useful.

Joy Jelfs and Micky Watson

b) Holy Trinity

Having embarked on restoration of the clerestory windows on the north side of the chancel, these were finished at the end of March and the scaffolding removed.

After the end of May the outside scaffolding was taken away, together with the block and tackle. Then our roofer was called in to repair the broken slates!!

A new screen on a hinge which is stored alongside the organ loft makes life much easier for the Morning Praise services and in the Hall another makes life easier for those setting up for Film Nights.

Comparatively few acquisitions this year: but arrivals and departures have featured largely. Georgina Vye left in May, June Parkinson in August, Ian in September and Denise in ? (Well she has left officially) and Kathy has taken charge of the Parish Office since September and life continues.

Ruth Price and Paul Stock.

Agenda Item 6:

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

Being on Deanery Synod is being a member of a big family of church in our part of Devon. New faces, new friends, old friends and knowing that encouraging young people, supporting our church members, and balancing the budget are common points for us all, all under the umbrella of prayer.

Way back in April of 2010, we met in St Andrew's Church Exton – an interesting experience for many of us for starters! There, the Reverend James Hutchings, the Diocesan Mission Advisor, spoke to us about 'Giving for Life'. His presentation highlighted the need for regular preaching and teaching about sacrificial giving.

In July, at East Budleigh, our Archdeacon, Penny Driver explained 'Common Tenure' to us – the new way that clergy are to be 'employed' from the beginning of 2011.

'Statements of Particulars (in other words, a Job Description), stipend, pensions, holidays, sickness benefits, and perhaps most important, the maximum hours to be worked each week, are all now covered.

Then in November, we heard all about our links with Roman Catholics in France – vacancies for folk to attend conferences – but you do really need to be a fluent French speaker! We were also encouraged to support the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – particularly by purchasing their hand made Palm Crosses

At the end of 2010 there were many, many vacancies in our Archdeaconery for Priests – including, of course, this Mission Community. Please pray for people to come and lead us in our love for Christ.

May we be encouraged by the amazing work ongoing in our Deanery and Archdeaconery amongst youth. Countless events and activities – ask Nigel!

Thanks to Paul, the Director of Music at HT, we can look forward to another Deanery Music Festival in May 2011.

It is the end of the 'triennium' for your members of Deanery Synod who currently are: Diana Cosslett, Pauline Martin, Bob Soutter, Joy Whipps and Mike Woodcraft. However, unlike PCC members and Churchwardens, we don't have to have a fallow year! So at the Annual Meeting – that's the time to re-elect us, or throw us out!

Diana Cosslett

Agenda Item 7:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a) AYLESBEARE DEANERY SYNOD

- i) To represent St Margaret & St Andrew's: two vacancies for a three-year term.
- ii) To represent Holy Trinity: two vacancies for a three-year term.
- iii) To represent either Church: one vacancy for a three-year term.

b) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

- i) To represent St Margaret & St Andrew's: one vacancy for a three-year term.
- ii) To represent Holy Trinity: three vacancies for a three-year term.

c) SIDESPERSONS

i) St Margaret and St Andrew's:

The following have been nominated by Micky Watson and Joy Jelfs:

Mr. J. Barker	Mrs. J. Barker	Mr. J. Elms
Mrs F. Hughes	Mr. C. Jago	Mrs. J. Mitchell
Mr. G. Roberts	Mr. C. Stubbings	Mrs. S. Stubbings
Mr. G. Taylor	Mr. R. Ward	Mrs. Y. Wardrop
Mr. R. Watson	Mr. J. Zweers	

ii) Holy Trinity

The following have been nominated by Paul Stock and Ruth Price:

Miss E Alvis	Mrs L Bartlett	Mr J Burlefinger
Mrs S Carrahar	Mr R Cosslett	Mrs G Crane
Mrs K Davison	Mr E Diggines	Mrs J Diggines
Mr P Dixon	Mrs P Evans	Miss V Haywood
Mr J Hobourn	Mrs J Jowitt	Mr R Knowling
Miss V Lambirth	Mrs D Lewis	Mr M Lewis
Mrs C Luce	Mrs J McGee	Miss B Midgley
Mrs J Parkin	Miss J Parkinson	Mrs F Perryman
Mrs B Richardson	Mr R Simmonds	Mrs A Tunwell

d) APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Bick Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants, of 18a Littleham Road Exmouth have been proposed by Mrs Ruth Price and seconded by Mr Robert Soutter. They are the existing Examiners and have agreed to continue if re-elected.

Agenda Item 9:

REPORT ON THE FULL MEASURE AND PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

The pattern of the Full Measure Project continued as in previous years with four Linkletters distributed throughout the past year. We have once again increased the number of people who are contacted in this way, at the last count it was 373 with 50 'visitors'.

Thanksgiving Sunday surprised us again with a considerable increase in the amount of regular money pledged and we do thank everyone prepared to commit themselves financially because of their faith and love for our Lord.

Our pastoral care is even more important now as we pass through these months without a Rector and then, in May, without a Team Vicar. We need to ensure that our care for each other is even more diligent and Janet Francis and I find that we are increasingly being informed of any worries that occur and are pleased to help when we can either directly or indirectly. The visitors, supported by their Team Leaders, are such a vital link in the whole scheme and their value to the Parish cannot be underestimated.

Graham and I have enjoyed and very much appreciated the work and support of Janet since 2003. We could not have managed without her especially at the Littleham end of the Parish. She now wishes to lighten her Pastoral Link work but I am sure she will continue to be a marvellous contact for all of us. She would like to add some comments of her own at the end of this report.

We now are delighted to welcome Margaret Philpott who knows many of us and has already a good knowledge and understanding of the administration of the scheme so I am sure the Full Measure/Pastoral Link Project will continue to be a most important part of our church life as well as a considerable support to any incoming clergy.

Molly Giles

We have had another happy year at Littleham with visitors "passing through" and some staying!

Thanksgiving Sunday was a very lovely occasion with the majority of the fellowship staying for lunch and chat in the church. I am very grateful to Margaret Philpott for offering to help alongside me at Littleham with a view to taking over at some point. John and Margaret will be doing a Chaplaincy in Kiev for 2 months- March and April and I would like to wish them God's blessing for their ministry there and for Margaret as she takes up Pastoral Link work at Littleham sometime after their return.

I would like to put on record how much I have valued Graham and Molly's help and guidance since taking on Pastoral Link in 2003. They have been so supportive. It must be said too at this point how much Bill and Maggie have supported me along with all the Pastoral Link Visitors whose work I much appreciate.

We would all like to thank Bill and Maggie and wish them the Lord's protection and much joy in their retirement.

Janet Francis

Agenda Item 10:

RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS ETC.

NB: As last year, all items relating to Children and Young People are grouped together at the END of this section, under 'Youth and Family Work'.

a) BOOK CHAT

The new style "Book Chat" started at Littleham Leisure Centre last October. We usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm.

The first meeting looked at books written in or about Victorian times and books ranged from Dickens to Grandma's Cookery Book. In November we chatted about books from or about Africa, which included books about Nelson Mandela and David Livingstone, a selection of novels, and a poignant poem written by an African boy. The December meeting was advertised as Christmas books and members read a selection of poems and articles about Christmas and enjoyed mince pies as well as the usual coffee and biscuits. In January we discussed life at the time when Jane Austen wrote her novels. Most of those present voted for life in 2010 rather than 1810.

Topics planned for the next three months are books about Australia, Spring and Britain Today. Most members bring a book related to the topic and we take it in turns telling the group about our book. Others prefer to sit back and listen and perhaps borrow a book that has been recommended. As our title suggests this leads to a general chat about life in far away places or distant times.

If you are interested in books come along to any on the meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue Moseley

b) CATERING – HOLY TRINITY

Our first event of the year was a disaster in that due to heavy snow and treacherous ice we cancelled the Epiphany Supper rather than risk injury to those coming.

