

THE SCHORNE TEAM

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Schorne Team Council
Year Ended 31 December 2010**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Schorne Team Council established by Order in Council, is a joint Parochial Church Council for all the Team's parishes and is empowered to exercise those powers of the individual PCCs as may be agreed. The Council's key role is arranging the deployment of clergy, administering their expenses, relieving parishes of some of their administrative burdens and discussing common issues. The Council plays a more active part in bringing parishes together and becoming a more effective voice at Deanery and Diocesan levels.

Membership

Membership consists of all the Team clergy as well as a representative elected by each of the nine constituent PCCs.

During the year the following served as members of the Schorne Team Council:

Chair: Rev'd David Meakin (Team Rector)

Lay Chair: Robert Kemp (Nina Newton to 25 March);

Vice Chair: Patrick Tooms (*Quinton*) (Robert Kemp to 25 March)

Other Clergy:

Rev'd Andy Bell: Rev'd Philip Mears: Rev'd Liz Welters (to September 2010): Rev'd Paul Mansell (to February 2010); Rev'd Janet Bayly.

Elected Members: Martin Charlton- Bennett to 15 June - Fee Dee-Crowne from 15 June (*Dunton*); Caroline Jenner (*Oving*); David Morris to 15 June - Trevor Guiver from 15 June (*Granborough*); George Morris to 15 June - Stephen Giles from 15 June (*Hoggeston*); John Peasgood (*Whitchurch*); Mandy Wilkinson to 14 September - David Heffer from 14 September (*North Marston*); Martin Wright to 15 June - Rebecca Bush from 15 June (*Hardwick*); Pat Wright (*Waddesdon/Winchendon/Westcott*).

Treasurer: Jonathan Gibbs

Secretary: Caroline Campbell

Committees

The Council has a Working Party made up of members of the Council and the Treasurer with wide ranging brief to review all matters concerning its development. The Working Party meets prior to most Council meetings to bring matters forward.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In addition to holding its Annual Meeting, the Team Council met five times during the year with an average attendance of eleven members (including clergy).

The Council's Work

The past year has seen the continued development of the Council as a body which actively encourages improved communication and a cooperative attitude between parishes, whilst also relieving them of some administrative burdens. During 2010 this has manifested itself in organising Team Services, and also improving communications across the Team, facilitated by the continued development of the website, incorporating a diary of events. Communications continues to be a difficult issue in terms of both ensuring that parishes both populate the diary of events to its maximum, as well as ensuring that they are always represented at Council meetings. There is also scope for parishes to be more forthcoming in discussing any financial issues they have.

In addition the annual Lent Walks continue to provide an opportunity for villagers across the Team to get to know one another.

Representations to the Bishop of Oxford were made outlining concerns over the impact on the financial resources of rural parishes of the continued high level of parish share being requested by the Diocese. This was favourably received but there are no immediate prospects of the financial pressure on the Team's parishes being relieved. Certain parishes, despite the best efforts of the Team to

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provide a more equitable distribution of the parish share, continue to be unable to pay their shares in full.

Team Reorganisation

The planned retirement of Liz Welters at Waddesdon together with the ending of Andy Bell's ministry in North Marston/Granborough/Oving, gave rise to an opportunity to reorganise the location of stipendiary posts within the Team. Approval was forthcoming from the Bishop for the stipendiary post to be moved from North Marston to Waddesdon with the former becoming a 'house for duty' post.

The Waddesdon post has been filled with the incumbent taking up post in early 2011. The process for appointing for the North Marston post will commence early in 2011 with the prospect of the post not being filled until well after Easter 2011.

This upheaval, together with Paul Mansell's move earlier in the year, has meant that by the end of 2010 the Team had half the clergy resources than it at the beginning of the year. This has put great pressure on the clergy, though one of the benefits of this situation has been that members of the laity have been encouraged to come forward to play a greater part in worship.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements are made up of two separate accounts - **General Expenses** and **Trainee Curate**. The **General Expenses** Account records funds received from parishes and the payment of clergy expenses and other Team expenses. The **Trainee Curate Account** is a Restricted Fund to account solely for receipts (from parishes) and payments connected with the Council's contribution to the Diocese's costs of supplying housing to the trainee curate (Paul Mansell) and any other related costs. The small surplus on brought forward largely covered the residual costs prior to his departure early in the year. This account is now closed.

