

**St James' Church
Southbroom**



**ANNUAL REPORT
for 2014/15**

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St James' Southbroom

Annual Report of the PCC

for 2014/15

Period covered

This report covers the calendar year 2013 (except where specifically stated otherwise).

Aims and Objects of the PCC

To co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Charitable status

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

It is registered charity number 1134059 under the name of: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James, Southbroom, Devizes. The working name is: St James' Southbroom PCC, Devizes.

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PCC Meetings

The PCC meets regularly in odd-numbered months. During the year the full PCC met 6 times with an average attendance of laity of 13 and there was an away day..

Churches Together in Devizes

St James' is a member of the Churches Together in Devizes (formerly Devizes Partnership of Churches), which includes all except one of the churches of Devizes.

PCC Members - see page 18



Vicar's Letter

March 2015

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this introduction to the Annual Report, we are currently working through a sermon series entitled "Giving in Grace". In the foreword to the book that accompanies the material, Michael O'Neill, CEO of Stewardship writes, "Generosity is at the heart of the Christian faith – part of our design plan from our ever-giving God. Generosity sparked Creation, fuelled Salvation and is intrinsic to any understanding of the Trinity. The choice to share and live selflessly for the benefits of others is one of the defining characteristics of the Christian life."

In many ways the various reports that make up this Annual Report act as a testimony to the generosity of the people of Christ here at St James', who generously give of their time, energy, skill, passion, finances in order to serve the worshipping community and beyond. That's what it means in part to belong to the body of Christ; that we each recognize the unique and varied gifts that we have each been given and to offer them in the service of the church and one another. Paul writing to the Church in Corinth wrote, "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is part of it." 1 Corinthians 12: 27

Over this last 12 months we have seen our body grow as we have welcomed many new people at both our Sunday services. We have also seen the launch of Tuesday at Two and the CAP Money Course. Both have brought us into contact with new people and offered the opportunity to nurture new friendships, share stories and learn to do life together. The signs of new life, remind us that we are not a static body, but one that continues to grow, change, flourish and bear fruit in a whole variety of ways and all for the glory of God!

As well as giving testimony to the generosity of those who give and serve so faithfully, this report is also about 'Renewing Hope.' Reminding us of the importance of the local church, as a place that seeks to serve, grow and pray a theme that is very much on the heart of the Bishop of Salisbury

at the moment. In reading this report I very much hope that you too will be encouraged as you reflect on a year of activity and achievements, but I also hope that this report will act as a catalyst for stirring up your heart, kindling the embers of your faith, and bringing you to a place where you too can reflect at a deeper level about where in this worshipping family do you belong, where in this church do you give, and serve, and how are you praying for our shared life and witness, what is God calling you to step into I this coming year?

As ever, there are so many people who are deserving of our thanks, our Churchwardens Clare and Jeremy, our Treasurer Michael and the Finance Working Group, the PCC, LPAs, the Staff Team. All work tirelessly on our behalf, often going above and beyond what is reasonable to ask of them. Then we have the great number of volunteers who assist in running activities, preparing the building, helping with maintenance and the gardens, being involved in worship, hospitality, Connect Groups and so the list goes on, all evidence of a lively growing church, for which we give thanks!

With all good wishes and thanks for our partnership in the Gospel



Rev Jonathan Triffitt
Vicar, St James Southbroom

Vacancy in the Living

In January the Vicar announced his intention to resign w.e.f the end of June. The Archdeacon attended a PCC meeting to outline how to approach the appointment of a successor, explaining the procedures and processes to be carried out in seeking a replacement.

In preparation for the vacancy. It was stressed that we should be open, transparent and listen to God's direction. Jonathan's last Sunday will be 28 June.

Preparatory work on a "Parish Profile" has begun and **there will be open 'Prayer and Vision' morning in church on Saturday, 25th April, 9.30-1.00 – for all members of the congregation to be part of the calling of our new Vicar.**

From the Church Wardens

The last year in reflection has been one full of opportunities and, for some, disappointment. It has given us moments to pause and take stock and presented chances to be grasped. In all things it confirmed that change is permanent.

The year was encapsulated by the church, the country and indeed the world as all reflected on 100 years remembrance of the start of the 'Great War'. It brought to mind many different thoughts and, not least, reminded us of the fragility of life and our need to learn as we face the uncertainties of the future.