The Monthly Lunches continued during the year, interspersed with extra functions, the Passover (Seder) Meal, funeral teas and buffets for members of the Parish Family.

We again catered for a Mid-Summer supper for the Flower Guild, which seemed to go down well.

The annual lunch for Retired Clergy and clergy widows was over subscribed as it is only feasible to cater for 60 covers otherwise those 'waiting' at tables found it difficult to move around as they served; seating too is somewhat stretched!

We ended the year with a festive lunch to celebrate Advent and look forward to Christmas.

The kitchen is well used throughout the year with Christening Parties, Birthday celebrations and the serving of teas for our church groups not to mention the provision of interval refreshments provided for Concerts etc. Tick Tock, 0 – 5's etc use the kitchen throughout the year as do Brownies and Rainbows; so a very valuable asset to our church!

It would not be possible to achieve all that we do without the willing help of the able people that from our Church team who wait at tables, prepare vegetables and wash and clear up.

Mary Tuckett

c) CATERING - LITTLEHAM

Our New Year lunch got the year off to a brilliant start – Family Service, Lunch and party games now definitely on the Calendar.

Hundreds of Pancakes were tossed and consumed by hungry youngsters and their parents on Shrove Tuesday and our Lent Lunches raised £620 towards Shelterbox.

On Easter Sunday morning a faithful group tucked into bacon sandwiches after their 5.30am start.

We split our Harvest from Back to Church Sunday this year which worked well. On B.t.C. Sunday we had coffee and cake and a good time of fellowship.

Our Harvest Lunch was a magnificent spread (Bring and Share) and we were brilliantly entertained by Louise Prideaux and a group of young people singing songs from Oliver – ‘Food, Glorious Food’. (Incidentally this led on to forming a group to sing ‘Rumours of Angels’ at Christmas).

The Monthly Lunches continue, though several of our regulars have got too frail to come, or have sadly died.

At our recent meeting we tried to share out the events and delegate specific people to take on particular roles in the future.

Thank you everyone for all the work put in to put on all these events, for the cooks and for the people always there at the end clearing up.

Thank you also from Bill and I for the wonderful support you gave us (once again) at Sarah and Toby’s wedding in July. What a team!

Maggie MacKenzie

CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

This has been a very varied year for the Society. We had a successful tea party for St George’s Day and thanks to the generosity of the Mission Focus Committee a sizeable sum was sent as the result of the Harvest festival collections in Trinity and Littleham Churches. Unfortunately our soup and roll lunch was a complete washout.

We have had a very sad beginning to 2011 as our treasurer died very suddenly and at the time of writing the funeral has not been held. She will be greatly missed; both by ourselves and at the Air Ambulance charity shop where she was a valued member of staff.

As a result we are looking for several people to join us on the committee, has anyone a few hours a year to spare? Please contact either of us for information.

Norma Kennedy (HT) Joy Jelfs (Littleham)

CHOIRS – HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity Choir continues to sing at Sunday morning services, the evening Eucharist as well as on special occasions. Our annual carol service was a success, with the choir singing some traditional carols as well as more modern items. We moved the positioning of the choir for this service – there were many favourable comments about this change.

During the year there were three changes in choir members. We celebrated the many years of service of Barbara Glenn as she retired from the choir. Barbara was a truly dedicated choir member who gave much support and service. The choir made a presentation to her in recognition of this achievement. We welcomed two new members of the choir – Geoff Baron and Margaret Williams. I am grateful too to several members of the congregation who have augmented the choir for special occasions.

One such special occasion was ‘The Advent Sequence’. This was a new venture for us but was met with many positive and favourable comments. It was good to make this a Mission Community Service to mark the beginning of the Advent Season. The choir consisted of members of choir and congregation from all three churches within the Mission Community. Organ accompaniment was provided by Philip White and Mark Perry with viola and flute being played by Sue Stock and Nicky Perry.

We hope to have another Deanery Choral Service in the Cathedral in May 2011.

Anyone interested in moving from the congregation to the choir to support the leading of singing in our worship? Please come and talk to me.

Paul Stock

d) CHOIRS – LITTLEHAM

Our members have supported all the regular services and have shown great commitment in attending Choir Practice each week. We are, however, still in need of two or three new lady members and the addition of a tenor and bass would mean that we could expand our repertoire. We already have the music, but need more assistance with the two male parts.

If anyone is interested, please either speak to any choir member or simply come to the church on a Friday at 6.30pm. You will be welcomed.

John Pedrick

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN EXMOUTH

Last year was one of change and continuity for CTE. Rev. Bill stepped down as Clergy Chair after many years of very active support, and our appreciation for all that he has done was shown at the party that we enjoyed after the AGM in July. Bill was replaced by Rev. Richard Stranack, not as CTE clergy chair but as CTE chaplain. New initiatives were also taken during the year. The new CTE website (www.exmouthchurches.co.uk) has been developed and now provides an easily accessible platform for the town's Christian community. A hustings session with general election candidates was held in April to provide local Christians with the opportunity to question candidates about any election issue that concerned them. More recently, a link has been established by CTE members with our local MP, Hugo Swire, which may develop in the future. Yet the main outline of CTE's year remained familiar. The daily lunchtime prayer and fellowship during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in January as well as the Good Friday Walk of Witness through part of the town centre. There was also a very positive CTE presence at the Exmouth Festival in May, with the organisation of the children's Festival Tent and of Songs of Praise. A series of talks from four different church leaders, on the general theme of understanding their worship traditions, was held during the year and the year ended with a highly successful repeat of the children's Christmas Nativity Trail. CTE links with the Open Door and its activities, such as ICE, Nightshift, Healing on the Streets and Christians Against Poverty, have also remained strong.

One of the purposes of CTE is to enable local Christians to do together some of those things that no one church or community could do on its own. It also offers churches the opportunity to occasionally face outwards into the community. 2011 is already providing plenty of opportunities and challenges, so please continue to keep CTE in your prayers.

Chris Jago

CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

This year, we have been able to welcome Ray Cavill as a new member of our happy band. Ray has already used his considerable financial experience and expertise to good effect, in dealings with our boundary wall civil engineer and contractor. So welcome, Ray!

Each year, we record our appreciation of the financial support we have received from East Devon District Council, without whose help the appearance of the churchyard would be very different. We received £22,500 in 2010, which has been spent on regular grass cutting activities. However, we do

not yet know what level of support we will receive in 2011. Given the extremely difficult financial situation, the Committee has been considering what steps it might take in the event of our grant support being significantly reduced.

During the year, we have continued a regular inspection of the safety of the churchyard's memorials and have updated some equipment. We are also investigating options for improving the accuracy and security of churchyard records. We have also had removed a large tree that was overhanging the north side of the church. We decided on this action with some regret, since removing healthy trees is not something to be done without good reason. However, its position close to the church posed a clear threat to the church's structure, with potential for increasing future building maintenance costs. Removal of the tree has also had the effect of raising the level of natural light in the church's north aisle.

However, our main focus this year has continued to be the re-building of a section of the boundary wall along Littleham Road. These works have not been without their frustrations, but are now substantially complete. The costs of the works came in within budget. We think the appearance of the new section blends in well and hope that it will give good service for many years to come.

Chris Jago

e) COFFEE BAR – HOLY TRINITY

Speaking as a volunteer, who has been helping out in the coffee bar since it was set up many years ago, I feel that each year it is used more and has become an indispensable service of outreach. It also gets more enjoyable! In 2010 we have welcomed through our doors many visitors to our town, our regular customers from our local community and church family.

We have a very committed but small group of volunteers, some who cover once a week and others who cover once a month. We open 6 days a week opening (at the very latest) 10:30am and closing at 12:00 noon.

We are always looking for more volunteers to keep this valuable service running. If you can spare a couple of hours a month to come and join us we would be delighted to welcome you! Please come and have a chat with any of us who are on duty or give me a ring on Tel: 277488 to discuss your availability and practicalities.