As planned, the sum budgeted from parishes in 2010 to meet General Expenses remained unchanged, in recognition of the financial pressure that parishes are facing. The deficit budgeted for (£1,000) did not materialise with there being a surplus of a £700. This occurred due to a higher than anticipated balance being brought forward at the start of the year and also the late receipt of 2009 moneys as well as an overpayment. In addition, suggestions at seeking administrative support or creating a youth worker post were not followed up due to the numerous changes that were taking place within the Team.

The Council are mindful that their sole source of funds is from parishes, who themselves are under considerable financial pressure. Accordingly the Council continued to budget for a deficit in 2011 by maintaining the sum requested from parishes at their current levels. A review will be undertaken towards the end of 2011 in respect of setting the 2012 budget.

RESERVES POLICY

The Council has a policy of maintaining a General Expenses reserve representing three months expenditure as the timing of receipts from parishes can be unpredictable. At the end of 2010 reserves considerably exceeded this level. However, with the prospect of additional clergy appointment expenses being incurred in 2011 and the associated costs of knitting the new members of the clergy into the Team, and late payments by parishes under financial strain, the Council believe that the current level of reserves that is not excessive.

Approved on behalf of the Schorne Team Council

R. C. Kemp 25/1/11
Robert Kemp (Lay Chair)

January 2011

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE SCHORNE TEAM COUNCIL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2010, which are set out on pages 4 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s. 43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement the Regulations and section 43(2) of Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 47(7)(b) and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

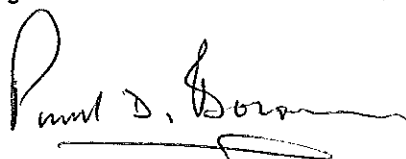
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met: or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr P Bowen



25 February 2011

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	GENERAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT				TRAINEE CURATE ACCOUNT RESTRICTED	
	2010		2009		2010	2009
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts</i>						
Parish Receipts						
Dunton	105		105		0	200
Granborough	1,350		1,205		0	680
Hardwick	1,695		1,695		0	1,040
Hoggeston	555		555		0	200
North Marston	1,265		1,265		0	600
Oving	1,450		850		0	200
Quainton	3,000		3,000		0	1,040
Waddesdon	1,795		1,795		0	600
Whitchurch	2,040		2,040		0	1,060
		13,255		12,510		
Other Receipts						
Interest		23		60	0	23
Other / Tr. Hunt		96		80	0	0
Total Receipts		13,374		12,650	0	5,643
<i>Payments</i>						
Clergy Expenses						
Rev'd D Meakin	4,132		3,300		0	0
Rev'd A Bell	3,239		2,410		0	0
Rev'd E Welters	945		1,320		0	0
Rev'd P Mears	840		840		0	0
Rev'd S Dickinson	0		21		0	0
Rev'd J Bayly	1,200		1,169		0	0
Rev'd P Mansell	41		327		241	2,600
		10,397		9,387	241	2,600
Other Expenses						
Services/Print/Post	0		502		0	0
Staff Training	165		306		0	0
Computer Costs	944		688		0	0
Appointment Expenses	1,025		0		0	0
Child Protection	0		124		0	0
Web Site	0		0		0	0
Other Payments	116		320		0	0
Payments to OXDBF	0		0		1,000	6,000
		2,250		1,940		
Total Payments		12,647		11,327	1,241	8,600
Excess of Receipts over Payments		727		1,323	-1,241	-2,957
Balance at 1 January 2010		7,018		5,695	1,241	4,198
Balance at 31 December 2010		7,745		7,018	0	1,241

The Notes on page 5 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	2010	2009
<i>Cash Funds</i>	£	£
Current Account	3,645	2,659
CBF	4,100	5,600
Total cash	7,745	8,259
<i>Other Monetary Assets</i>		
Sums owed by Parishes	0	300
Overpayments to Clergy	46	195
Total Debtors	46	495
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Sum owed to parishes (General)	145	0
Sum owed to parishes (Restricted)	0	20
Sum due to Clergy for expenses	120	907
Total Creditors	265	927

NOTES

- The financial statements of the Team Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, on a Receipts and Payments basis.
- General funds represent the funds of the Team Council that given by individual parishes within the Schorne Team for expenses directly related to the deployment / activities of the clergy and any other purposes that the Council may approve.
The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which STC can be held responsible.
- The Trainee Curate Account was a Restricted Fund to be used solely for the purpose of reimbursing the Diocese for housing costs and also paying for other costs arising from the deployment of a trainee curate within Team. This account is now closed.
- All assets and liabilities at 31 December 2010 relate to unrestricted funds.
- They do not include the accounts of any other Church Groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.
Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Approved on behalf of the Schorne Team Council.

R. C. Kemp 25/1/11

Robert Kemp (Lay Chair)
January 2011