Within St James', we have tried to advance as a community of believers. We've striven to bring further structure to our youth work and to our all-age services. New opportunities such as holding the Families Conference and the idea that our church can bring skills together in this new and exciting way.

The start of new ventures such as Tuesday at Two and how some can take hold of a vision and turn it into such a success so quickly. So many things just 'go on' in our church and so many play their part in making them all happen.

We continued to build our link with Kajo Keji and another group of volunteers went out in September. We also commissioned the Muckle family and sent them out as Andy begins his next step towards ministry.*

This all defines our community. One full of potential and full of willing participants. Clare and I thank you all for the parts you have played in the last year in bringing us to this point, but we challenge you as well because the journey continues. It is with this potential that we now step towards a new chapter in our story.

We have grown over the last years with Jonathan and been very blessed with his leadership and his ministry. We look forward to where the Lord wants to take us next and we ask for your support as we move through the change. It will bring opportunities, it will bring disappointment. It will give us moments to pause and take stock and it will present chances to be grasped. It will confirm again that change is indeed permanent. Life and the chance to live it... what a wonderful gift He has given us!

Clare Kent & Jeremy Davidson

* Ordination training at Mirfield College

Noël Woolrych

Noël Woolrych, after 6 years as churchwarden was replaced by Jeremy Davidson the Meeting of Parishioners/APCM.

Rev. Chris Spencer

Chris Spencer resigned as Assistant Curate at the end of May.

He wrote:

Since commencing my curacy at St James' Church Southbroom, Devizes in June 2012, I have grown in confidence and gained much knowledge in the life of ministry, and have enjoyed shepherding people in their relationship with God through the opportunities that I have been involved in. My role as curate has further increased my sense of responsibility throughout my time at St James' and I have found immense joy in serving God's people in this place. However, I now feel that it is the right time for me to widen my vocation as I seek to serve God in a broader exploration of ministry. Therefore I will be resigning from my current role as Assistant Curate at St James' Church, where my final working day will be Saturday 31st May 2014.

The Vicar wrote:

Over the last two years we have very much enjoyed having Chris, Emily and Chloe as part of our church family. Chris has been a dedicated colleague who is driven by his desire to serve others, which is in essence the heart of what it means to be a Deacon.

As part of the Staff Team, Chris has been involved in a variety of areas of ministry, from pastoral visiting to prayer ministry, baptisms to funerals, MiniMess to Youth Work as well as supporting our ministry in both Southbroom St James Academy and The Trinity School.

As Chris, Emily & Chloe prepare to leave Devizes we are grateful for all they have given and shared with us and we pray with them and for them as they seek God's guidance for the next stage in their journey.

The leaving collection for Revd Chris Spencer amounted to £1253.50.

Chris Spencer has been ordained a deacon in the Methodist Church and is engaged in youth work in Bristol.

Finance

Finance Working Group

The Finance Working Group is responsible for assisting the church to fulfil its aims by the responsible handling of its income and expenditure. Throughout the year, the Church Treasurer has provided reports at PCC meetings comparing income and expenditure with the 2014 budget. The PCC has agreed a budget for 2015 with a deficit of £15,545 and a 3 year expenditure commitment of £12,000 p.a. on a Children and Young People's Leader. Annual accounts continue to be prepared on the accruals basis.

General fund had a surplus of £17,336 compared to a budget surplus of £10k and is due to a combination of additional income and cost savings. However we are increasingly reliant on a small number of large pledges, currently 56% of our membership participates. The aim is to increase the number to reduce our exposure and fund future plans. The percentage of pledged income to cover Diocesan Share has reduced from 61% to 57% but is budgeted to rise again in 2015.

Expenditure was up by 5.0% on 2013 and is mainly is due to Diocesan Share, which was up by £5,480. (This increases by a further £5,940 in 2015). Outward giving was up by 15.3% in 2014 to £13,188 due to the increase in pledged giving. £1,112 was spent on church equipment and the Trainee Youth Worker finished in August. Other expenses were reasonably controlled, increasing by 3.5%.

The Building Fund received £484 from donations, fundraising and interest. There was no expenditure.