Many thanks to everyone who has made 2010 another successful and enjoyable year.

Fran Winton

f) COFFEE MORNINGS - LITTLEHAM

The Coffee Mornings started just over a year ago and are held in the Littleham Leisure Centre on Monday mornings as a means of outreach to the Parish from Littleham Church. At first, having such a large hall and very few people attending it was quite a struggle to find it worth its while. However we incorporated art in the venue in various forms which proved both fun and very popular. Anne Bullen showed how to do felting and papermaking.

Watercolour painting is a regular item and we are very grateful to Mr Jan Zweers for this venture. This is not an art 'class' but a time when and where people can relax for a couple of hours and enjoy picking up a paintbrush for the first time or to refresh. If there is anyone with a skill to pass on and would like to use the space and time to show others (free of charge) do contact me and come.

This is a varied age group and the children come in the school holidays. Painting is not obligatory – just an optional extra. The Leisure Centre is central to the Parish and an ideal place to meet and chat (it also helps with the upkeep) and it would be lovely to see more people especially from within the church to mingle with our parishioners. The coffee is cheap and good and the fellowship is free!

Jennie B

g) DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We have held four very constructive meetings during 2010 and each time the numbers attending the committee have been fairly high. This year has been a time of collecting our thoughts for future events and assisting organisations in all three churches with any programmes that promote discipleship and evangelism. We have sought to support projects which have been undertaken by the Youth and Family Worker, Tick Tock, Alpha Courses amongst the adults and young people to mention a few.

We have promoted a study course on evangelism, which 10 groups out of 13 are presently studying. We are also supporting ‘The Journey into Prayer’, which commences in May 2011.

As the new chairman of this committee I have found it valuable in establishing working relationships with other committee members as well as members of several organisations in Holy Trinity, where we have considered new ways in which people can use their skills and activities in promoting some form of outreach. There is much to be done in this area but it takes time to learn new ways.

There are a small number of exciting events, which are planned for 2011 and it is hoped that the committee and all the groups we work with will build on these for the future.

Peter Eastwood

EMPOWERED 2 LIVE – LADIES’ LUNCH

The Lord gave us the vision in December 2009, of holding a Ladies’ Lunch in a welcoming, warm environment where we could get to know one another; enjoy a meal, listen to a testimony from someone sharing how the Lord had guided and enriched their lives, and which could then open up our hearts to what more the Lord could do in all of our lives.

This initially was daunting to me, but as Jill Govier and Pat Eastwood and I met together for the first time, we knew this was exactly what we all could see and was possible. After much prayer and planning, we held our first Lunch in the Leisure Centre in Littleham, in the small hall in February 2010. I must add that Ian Morter and Bill and Maggie MacKenzie endorsed and encouraged us in this new venture, and have continued to support our outreach in this way. Thirty ladies came from Holy Trinity, Littleham and Newton Poppleford Churches. Five men offered to set up the room, to lay up beforehand, wait on and do all the washing up - which was a great offer!! The Lunch was a real encouragement to everyone who came and there was such enthusiasm to continue on alternate months, meeting together.

Since then the numbers have grown and we have had to move into the large hall. As Jill, Pat and I have met together for prayer and planning, so we have known the presence of the Lord blessing and encouraging, all those who come, and at our last Lunch in January fifty nine ladies came from eight different churches including Newton Poppleford, Colaton Raleigh, Tipton St John, Glenorchy URC, Brixington Community Church, Victoria Road Baptist

Church, Holy Trinity, Lymptone, Littleham, not to mention neighbours who had been brought as well.

The valuable backup which we receive from the men in preparing the room, and all the background work, is truly amazing and is appreciated very much. Coming into 2011, our last Lunch was held in the middle of the week for Prayer for Christian Unity and this event was a confirmation that when parishes and several other denominations meet together over a meal and testimony, we are all one in Christ Jesus and “the Lord commands a blessing” – Psalm 133.

The Vision given in the first instance was based on Ephesians chapter 1 verses.17-20; chapter 3 verses 16-21; and chapter 4. verses 23 & 24. We believe that as these verses become totally absorbed into our very being, then there is nothing impossible we cannot do in our love for the Lord.

Jean Russell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All the residential care and nursing homes in the parish are visited on a regular basis by one of our Eucharistic Ministers. This is a group of 15 lay folk authorised by the bishop to take the sacrament to anyone who wants to receive it. This is a highly important and vital ministry, with the sacrament being shared 1683 times in 2010. In addition to these regular visits, generally on a monthly basis, our EMs are available to support and pray for residents (and staff) at other times as needs arise. On behalf of both churches, I express our gratitude for all that our Eucharistic Ministers do in these homes.

Ian Pusey

FISHERS OF MEN

“Fishers of Men” is alive and well!! Still attracting new members and an effective outreach group.

This last year we have welcomed a variety of speakers from very diverse backgrounds and we never cease to be amazed at the way God works in people’s lives.

We are currently experimenting with some small changes to our meetings – commencing with a time of worship, occasionally introducing discussion evenings on subjects of particular current interest. We are also starting to share around the catering, which will stimulate interest.

We have plans to redecorate the NND Room, both inside and out, and we are looking to have another “fun day” in the summer to involve wider outside interest. We have also been able to help with the finance of the purchase of more kitchen equipment, i.e. cutlery and crockery, including assisting in the re-decoration of the large hall on a consultative basis, for the Littleham Leisure Centre.

We support and embrace the Mission Community mission statement “To know, show and share God” in all we do, and to this end, we continually look beyond the Church for our membership. We also hold ourselves available to assist any of the PCC teams to achieve this.

Our vision is to grow too big for the small hall in the Leisure Centre, to be recognised as leaders at taking the Good News out beyond the Church and into the local community. We welcome any men and friends of the Church to join us in this venture.

Glyn Taylor and Mike Russell

h) FLOWER GUILD – HOLY TRINITY

It has been a busy year for us. We have had several weddings, The Big Festivals, and also our usual gift of posies to the ladies on Mothering Sunday. We have also tried to keep two pedestals, an arrangement on the narthex table and an arrangement in the Lady Chapel each week. Unfortunately we had to reduce this to one pedestal due to our falling numbers of arrangers. I do hope more people will be able to join us.

We have had two fund raising events this year to build up funds – our Annual Dinner, which was a very enjoyable evening and a lovely tea hosted by Liz and Viv Eddy – thank you to all who helped and supported us.

We had two big challenges this year – Harvest was the same weekend as a wedding, and Back to Church Sunday. The bride asked for white roses and it was difficult to make roses look Harvesty, but we managed by including corn and grasses in the arrangements. Christmas was also a challenge with the snow and ice – greenery was difficult as it was covered with snow and our team had to walk to church – some for considerable distances- on very slippery pavements... but we made it and the church looked lovely.

We hope we shall be able to help our church look beautiful next year with fresh flowers.

Thank you to all who help in any way, especially with greenery (always a problem) and for those encouraging comments, which are greatly appreciated.

Lynette Bartlett

FLOWER GUILD – LITTLEHAM

Good things:

1. Numerous weddings where Flower Money had been provided by the Bride's family.
2. Funerals where pedestals have been requested and some money provided by the family, also where the Guild has footed the bill because the deceased had been faithful members of our congregation.
3. Special occasions such as Saints Days where blue and pink have been used.
4. The Guild asked for fruit at the Harvest Festival such as oranges and lemons etc., and the fruit was then manufactured into marmalade etc. for the Christmas Sales. This raised £102.50, which swelled our Flower Funds. This is held by me to give to members of the Guild for Altar Flowers (£15 per two weeks when they do the flowers).

We are now making Seville Marmalade ready for our next sale.

Problems:

1. We have a few members who like 'doing' the Flowers, but not the taking down.
2. Trying to get new members and to get existing members to find a replacement when they cannot fulfil their commitment.

Otherwise a happy group.

Helena Hitchings

i) HOUSE GROUPS

Groups continue to flourish with much appreciation expressed, at the end of the year, by 13 groups involving around 113 members on the register. In the grand scheme of things the administration also involves the groups in the Lympstone parish.

As before, courses followed have been varied according to the perceived needs or expressed wishes of group members. From the beginning of 2011, for the

period up to and including Lent a number of us (10 groups = 84 members) have adopted a course prepared by Peter Eastwood on the subject of personal witnessing - to him many thanks.

Membership of a house group can be an undemanding and pleasant opportunity for church members to meet together and to learn together. If you are not a member of a group why not give it a try. For those who think they are not the 'type', there is no type or, if there are types, then we cater for them! There are some vacancies and I or our secretary, Brenda Appleby, will be pleased to advise the venues and times of meeting of our groups and the leaders of any where there might be room.

Once again our thanks go out to all who have led our discussions and/or contributed to them and especially to those who have opened their homes to accommodate a group.

Michael Davison

j) LIBRARY - HOLY TRINITY

As usual, in January, I am checking that the books and audio visuals [especially newly acquired ones] are indexed, catalogued and displayed where borrowers might reasonably expect to find them. This can take some time, so offers of help would be welcome, please.

I would like to thank those who have donated books during the year. There are more books on Prayer, Meditation and Spirituality, and I have extended the Prayer section. Theology books are, at present, divided between 'Doctrine' and 'Various'.

Members of Lymphstone Church are starting their own library, and would appreciate some book donations, so I have offered some from Holy Trinity library. I continue to pass others to Book Aid, via Jenny Newman of URC, Exmouth.

We have a varied collection of books, with finding aids. If you haven't browsed or borrowed for some time, do try one, two.....

Pam Newcombe

k) LIBRARY - LITTLEHAM

Have you spotted the library at the back of Littleham Church? Did you know there are also two cupboards full of books and tape situated below the bookshelves?

If you did not, take a look next time you are in church. We have a range of books including books for children and young people. Look out for the book reviews or write one about a book you enjoyed. Most books have been donated by church members. Some of last year's additions are listed below.

And the Journey Begins	Cyril Axelrod
My Donkey Body	Michael Wenham
Give Us This Day	Fiona Castle (about Roy Castle)
Marie	Gordon Wilson
The Cross and the Switchblade	David Wilkerson
The Vision	David Wilkerson
Living in the Light of the Future	David Pawson
My Father is the Gardener	Colin Urquhart
Good Morning, It's Margaret	Margaret Cundiff
The Lee Abbey Story	Richard More
The Oxford Dictionary of the Saints	David Hugh Farmer

The Illustrated Family Bible	DK
Like the Flowing River	Paul Coelho
I Know a Young Woman Who Swallowed a Lie	Hazel Butler

It's easy to borrow a book - Just sign it out in the logbook beside the library. Don't forget to log the date when you bring it back. You can keep the books as long as you need them.

Sue Moseley

l) LITTLEHAM BELL-RINGERS

We have continued to ring for all Sunday morning services, weddings, and occasionally for other services, thanks to our dedicated band. The tower is affiliated to The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and our ringers support their practices, outings and other activities.

The bells are in good condition, no work having been needed on them during the year. The bell-quietening scheme has proved very effective, allowing more freedom for teaching and practice sessions.

Our practice evening is Monday - 7.30 to 9.00pm. We have 2 junior ringers, and follow our adopted policy for 'Maintaining a Safe Environment for Young People' in the belfry. We have lost a number of ringers, due to illness, Anno Domini and moving from the district, but have been able to recruit to keep up numbers.

Our 2010 ringing outing was to the Troyte Ringing Centre at Huntsham (8 bells), then Bampton (6 bells), lunch at The Exeter Inn, then ringing at Pinhoe (8 bells).

Neville Wright

m) MISSION FOCUS COMMITTEE

The Mission Focus Committee met three times during the year and distributed £19,775 to various missions both home and overseas.

The main recipients overseas were the Church Mission Society (CMS) and USPG - Anglicans in World Mission. The parish has always maintained strong links with these societies through the work of David and Heather Sharland in the Sudan and now Uganda (CMS), training people to help them become more self sufficient, and currently we are supporting USPG and their participation in the Teule Hospital Project in Tanzania.

Other overseas missions supported were Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) bringing relief and aid to those in need, who are not easily accessible by other means of transport. The Barnabas Fund brings to our attention the persecuted Church, and the Christians who are still oppressed or murdered for their religious beliefs.

We also continue to support the Church's Ministry amongst Jewish People (CMJ) and the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

At home we continue to give strong financial support to the work of the Open Door Centre, an ecumenical outreach project, providing care and support in many and varied ways for the vulnerable members of our community. They also operate a weekly Nightshift Service in the town to help and protect people of all ages and keep them safe. The ICE Project (Initiative in Christian Education) which operates under the banner of the Open Door Centre continues to provide Christian teaching in our daily lives through its work at Exmouth Community College, Church Groups and some Primary Schools in the area.

The work of the Church Army has also featured in our giving. In addition to our own support for the Bible Society, we have church members who are individually supporting the work of Christians Together in Exmouth, who also raise funds for the Bible Society.

Dick Bishop

MOTHERS UNION

During the year we have been saddened by the sudden death of two long-standing members – Betty Paterson and Beryl Argent, and dear Ken – a valued honorary member. All three were loved and held in high esteem within the Branch and in the Diocese. Although our numbers may be dwindling our enthusiasm is not. We are privileged to join the ‘Wednesday Worshippers’ on the first Wednesday of every month for Corporate Communion, during which members of our Linked Overseas Branches are specially remembered during the Intercessions. It is wonderful for us – all four million of us – to know that someone somewhere in the world within our great organisation is praying for us.

We were pleased to host a very well attended meeting in September, when our Diocesan President, Mary Steer, brought news and greetings from Branches in Lusaka in Zambia, following her recent exciting visit.

Our square-knitting project for CINDI Ndola continues with considerable kind support from friends and neighbours who knit and/or take on the posting of the parcels. A donation of £100 has been made to CINDI to aid the purchase of desperately needed mosquito nets – thank you for your support. We continue to collect spectacles, so desperately needed in many areas of Africa but due to a change in procedure, we are now asked not to include ‘cases’. Various projects within the Beacon School and the Moorfield Children’s Centre continue to keep us quite busy.

Our ever-popular Overseas Luncheon in October, when Hazel Boyd was welcomed as our Speaker, raised £269 – we extend our thanks to our faithful church family who always so generously give their support. Autumn 2011 will be especially special for us – we shall be celebrating our 100th birthday! We must have been slow starters, as ours is the last branch in the area to reach that landmark. We hope to make it a memorable occasion! Details later!

Norma Kennedy

n) OUTREACH IN LITTLEHAM

Chill, Coffee Bar, Fete, Quiz Nights, Men’s Breakfast, Fishers of Men, Alpha, Empowered to Live – Ladies Lunch; We have Littleham monthly lunches, Prayer, Rumours of Angels, and much more as individuals.

We hope that all we do will reach the people of Littleham and that the Church and its people will be at its heart.

New Developments this Year:

- 1** The Leisure Centre has been decorated throughout and is being used more for all sorts of events.
- 2** New Social and Outreach committee: to organise social events in Littleham to bring in people locally. A Film Night and a brilliant Christmas Fair so far – and other events are planned.

‘Let your light shine that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven’.

Maggie MacKenzie

o) **PARISH WEBSITE: www.littlehamcumexmouth.org.uk**

The website is a useful source of information about the Parish, the people and the activities, with links to associated sites.

There is a weekly update when a copy of "The Link" is placed on the site, and a monthly update when a copy of "The Net" is placed on the site, plus other topical notices.

I would like to thank Pauline and Tony Mortimer for passing the "Net" files on to me each month, and Kathy for "The Link".