The Unrestricted Legacies and Gifts Fund received £443 in donations and interest. There was no expenditure. Restricted income was £11,890 for Kajo Keji, youth work and the 3E's project. Expenditure of £34,512 included £28k to clear the 3E's project. The balance was on Kajo Keji, mission and AV equipment.

The Children & Family worker Fund was set up in September 2008 and had income of £2,669 and expenditure of £27,961. This fund ceased at the end of 2014 and costs will be borne by the General Fund from 2015 onwards.

The PCC bankers are HSBC, 45 Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HZ.

The Reserves Policy is on page 19.

Michael Porter, Treasurer

Kajo-Keji

St James' – Kajo-Keji Partnership

During the last year it has been a delighted to see the partnership between St James' and the Diocese of Kajo-Keji continue to flourish.

There have been two particular highlights this last year.

Firstly, **St James' successfully raised over £30,000 towards the Diocese of Kajo-Keji's 3E's strategy: Education, Evangelism & Empowerment.** The majority of the funds raised went towards purchasing a large flatbed lorry, which will be used for evangelism, education, transporting people, crops, and medical aid, etc. The lorry arrived late in the summer and following some essential alterations, was finally commissioned in September. As the Vicar of St James', it was a huge privilege to be

asked to bless the lorry and present our good friend Bishop Anthony Poggo with the keys to vehicle. Since then the vehicle has been used on many occasions including rescuing people fleeing from the nearby border following civil unrest.

The second highlight of the year was the visit to Kajo-Keji that took place in September. Myself, Jennifer, Becky and Adrian, joined by a group from **CRESS UK** (Christian Relief Education in South Sudan www.cressuk.org) for a 10-day visit.

The trip included teaching on a Conference for Clergy and Sunday School Leaders who gathered from the 9th – 12th September at Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi. The Conference attracted 150 delegates including visitors from the neighbouring Diocese of Rajaf, Lainya & Terekeka.

Rev Joseph Aba, Diocesan Missioner & Evangelist wrote in the November Issue of **'Voice of Hope'**: *"The aim was to train, equip and empower leaders to become more grounded in their relationship with God, family and self. The four days were fully engaged in worship, devotional bible study, inspiring lessons, ministering to heart, praises, dancing and good meals."*

As well as teaching we also visited a number of CRESS sponsored projects, schools, clinics and orphanage as well as hosting the annual CRESS Family Day when all the children sponsored through CRESS gather together with their families to meet with the CRESS Team and give thanks to God for His generous provision throughout the year.

In November we welcomed Bishop Anthony Poggo, who preached at St James on Remembrance Sunday. Then in December we hosted Rev Fred Taban, The Academic Dean of Kajo-Keji Christian College, formerly Canon Benaiah Poggo College, who is currently on study leave in the UK.

Jonathan Triffitt

Relations with CRESS

A draft Memorandum of Understanding with CRESS was approved by the PCC in January 2015.

Suspension of Salisbury Sudan Link

Early in 2015 the Archbishop of Sudan officially suspended the link between Sudan and Salisbury. The link between Kajo Keji and St James' will continue because of the partnership with CRESS.

Revd Fred Taban

The church has shared with Broadchalke the hosting of Revd Fred Taban, Academic Dean of Kajo-Keji Christian College, during vacations from a two-year course at All Nations College, Ware.

Music in Worship

Choir

Our choir has continued to give a musical lead to our worship at 9.00am communion services each Sunday. Members are committed to practising on Friday evenings, open to the deepening of their faith as they reflect on what they are singing, and caring and prayerful in their support of one another.

As well as leading the musical aspects of worship, it is also fulfilling to play our part within the wider activities of the church family. Memorable events from 2014 include singing in the 3 E's fundraising concert, the Easter musical (Three Cheers for Jesus), and the Remembrance event 'Forgotten Voices'.

Last June it was a joy to celebrate Robin Meays' fifty years of singing in the choir here at Southbroom. He was given a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) loyal service award in recognition of his faithful service.

The choir has comprised adults only in recent years. Whilst this is not an intentional move, it reflects the reality that our children's work takes place during our 11.00am worship rather than at 9.00am. Having said that, if there are children who would like to come and sing at 9am, before doing other activities at 11.00am it would be fantastic to work with them and explore with them what their musical offering might sound like.

Several members of the choir were able to take part in the annual Diocesan Choirs' Festival at Salisbury Cathedral in the summer. This provides an opportunity for learning some more complex pieces than we would often sing, and enables members to meet with other choirs from around the Diocese. It also adds new music to our repertoire.

Once again the choir was supplemented by additional singers for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols during December. This helps us produce a fuller sound, gives us an opportunity to sing some more challenging music, and is great for getting to know other members of the congregation.

It would be lovely to have additional singers in the choir on a more regular basis. Whilst we usually maintain a good balance of voices among the four parts, very occasionally (due to illness or holidays), we are not so balanced!

From time to time I find myself at the altar, rather than the organ. I am grateful to Carole Osborn for playing in my absence, and to the choir for trying new ways of leading our singing on occasions, such as sitting downstairs and leading us in unaccompanied Taizé worship during our communion services.

It is refreshing to keep our worship creative, praying that the Holy Spirit will

inspire us and meet with us as we offer ourselves and our worship to the glory of God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Beth Hutton, Director of Music

Music Group

The 2014 year was a good one for the music group. Some new people joined the group giving the opportunity to rotate people better within the mix of Sunday services. [The group plays at the 11 am informal worship and at joint services.]

The group continues to grow and develop in a repertoire of songs, bringing new music from different places, and dusting off some older pieces to bring them back into our worshipping.

We also lent out our services to different events, with members helping out at other Christmas services, and also now supporting a new monthly family breakfast service at Market Lavington.

As always, a new year brings new challenges and we step into the 2015 year with exactly that. We will deal with these on our forward journey as we continue to support the worship in the church.

Thank you for your continued support of us.

Blessings,

Jeremy Davidson, Peter Kent
and all in the music group.

Property

The main property issue to note in 2014 was the receipt of the five year (quinquennial) inspection report of the church fabric.

The report notes that the church building is 'generally in good order'. There are items giving cause for concern that will be need to be monitored, including roof slates; masonry repairs and monitoring any structural movement, particularly in the Tower. The report notes that in addition, a major overhaul of the bells may be required in 5-10 years' time.

None of this is surprising, given the age of the church and its historic importance as a Grade II* listed building. However, it should be pointed out that whilst the church does have a building fund that caters for minor 'running repairs', there are no substantial sums set aside for major repairs or works to the bells, and any major works such as these would require significant funds to be raised.

The church and parish centre are insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance. An

Insurance inspection and evaluation took place in 2014 and updated the sum insured to ensure that the buildings are fully covered in the event of any unfortunate incident. The fire extinguishers are checked and replaced where necessary on an annual basis.

Mike Wilmott

Family Life

We adopted the new Family Life structure in September 2014. As part of this my role changed from Children & Families Worker to become the Family Life Co-ordinator, heading up our Family Life ministry focusing on 0-25 year olds. This means increased leadership responsibilities, and part of the task is to build up new leaders to head up various areas of the Family Life ministry. I have not yet been able to step fully into the role as we haven't appointed the proposed Children and Young People's Leader.

Schools work

I regularly take assemblies at the following schools:

Southbroom St James Academy – weekly (with two other members of the team); Southbroom Infant School – fortnightly; Bishops Cannings – fortnightly. I very occasionally go into Nursteed School.

We host regular services in church for Southbroom St James' – a Welcome Service in September, Harvest, Christmas, Christingle, Easter and the Leavers' Service.

This year, we hosted Southbroom Infants and Heathcote Nursery's Christmas celebrations and held a Christingle service for Nursteed School.

There are a number of members of St James' on the governance boards of The Trinity School and Southbroom St James' Academy; we also have parent governors at a number of other schools. Some of the members of the Open the Book team at Trinity School are from St James'. There are also a number of classroom volunteers from St James' at both The Trinity School and Southbroom St James.

As part of the new Family Life ministry we are exploring various opportunities for further involvement in both our church schools.

We are due to hold our fourth 'Experience Easter' in the last week of March, with 270 pupils from five schools due to visit the church.

Community Work

We have a variety of ways of supporting parents:

Heart Mind and Soul is a monthly group which combines a parenting group

for parents of pre-schoolers with a toddler church. We have between 5 and 8 families regularly accessing Heart Mind and Soul.