The whole site has recently been given its annual complete overhaul.

Neville Wright

PRAYER CHAIN

This confidential list is circulated on a weekly basis, mostly by e-mail, to over 30 folk in the two churches, who undertake to pray for the needs as they are set out. Some of these needs are from people in one or other of the two churches; others are those of people with whom someone has a link. The list is updated by Ros Pedrick at Littleham and me at Holy Trinity.

Ian Pusey

p) **PUBLICITY GROUP (aka 'The Gang of Three')**

During 2010 the GoT has met informally and addressed the various issues pertinent to the ways in which the life of the Church in work of the Parish of Littleham cum Exmouth can be presented to the wider community.

Probably the most obvious aspect of the work of the Gang of Three is the Net. As was mentioned in last year's report plans were afoot to change the format of the magazine from A5 to A4. This was put in place enabling the editors to produce a generally brighter and in terms of layout more flexible publication. Predictably the change in size did not meet with overwhelming approval, ladies and other bag carrying readers find it difficult to carry. One must say that Murdoch and others of that ilk around the world clearly do not listen to public opinion! We did try to do just that and were very disappointed at the response from the readers. 9 (nine) completed questionnaires were returned. This paltry sample revealed a 6 to 3 feeling against A4. Because the sample was so low it was decided to extend the A4 format until the new incumbent is in post.

As was expressed last year we were far from happy with the press coverage of our Christmas Services and in 2010 decided to rely on the 'free' page negotiated by CTE with an additional distribution of leaflets to local hotels.

We were pleased to note that at a recent PCC a decision was made to replace the notice board in the corner of HT churchyard. This is of course a prime position and worthy of a more attractive display medium

We will end this year's report as we did last: - *Publicity is only as good as those who look at the notices on the Link, read the magazine, or take part in the life of the Church. An enthusiastic, 'did you see', 'why don't you come with me to...?' or 'what do you think about...' is worth more than a good many notices, adverts, or editions of the Net*

Tony & Pauline Mortimer, Ian Pusey

q) **SACRISTY REPORT – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Another year has passed and a year that seems even shorter in time this year!! All the usual services took place – a total of around 364. In addition we have had 16 Baptisms, 7 Weddings & several Funerals. The 'Four Franciscan Offices of the day' were held on one day in Holy Week, and Tenebrae on another day in the same week.

The Mission Community Advent Sequence Service was led by David Price and involved our choir, which was augmented by members of the Lypstone choir, under the direction of Paul Stock - truly a Mission Community event. The Inner Wheel held their National Dedication and Thanksgiving Service. Add to that, we hosted numerous Carol Concerts and Services (both candlelit and otherwise), Choral, Orchestral and town events. Quite a few chairs to be moved!

In May the Inaugural Eucharist of the newly formed Exeter Chapter of 'The Company of Servers' was held and we welcomed to our church Clergy, Servers, Sacristans, Vergers and friends from throughout the Diocese, when those eligible were admitted to 'The Company.' This was a particular honour as the Exeter Chapter was only the third to be formed in the UK.

Life has been much simplified when it comes to 'Morning Praise', the newly introduced 'Service With No Name' and the monthly Beacon School Collective Worship, as the new replacement electric screen is at last in place and working well. The preparation and dismantling times of the screen for these services is far less time consuming. The long wait - not without its trials - has paid off!

Thanks are also due to the hard work done by those who volunteer unseen to help; this year has seen new faces at the 'East end' - Sue Carrahar looks after the cleaning of the Sacristy and the silver cleaning, and Brenda Richardson who is 'ic' brass including the 'budgie'. Derek Norris & Ray Cavill do anything we ask in the way that needs handyman expertise - not least this year the erection and decoration of the two Christmas trees; which also saw Tony Crane and team efficiently looking after the candles (270 each time) for the four candlelit services that we have had at Holy Trinity. Alison our cleaner wields the vacuum very effectively in the Lady Chapel and the Sanctuary along with her other duties. All these extra hands along with the 'Holy Dusters' are so welcome; quietly and effectively carrying out their tasks and so much appreciated by Mary and myself and hopefully all who worship here, who may not realise all that does go on to keep things as they should be.

Mary Tuckett & Robert Knowling.

r) SAFEGUARDING – CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

You will be aware of the requirements for safer recruitment that people working with children, young people and vulnerable adults in our parishes must obtain CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) Disclosures. In July 2010 changes were made to the CRB and the ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority) was set up. These changes have been implemented within the parish and are reviewed regularly. New workers with children, young people or vulnerable adults all need to have a CRB check.

This year I brought together all the *Safeguarding Representatives* within the Aylesbeare Deanery for two evenings of training. I wanted to encourage all the *Safeguarding Representatives* within the Deanery to be made aware of new legislation and their roles and responsibilities, with a view to having a consistent approach across the Deanery in dealing with all Safeguarding issues. I am grateful to Sue Chamberlain, Diocesan Adviser for her knowledgeable input.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your support over the years that I have held the position of Safeguarding Representative for Littleham-cum-Exmouth. I trust that my input has gone some way to ensuring the safety of everyone in our church community. I trust that my successor will build on the work I have done.

s) **SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

We are looking for ideas please so please let us know should you have a suggestion for 2011 outings, events or entertainments.

Where possible we attend the Blackmore Theatre and if you are on your own it is good to be able to go to the theatre with others, there is always a list left in the foyer at Holy Trinity for you to sign up.

Pancake Parties were held in the Leisure Centre at Littleham after school and then later in Trinity Hall in the evening and this was combined with a Beetle Drive; unfortunately the smell lingers after the pancakes have long been consumed.

We were glad to welcome to the Committee representatives from Lymptone and a contingent from there supported our outing to Anthony House.

Film nights started again in November; a new automatic screen has been fitted in Trinity Hall thus making the evening less labour intensive to run. The film evenings will continue during the first three months of 2011 when the darker hours allow better projection. More recent productions are being shown as it is those that were intended at the outset so that 'filmgoers' are able to see current films in the comfort of the hall rather than having to queue and contend with times of showing at the cinema.

Many of Lymptone's social activities are very much tied in with the village life but they are invited to join us at any time that they wish.

Mary Tuckett

WALKIE TALKIES

These continue to be a great source of enjoyment, friendship and fellowship all in their different ways. The enjoyment of God's beautiful countryside and coast, the friendships formed between the group, which is made up of others not in the church family and fellowship for the church members who are able to meet and walk. At the beginning of the year we had to cancel more walks owing to torrential rain than in all the years we had been walking. However, normal service was soon resumed and it was a great year.

These are walks that can suit all ('sorts and conditions of men' [as in old Prayer Book]) hopefully, with some a little further than others, enabling the "walkers" to stride out (then wait for us poor lesser mortals to catch up) and the local "easy" ones for the "talkers" to amble and enjoy. Some only join us once in a blue moon, quite a lot are regulars and this year by word of mouth we have had folk from the local N.T. volunteers.

The kindness within the group is quite staggering but what I hoped it would turn out to be when the group first started. Concern for their fellow walkers is evident without being intrusive. This is what it is all about – walking and talking – sharing and enjoying. Anyone reading this and perhaps wishing to join in, just pick up a church magazine for the venues and turn up. Solid shoes would be an advantage, a stick (clambering!) and cash as we always find somewhere for refreshment.

Jennie B

WHOLENESS AND HEALING

To accommodate other liturgical changes, we have moved the two W&H services each month: the Sunday evening 6.30pm at Littleham is now on the third Sunday and the W&H Eucharist at Holy Trinity is at 6.00pm on the first

Thursday. At both services, a ministry of prayer, with the laying-on-of-hands, is offered along with anointing at HT if that is asked for or deemed appropriate.

This ministry is not solely for physical healing, helpful and necessary though that is at times, but also for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – from the many and varied difficulties, problems and shortcomings that can afflict us.