Walking with Teens is a monthly group for parents of teenagers. About six families are represented.

A Parenting Teens course was held in January and February.

Our second ParentPrayer evening was held in February; approximately twenty five people came along.

We are exploring other ways of supporting families in the current year, including holding a Parenting for Faith course in the summer.

We held a 'Family Day' at Lydiard Park last summer and hope to repeat this later in the year.

Many thanks to Christine Salter and Ann Murrells for all their work with our parenting groups.

Community Outreach

We are hoping to develop new ways for the whole church to be involved in a community outreach in the autumn; the proposal is currently with the PCC

A considerable number of volunteers from St James' are likely to be involved in leading and supporting the annual Holiday Club in the summer holidays.

Children and Young People's Discipleship

We held an eight week Values and Vision course for our children and young people's leaders and helpers in the autumn. The course explored eight core values that we believe should underpin our vision for how we disciple children and young people.

These are our current groups for children and young people:

Junior Church and **One Way** on Sunday mornings, covering ages 3 to 13. Older young people are often involved in helping to lead the Junior Church groups or in other ways on Sundays.

Rollercoasters – alternate Friday evening group for children aged 6 – 10

Impact – Friday evening group for young people aged 10-13

10:10 – Tuesday evening group for young people aged 14+

In addition we have two activities for families:

Messy Church which currently attracts children from aged 3 to 12 with their families

miniMess, which is for pre-schoolers and their families.

Kajo Keji

I was part of the team that visited Kajo Keji last September and led a three day conference for Sunday School teachers.

Training

Over the last year I have undertaken the following training: Forge Conference – for children’s leaders; New Wine children’s workers training day; various courses held at the Diocesan Education Centre including a Prayer Spaces in Schools day.

Becky Sedgwick

Junior Church

Junior Church continues to take place during the 11 am service three Sundays out of four in term time.

Big Story Sunday

On the 4th Sunday of the month a small, highly committed team has worked hard at making the services accessible to all while providing good teaching.

Devizes Partnership of Churches Events

St James’ is regularly involved in the summer Holiday Club (70+ children attending) and the ‘alternative Halloween’ Light Party (40+ children attending).

St James’ Toddler Group

The group continue to provide a range of activities children under five. We now have several grandparents attending with their grandchildren. We have recently updated all the play kitchen adding new food and crockery. Becki Green and Michele Crudge continue to help each week.

Liz McAnaw

Safeguarding

In November the PCC agreed to adopt and follow the Diocese of Salisbury Safeguarding and Good Practice Guidelines 2014 covering safeguarding of both children and young people and vulnerable adults .

Ruth Edwards replaced Emma Higgins as Parish Safeguarding Representative in October.

Lay Pastoral Assistants

There are now 16 LPAs and we are due to be re-commissioned at a special day for LPAs on April 18th in Salisbury Cathedral. Our duties are to help the Vicar with any aspect of pastoral work. This consists mainly of visiting those who have been bereaved, or members of the congregation who are sick, frail, housebound or in hospital.

We are also available to give support or to visit anyone who has a particular need – to arrange a visit, contact the Parish Office.

Tuesday at Two

A new venture this year has been the twice monthly ‘Tuesday at Two’ meeting for older people. This fills a gap in our church activities, and has been well supported. Around 25 to 30 attend each session, which usually consists of a talk, followed by tea and cake and a chance to chat.

Sheila Smithson

Southbroom Messenger

The magazine continues to be printed and distributed monthly. I has 32 A5 pages including 5/6 of advertisements. About 300 copies are produced, of which about 30 are placed in public places, such as doctor’s and dentist’s surgeries, sheltered housing, and schools.

We also produce several large print magazines – if you know anyone who would like one of these, please ask for one.

We continue to include the Diocesan magazine ‘Grapevine’ in the Southbroom Messenger, and would welcome feedback about whether readers find this useful.

As well as the Vicar’s letter, there is news of St James’ events and people, wider church news and forthcoming events.

We have both regular contributors and occasional items from members of the congregation, and welcome offers of suitable material.