The work is led by the W&H team, who meet on a monthly basis for prayer, learning, support, sharing and encouragement. One of these monthly times is an extended one, lasting a day, for training and other needs. Last year, we spent a day at Exeter Cathedral sharing in some good workshops and teaching sessions led by Rev Dr Russ Parker of the Acorn Healing Trust. This year, we are using a course called ‘The Road to Maturity’ as a basis for our learning.

Ian Pusey

t) WOMEN’S CIRCLE

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the Women’s Circle closed at the beginning of the summer. Membership had dwindled mainly due to ill health. However, Sue Moseley suggested starting a Book Chat group, which now meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. I would particularly like to thank Geoffrey Roberts for all his past support in ferrying members around.

Thelma Baker

YOUTH AND FAMILY

It is with mixed emotions that I reflect on last year .2010 has very much been another exciting year in everything Youth and Family and a year of consolidation for most of our groups and activities. It was also the year that saw my Line Manager and Rector, Ian Morter leave the parish for a new position at the Cathedral. I would like to thank Ian for the huge part he has played in my own faith journey, and for helping me settle into my position of Youth and Family worker, realising my own potential in this role. Ian was always on hand to offer words of wisdom to encourage and support me in all areas of my work life. I wish Ian the very best wishes in his new position.

There also has been a valuable addition to our work, following the enormous success of our Youth Alpha course held in January 2010, which saw 11 young people aged 12 to 17 come to faith through the course.

Littleham School appointed a new head teacher in September. Duncan Nelmes came from a school in Exeter and has settled into his new role very well. He is extremely popular with the children, parents and teachers and has developed the Christian ethos of the school with the help and encouragement of an ethos committee headed by Bill Mackenzie.

Below we have compiled reports from both our schools, all our groups and a special report from the Open door ICE project.

Nigel Candulent

u) THE BEACON CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had another successful year at The Beacon. The results of Government testing have placed us in the top 5% of schools nationally for pupil progress in Maths and English. We are really pleased that academic standards are improving each year. We however believe that physical and creative subjects are also of great importance and that the development of these impacts hugely on pupils (and staff) motivation and enthusiasm. We are again providing whole class brass instrumental lessons for pupils in years 4, 5

and 6, and swimming lessons for pupils in years 2 – 5. One of our oldest boys has been ‘crowned’ as the fastest swimmer, for his age, in Exmouth.

We continue to place great importance on the personal development and care we give to our pupils. This shows in the way they behave and interact with each other and also with members of the community. It is delightful that our trips and visits often result in compliments from the public! Examples of work involving visits in this half term include year 2 pupils working with professional artists on a joint project with pupils from St Peter’s School, Budleigh Salterton. Visits to both Budleigh and Exmouth beaches, and to both schools have resulted in some excellent collaborative artwork. Pupils in year 4 and 5 are working with Exeter Chiefs Rugby club to improve Maths skills and to improve tag rugby skills. Following this work a trip to tour facilities at Sandy Park is planned.

We continue to be used as an ‘example of good practice’ by the local authority for our work with children who speak English as their second language. We have again been awarded funding from the British Council to share our good practice and learn from other schools across Europe. We look forward to welcoming our partner schools to England in September.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have such dedicated staff and governors who continually strive to make our school the best it can be.

Sue Lockwood

v) **LITTLEHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As a school we are currently starting a journey of rediscovery about what makes Littleham Church of England Primary School a special place to learn. Each week we have been exploring in brief a range of important Christian values and at the end of this journey we will then consider which values to adopt as our core values upon which all our decision, aspiration and attitudes are based. Each week we are considering a core value and exploring what this means in terms of how we behave in school as a consequence. Every Friday we recognise those children who have displayed that particular core value in a special celebration assembly and give them with a special award to recognise how their developing beliefs and values have resulted in a wide range of positive behaviours both in school and in the wider community.

So far this year we have considered the following values, which we are calling ‘Firm Foundation for Future Life’. These have included...

Friendship, Forgiveness, Generosity, Creativity, Compassion, Courage, Wisdom

In January we had our *Prayer Week* in school, which focused on the value of prayer and how Christians gain courage and strength through prayer. We read the poem ‘Footprints in the Sand’ by Mary Stevenson and talked about how God is there to carry us during the difficult times of our lives. Members of our Chatterbox group run by Nigel Candelent each week started their role as ‘Prayer Buddies’. This group of children was chosen as they have a real understanding of the value of prayer. The *Prayer Buddies* led other children in prayer after Collective Worship. We have introduced a *Prayer Box* and we had over 20 prayers in it at the end of the first week. We also encourage all members of the school community to share their thoughts and feeling about the impact of Collective Worship in our comment book. Our journeying is proving to be a richly rewarding one, and we look forward to sharing more of this with you in the future.

Duncan Nelmes

w) SCHOOL WORK UPDATE.....

This year our schoolwork has developed and grown into a key part of the work we do with our children and families. Firstly we have been able to link with our Mission Community Church School at Lymptone, which has been very exciting. Our former Curate Georgina Vye, was charged with the job of linking with the school, helping in RE lessons, and being involved in the Collective Worship Services. Following her departure, an Ordinand, Reader and Lymptone Church family member Sid Humphries has taken on this role. I have been invited into the school to work with the children, particularly Year Six. This has taken the form of RE lessons, and a lesson designed to help with the transition from Year Six to Secondary School Year Seven. Thanks go to Head Teacher, Tony Priest, who has been incredibly supportive over the last year.

Our work in The Beacon and Littleham Schools continues to grow with both schools now having well established "Church Sunday club" style lunch clubs for key stages One and Two. We have a small team who help me deliver these. We are now actively involved in Collective Worship with weekly input from clergy and myself. The pupils from Beacon School come to Church for worship every fortnight, with those from Littleham School coming to Church for all the major festivals. This year, thanks to the new head Duncan Nelmes, the school is looking at ways of increasing the links with the Church and the Church family. This will include more visits to the Church for whole school worship, and families and their children invited to the family services each month. We have also been involved in the Class Worship, which take on a more discursive feel, but does give the children the opportunity to explore the theme of the week in a more interactive way.

Our 'Schools Out' summer camp ran again last year, and now has been running every year since 2008. It is aimed at Year Six children from our Parish schools and was a tremendous success. This year's camp had a much different feel to it this year, due to the very low intake of girls in Year Six - we had all boys attend the camp! We had glorious weather for the whole weekend and a huge turnout of families for the end of camp service on the Sunday afternoon.

Nigel Candelent

x) ICE TEAM

The ICE team has undergone many changes this year, and has adapted extremely well to the new challenges ahead. The project, in its 17th year is now part of the Open Door, and has a completely new management team made up of mainly Youth workers from the town and some members from various Churches. ICE itself now only has one full-time ICE member. Youth workers from the local Churches now provide a pool of people for ICE to help continue the work in the Community College. This includes delivering assemblies, RE lessons, lunch clubs, detached work, camps, and events, such as 'Exmouth's Got Talent.' Over 3000 children attended auditions in the College during a week in November, with the final held at Tower Street Methodist Church. In its 4th year, the final attracted the biggest audience ever, made up of Community College pupils, their families and church family members. A new addition to the work is the breakout café, which runs every Monday and Friday from 3.30 to 5.30 at the Open Door. This is open for all of the pupils, offering very well priced meals and a chance to catch up with friends outside of school in a safe and friendly environment.

The GSUS live project at Easter brought the Gospel and the life of Jesus to over 2400 students in a modern and interactive way over a period of a week using a 50ft customised lorry with 3 big video screens and 30 individual laptops. The whole project was embraced by the College and they have asked for ICE to look at ways of running similar initiatives.

Nigel Candulent

y) **1st ROLLE RAINBOWS**

Unit Leader: Mary Tuckett

Assistant Guider: Maslen Collings.