Our thanks to all those who distribute the magazine, and especial thanks to Joy Parsons, and Jenny Kingsland who have retired from this task after many years of service. Joy continues to act as Treasurer. Linda Talbot has now taken over the main task of distribution, together with David Merson and Ann Wheeler.

Sheila Smithson

Revd Beth Hutton

Beth Hutton was to be licensed as an Associate Priest licensed to the Rural Dean and Devizes Deanery in July

Devizes Partnership of Churches/ Churches Together in Devizes

Activities included a united service in the Corn Exchange in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, prayer breakfasts, Lent lunches, Lent study meetings, a Good Friday United Service in the Market Place, Healing Services, Taizé Services, a Pentecost Party on the Green, a concert by Dave Bilbrough, the Holiday Club, a Harvest Supper, a Light Party and Carol singing in December. The Prayer Station continues outside the Sorting Office on Saturday mornings.

There was a second Vision Day in October. Open the Book started at Trinity School. In addition to the website a Facebook page was set up.

In 2015 instead of the Week of Prayer United Service there was a Unity Lunch.

A General Election Question Time is to be held on 21 April.

An Enabling Group was set up in January and it proposed a draft revised constitution for the Partnership. After much discussion, the 4th draft was accepted by all the churches and signed in March 2015.

At the AGM in May Rev Beth Hutton became Vice-Chairman. In March Juliet Gravina stepped down from the Partnership Committee. She had represented St James' for a number of years, followed by being Vice-Chairman of the Partnership, Chairman and then Vice-Chairman again and then church representative again. Peter Walker replaced her in January 2015.

Lawrie Smithson

Deanery Synod

I was elected to represent St James' at the 2014 AGM. I missed the first meeting which was 24 April and I didn't know about until too late.

The next Synod meeting was a short meeting held at St Michaels and All Angels, Urchfont on 6 July after a short Deanery evensong service and the

licensing of Reverend Beth Hutton to the Deanery by the Rural Dean. The meeting started was for the election for the triennium (2014-17):

Lay Chairman – Mr Michael Armstrong; Deanery Treasurer –Mr Peter Lankester; Deanery Secretary – Mrs Helen James; Deanery Information Officer – Mrs Julia Taylor; Standing & Pastoral Committee Members: The officers plus Revd David Howard, Revd William Lang, Revd John Rees, and Mr Lawrie Smithson. There were two vacancies.

Caroline Lamb then gave a short presentation on CRESS and the forthcoming visit to Kajo Keji in September.

The next meeting that I attended was at St James' on 16 October. Carole Jones was elected to the Standing & Pastoral Committee.

Deanery Finances – Mr Peter Lankester, the Deanery Treasurer, reported that Share payment for 2014 had shown an improvement over 2013 with average Share paid across the Deanery being 79% at the end of September. This was 4% higher than the average across the Diocese, and only one church had contributed less than 50% of its Share. Mission and Stewardship campaigns had helped in some parishes, but he was aware that there were a few parishes whose reserves were very low, and any unexpected costs could affect their ability to pay. If any church is experiencing financial problems, he would like to be informed at an early stage.

At the beginning of October, the Chairman of the Diocesan Board had written to all Parish Treasurers outlining their Share requirements for 2015. He felt it was worth mentioning that of the £12.5 million required to be raised by the Diocese every year, over £2.6 million comes from income from grants and investments, which keeps the net Share requirement down to under £10 million. Encouragingly, the investment income has been increasing annually with the result that the Share requirement per Member of the Salisbury Diocese is the lowest of any Diocese in the country.

The overall Share requirement is to increase in 2015 by a below inflation figure of 0.68%. For the third year running, the membership within Devizes Deanery has increased slightly, but the overall Diocesan membership has reduced, which will result in those parishes with a static membership having to increase slightly the amount of Share paid. Only 9 churches in the Deanery have been asked to pay more in 2015 than in 2014, with Coulston (20%), Devizes St. John (9.7%) and Southbroom (7.9%) being the largest.

A motion was submitted by All Canning PCC that: *PCC's are given more and greater powers, to include financial powers, to cover the care and maintenance of their Parish Church.*

After much discussion in which some members pointed out the dangers of allowing work to be done on historic buildings without going through the proper channels, the motion was defeated.