2010 was the Centenary Year of the Guide Association and so there were plenty of events to attend. In February we had a cruise up the River Exe to see the bird life with the added bonus of a basking seal on the sandbanks; the whole boat fell silent as we were told that any noise would frighten the seal. This was followed later in the week by a Céilidh, which was well attended and enjoyed.

St. George's Day was held at Crealy Adventure Park, starting with a parade of flags and a short service and a renewal of promises, we were then free to do what we liked!

Following on from that we held an 'activity day' at Escot with the Escot Rangers, it was hard to keep track of twelve children in the maze; probably the lure of toasted marshmallows helped!

On September 11th we held a Rainbow sleepover with the 2nd Exmouth Rolle Rainbows at the Sidmouth Guide hut; a great time was held by all and everyone was asleep by midnight.

Then in October 'Vision 100': this was an activity evening for all ages in Exmouth Community College Hall.

At 2010 on the 20th day of the 10th month in 2010 we joined with other members of the Guide Association across the UK to renew our promise section by section via a computer link-up. This was really the culmination of a very busy year but hopefully one that will be remembered for a long time.

Mary Tuckett

mm) **2nd EXMOUTH BROWNIE PACK**

As always we have had a busy year and taken part in a wide variety of activities both within our pack and within Girl Guiding Exmouth, particularly as 2010 was Girl Guiding's centenary year.

Some highlights of our year have included an alternative "St George's Day" parade for all those involved in Guiding and Scouting in Exmouth. This was held at Crealy Adventure Park, where the day started with a short march around the lake (with Brown Owl leading the parade playing the bass drum) before a Promise renewal ceremony. The rest of the day was spent enjoying the rides, especially the log flume – we got so wet, all our pack had to go in the "dryer"!

In June we went to Escot, where as well as letterboxing, toasting marshmallows, getting lost in the Maze and going on the "drop slide", we took part in the swamp walk, this involved walking through muddy sludge (in places up to our necks), in bare feet- so the mud slimed between our toes! The official end to the centenary celebrations was on the 20th of the 10th 2010. We spent the evening doing a circus of activities at Exmouth Community College, followed by a national link up when all members of Girl Guiding UK renewed their promise (at 20.10).

On Remembrance Sunday we helped lead the Morning Praise service, sharing our parents and grand parents memories, before leading the congregation in singing "Go Well and Safely".

As usual most of our pack joined the Rainbows to entertain the residents of Fernihurst Care Home shortly before Christmas with Carols and action songs. As always we are very grateful to Holy Trinity, for allowing us such wonderful facilities enabling us to cook, work on badges, and run around and play in a safe environment. We must be the only pack which has such amazing grounds in which to play Hide and Seek!

Finally on 31st December we were delighted to hear that the “rules on retiring from being a uniformed Guider” had changed – thankfully Mowgli is still able to be our assistant guider – in uniform – great news!

Sue Stock (Brown Owl) & Mary Tuckett (Mowgli)

nn) BABY TOTS

Baby Tots continues to meet weekly in term time. There is a great sense of care, friendship and support for one another among the Mums.

The children have about 20 minutes structured (repetitive) songs, musical instruments, Bible story and prayer. Then a brief time of play when the Mums have a cup of tea.

At this year’s Christingle I met a tall young man – he had been one of my 1st Baby Tots in Littleham – now a teenager!

It’s a simple format but it introduces babies to their Loving Heavenly Father God and Jesus Christ. May God Bless all these children and their Mums.

Maggie MacKenzie

CHILDREN’S WORK LITTLEHAM

I could not complete the report this year without paying tribute to the huge contribution made over the years by Maggie Mackenzie! As you are all aware, Bill and Maggie retire in May this year, but Maggie’s input into the work that is done with the children, young people and families has been huge! Her hard work, dedication and ability to draw on the skills of many, many people from the Church family have been absolutely incredible! Thanks to Maggie we have very firm foundations in place including Baby Tots and the Sunday Clubs, which Maggie has overseen, making sure all of the leaders are resourced, and properly equipped for the tasks ahead. Maggie has also given up regular Friday nights to help run the café at Chill youth club, providing hot snacks for our hungry members!!

I have particularly benefited from the expertise and experience of Maggie over my 3 years in the Youth and Family worker role, not to mention the wonderful relationship both Liz and I have developed with Bill and Maggie since we came to faith on the Alpha course they ran nearly 8 years ago. Thank you Maggie for everything you have done for Littleham (and the Parish!!!.... And Exmouth!!!!)

Enjoy your retirement!!!

Nigel Candlent

pp) CHILL

Chill youth club is now into its 4th year, and last year saw some major changes. Firstly the club remains a popular place to be and is up to maximum membership of forty, with a waiting list of over ten. The club is for the ages of Year Six (age 10) to Year Nine (age 14). Our vision when we started was to create a safe environment for the children whilst providing them with positive role models maintaining a strong Christian ethos. We also regard the club as a family and continue to put on events for the whole family. We had over one hundred and twenty people at the Christmas party, which included mums, dads, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles etc, which is extremely encouraging. Our vision included a place for older members to go when they became too

old for the main club. In September, CHILL IN was created. This is specifically for members after they have had their 14th birthday. This club runs immediately after the main club on a Friday evening. We also felt that if we could work with the young people from an early age instilling in them a responsibility to behave in a particular way, respecting not only the building but also the people in it, we could have a chance of continuing to work with them when they are older. This has also happened this year, as in October we launched our young leader programme, which is for members to join when they become 15. The programme sees each of the young leaders given specific roles in the club, working with the members under the supervision of a designated leader. Each week there is an opportunity for them to sit down with the leaders and discuss how they thought the evening went and ways to improve on certain aspects. We believe very much on journeying with them! The other huge aim is not only to build their own self esteem and confidence, but to give them something positive to add to their CV. Our first success was just before Christmas when we gave a glowing reference for our oldest young leader, who from that received an offer of a part time job at B&Q! Chill has also provided 7 of the 11 people who came to faith on our Youth Alpha Course, and are now regular Church family members as well as being Chill family members... Praise the Lord!!

Nigel Candelent

qq) HOLY TRINITY 0-5 GROUP

Another birthday celebrated with 16 years of the Lord blessing this group. Going into our seventeenth year we have seen the Lord at work in many ways over the years. In the past our voluntary helpers have been trained and gone off to set up other groups. Bumble Bees in the Church hall in Raddenstile Lane was just one group and another at All Saints Church was run by a former helper. Another past helper went on to teach at Withycombe C of E School. The Lord has blessed many people through this group and brought them closer to Jesus with some giving their lives to Him.

Jesus has brought 140 families through the doors at Holy Trinity Church regularly. We have up to 70 families weekly, with about 70 more on our waiting list, with most visiting and coming through the doors monthly. What other church in Exmouth can say that?

During the last year, with God's help, we have helped provide a learning provision through play. Fire engine visits and an outing to the World of Country Life always remembered fondly. In the spring term of 2010 our theme for craft and play was "the fruits of the spirit". For example, gentleness was shown with a hospital role-play. We had a real life nurse and dolls and teddies as patients for the children to bandage and wash gently. A story was about gentleness and kindness with a puppet teddy playing his part. Each "fruit" per week adapted through play in a way that they can understand to learn Galatians 5 v 22-26.

It may not be the way most church services happen or you are used to, but the families who attend Holy Trinity 0-5 Group feel they belong and are sharing the love of Jesus in a way they can accept. It is a stepping-stone on to Tick Tock, and a church service on a Sunday.

'Operation Christmas Child' boxes and 'Children in Need' were ways 0-5 showed compassion for others and the group raised a lot through giving items and/or money.

Please come and visit or talk to me or one of our kitchen helpers. I'm sure they will show you some of their passion for the wonderful way God is blessing so many when they attend Holy Trinity Church. Please pray for continuity of the

0-5 Group and for us to be a support to families in Exmouth at this difficult time.

Jesus loves us all and can see all our needs. Our mission statement has always been Galatians 3v 26-28. It includes “ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Kay Richardson

rr) HTYC.

HTYC continues to meet regularly on Thursday nights between 7pm and 8:30pm in Holy Trinity Hall.

This year we have opened the club to years 7,8 and 9 (i.e. first 3 years at secondary school) to keep continuity with previous year’s members.

Average attendance has been 12. (Mostly boys, but 2 girls regularly joined us until Christmas).

Main hall: regular set-up allows simultaneous table-tennis, pool, badminton, snooker, table footy, board games, karaoke and Wii. We’ve got more competitive this year with ongoing “ladders” for both TT and pool – and the leaders are joining in!

Crows Nest: we continue to play volleyball, dodge ball, football and non-stop cricket. An obstacle course was also popular at our Christmas party night.

We always have a 7.15 God slot, which we keep to 10 minutes (followed by tuck-shop). Various leaders help with this. We value your prayers for this.

We had our regular beach barbecue in the summer and went by minibus to Exeter tenpin bowling in the autumn. We again took part in the September CROW sponsored ride (raising £81). 6 boys (4 from HTYC and 2 from CHILL) joined Steve Gardner, me and one of the dads on a ride to Topsham, across on the ferry and back along the far side of the Exe to Starcross to catch the ferry home. This year the plan is to get to the Cathedral making more use of the new cycle path - and puncture outfits!

In January 2011, 3 leaders and 8 boys enjoyed the Frankenstein Panto, especially when Sarah Wood came off stage and handed out peppermints to our two rows at the back of the theatre.

Thanks to Nigel, Steve (currently on paternal leave for 18 years - his words not mine!), Margaret, Sarah, Jane Ladbury and Anna Trevena for their continued support.

We hope to encourage some of our older teenagers to stay on as young leaders next year as we open up the club again to year 6 pupils.

If you would like to help (even on an occasional basis), or see what we do on Thursdays, please let me or Nigel know, or just come up on club night.

They’re (still) a great bunch of youngsters.

John Elms

ss) LITTLEHAM CRÈCHE

This continues to be an important part of Sunday mornings at Littleham, as we have seen many new additions to the Church family over the year. The Crèche has benefited from the move to the Leisure centre for all the children aged over 5. The vestry continues to be a place where the mums can take their babies, but Crèche now lives in the NND room giving the leaders, more space to work with the children and be more creative (and noisy!) in their programme.

tt) SUNDAY CLUB – Holy Trinity

Our main focus in 2010 was finally to make a decision as to how we could meet the needs of all our members, so that all ages were enjoying the time spent at Sunday Club. We had been aware for some time that the older

members of our group were not gaining as much as they could during our Sunday morning gathering, and we were concerned that this would make them become despondent about attending. We were aware that we were having difficulty finding ways to stimulate all age ranges: the group had children from 6 years up to 16 years. With a limited number of helpers, a small window of time and space, this was priority.

We discussed different options and with a great deal of planning and even more prayers, we finally launched our splinter group. We invited the older members of the group to take part in the planning, so that they could put forward their individual suggestions and needs.

Now the Sunday Club continues to meet at 9.45am, where helpers, leaders and all children share a healthy breakfast and discuss news. We have slightly changed this time to concentrate on prayers for others and giving thanks. This is a great start to the session.

After this we separate into two groups, with the older children (young adults) moving across to the Committee Room, with a leader. During this quieter time together, they discuss topics, which can run alongside what the main liturgy is, and with the use of DVDs and the all-important Youth Bible, the members share their thoughts and ideas. The Youth Bible is a must for all – a fabulous tool for the young people.

We have had really positive feedback from the youngsters who are also attending the Youth Alpha. The leaders for the group are Angela, Celia and Sue.

The younger members are now led by Linda, Pat and Francette with the help of Sally, Molly, Ros and Hannah.

Separating the group has allowed us to utilise the time far more. We can concentrate our themes towards a more specific age group, so that the themes and material we cover is appropriate for all.

We have covered a variety of themes and with the use of drama, art and craft, music and singing; we have brought to life Bible stories and God's message. (Hopefully!) The children all leave with smiles on their faces and previous themes are often recalled by them. As always we exhibit our topics on the display board in the Coffee Bar for all to see, and continue to receive complimentary comments from members of the congregation.

Once a month Morning Praise is enjoyed by all and Sunday Club is asked to contribute from time to time giving all ages a chance to work together.

2011 will be an exciting time, and we have begun a new topic on 'Journeys with God' which will lead us up to Easter.

Francette Wagstaff

uu) SUNDAY CLUB - LITTLEHAM

I am pleased to report that our Sunday Club has seen significant growth this year. In January 2010, we decided to move our one Sunday Club, which catered for children aged between 5 and 16 up into Littleham Leisure Centre. This move enabled us to create three groups, allowing us to be more specific on the teaching of the different ages. We created a 4 to 7s, 8 to 11s and a Community College (11 plus) group.

Each morning starts with breakfast, an icebreaker game or DVD clip or song, and a prayer before everyone goes to their group. We go back to Church in time for communion, staying on until the end of the service, where we are able to share fellowship (and biscuits) with the Church family.

Nigel Candlent

vv) TICK TOCK/FAMILY TIME

What an encouraging year 2010 has been for Tick Tock! We meet at 10.30am in Trinity Hall, Holy Trinity Church, on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month except August. Christmas and Easter holidays sometimes mean we may have to miss a Tick Tock meeting.

Now in our 4th year, we have been blessed with not just one but two more members of the Tick Tock Team! This has made such a difference to the smooth running of this group and we wonder how we managed without them. The coffees and teas, the fruit drinks and the biscuits and fresh fruit are provided and served by our team members, for those adults and children who like to arrive before 11am, when we start Tick Tock. This "Family Time" gives everyone chance to socialise. The children play and the adults (mums, dads, grandparents and carers) all enjoy time to talk to one another and compare notes on their little one's progress!

"At 11 o'clock, it's Tick Tock!" and we give time to praising the Lord through songs, prayers, stories from the Tick Tock Bible and of course, the puppet family.

At Christmas, when all the puppets take part in the Christmas Story and dress up in their costumes, we have some enthralled faces in the audience – and that's not just the children! Afterwards we had a Christmas buffet lunch with cards and sweets to take home. Tick Tock finishes at 11.30am and seems to go quickly but it is long enough for pre-school children, some of whom are very young. We have been really encouraged by the increase in numbers attending during 2010 and even the loss of some of the older ones who go on to Nursery School, has still left a manageable group of younger ones.

All these changes and fluctuating numbers means the Tick Tock Team are presented with new challenges. We meet regularly to review our progress and exchange ideas but I feel we have found our way to providing a welcoming and fulfilling experience for those who continue to support us. We give thanks to the Lord for this opportunity to bring Jesus into the lives of all who attend Tick Tock and we look forward to 2011, anticipating another exciting year!

Jennie Norris.

ww) YOUTH ALPHA AND POST YOUTH ALPHA

In January 2010, we launched our first Youth Alpha, which attracted 11 young people. Those who attended this were aged between 12 and 17, both boys and girls. We had an excellent team of leaders, including Pat Eastwood, whose experience and Biblical knowledge was invaluable!! All of the leaders also made a commitment that they would continue afterwards to journey with the young people in a small group setting should they come to faith, and wish to continue to increase their spiritual growth. After having a murder mystery evening as the opening session, we then had 11 sessions, which combined interaction, chat, DVDs, music, creative arts and discussion. We also had a wonderful away day at Sheldon Christian retreat. In the summer after the course had finished, with every young person making a commitment to follow Jesus, we decided to meet once a month, to share fellowship, praise and worship, Bible study and Prayer. All of our young people now regularly attend Church on a Sunday, (some parents join them as well!!) with some of them now attending a Service run by young people for young people, called INTERFACE. This is held at Christchurch, Exmouth, and supervised by the youth leaders of Exmouth.

Nigel Candulent