Launch of Wiltshire Youth for Christ

Steve Dewar, the Potterne with Worton & Marston Youth Worker, spoke on the difficulties of engaging with young people and bringing the Gospel to them. He talked about the recently launched Wiltshire Youth for Christ which will be involved in Schools work, Community Youth Work, Supporting and resourcing local churches, training and mentoring. He recommended the Schools Work Training Day in November, and encouraged Synod members to take back a resource pack on Wiltshire YFC to their PCCs and asked for their prayers and support.

Kajo-Keji Report: The Rural Dean spoke of his September visit to Kajo-Keji with members of CRESS and thanked those parishes that had contributed towards his travel.

Michael Bishop

Electoral Roll

Membership for the 2015 APCM was 200 (184 in 2014)

The Trinity C E VA School

Jenny Jones stood down as Chair of Governors in the autumn term.

The school is in the process of converting to Academy status, this will probably take place in July.

Southbroom Junior School/ Southbroom St James' Academy

Southbroom Junior School became Southbroom St James' Academy on 1st December under the aegis of the Diocese of Salisbury Multi-Academy Trust.

Revd Jonathan Triffitt resigned as Chair of the Local Advisory Board; Paul Raggett stood down as Interim Chair in December. Niki Jakeman is Vice Chair, and Jonathan Triffitt, Becky Sedgwick and Christine Salter are members of the board.

Membership of the PCC

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. From 1st January 2014 until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 26th April 2015 the following were members of the PCC.

Vicar Revd Jonathan Triffitt
Associate Priests Revd Steve Ibbetson Revd Jennifer Haynes
(until 04/14)

Assistant Curate Revd Chris Spencer (until 06/14)

Churchwardens Clare Kent Noël Woolrych¹
Jeremy Davidson²

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Michael Bishop² Jonathan Edmondson² Andy Muckle (until 06/14)
Lawrie Smithson

Representatives of the Laity

Pat Billett Alison Carter Tracey Edmondson²
Rachel Gardner Amanda Garland-King Mavis Hatt
Doreen Hutton Jenny Jones Liz McAnaw
Mark McGuire¹ Christine Merry² Michael Porter
Miriam Smith Peter Walker² Mike Wilmott
Noël Woolrych²

Co-opted

Jonathan Edmondson¹ Tracey Edmondson¹
James Salter (from 14/05/14)

Officers

Chairman (ex officio) Revd Jonathan Triffitt
Vice-Chairman Noël Woolrych¹ Jeremy Davidson²
Secretary Lawrie Smithson
Treasurer Michael Porter
Assistant Treasurer Doreen Hutton
Electoral Roll Officer Revd Beth Hutton (not a PCC member)
Minutes Secretary Diane Coleman (not a PCC member)

Representatives on Devizes Partnership of Churches/ Churches Together in Devizes

The clergy Juliet Gravina (until 03/14) Lawrie
Smithson Peter Walker (from 01/15)

¹ Until 2014 APCM

² From 2014 APCM

PCC Reserves Policy

Restricted Funds:

Cottage Properties Fund

The capital held in this fund must be left intact. The interest/dividends received as income during the year from these funds can be used for ecclesiastical purposes in the Parish as agreed by the PCC.

Legacies & Gifts Fund

The reserves held for specific projects and interest earned will be spent on those projects.

Children and Family Worker Fund

The reserves held and interest earned will be set aside for expenditure on this project.

Unrestricted Funds:

Building Repairs Fund

The reserves held in this fund and interest earned will be set aside for repairs/improvements to the fabric and fittings of the church building (including the churchyard) and the parish centre.

Legacies & Gifts Fund

The reserves held in this fund and the interest earned shall be spent on the furtherance of the mission of the church and shall be agreed by the PCC. Any designated funds held will be spent on the projects for which they were designated.

General Fund

The policy of the PCC shall be to seek to ensure that a minimum sum is kept in this fund to cover one quarter of the budgeted expenditure of all expenses of the church, excluding Diocesan share. Any reserves in excess of this can be spent on the furtherance of the mission of the church and shall be agreed by the PCC.

For the avoidance of doubt, reference to the furtherance of the mission of the church shall be taken to include expenditure on repairs/improvements to the fabric and fittings of the church building (including the churchyard) and the Parish Centre.