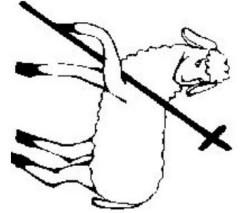


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Annual Report

of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2006

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reference and administrative information
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The Parish Church and the PCC

St Agnes' Parish Church is situated on Slade Lane near the junction with Hamilton Road. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is
St Agnes' Rectory, Slade Lane, Manchester M13 0GN

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The Bankers for the PCC are CAF Cash Ltd and the insurers are The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Gloucester.

The address of the Parish website is **www.stagneslongsight.org**

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2006 until the date this report was produced are:

<i>Parish Priest</i>	The Revd Stephen Edwards (<i>Chair</i>)	
<i>Wardens</i>	Colin Best Leah Lutley	
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod</i>	Karen Flowers Doreen Healey Leah Lutley Lewis Njoku	
<i>Elected members</i>	Emmanuel Agbo Joan Anthony Beverley Flowers Pauline Flowers Joyce Green John McKae Linda Mellis Irone Philips Rudolphus Ricketts Joyce Royle Gwen Sherratt Margaret Taylor Elaine Tidsey Rick Tidsey Richard Trouncer	<i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>Vice-Chair</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>until APCM 2006</i> <i>until APCM 2006</i> <i>until APCM 2006</i> <i>co-Treasurer</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>until APCM 2006</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>from APCM 2006</i> <i>until July 2006</i>
<i>Co-opted members</i>	Vivien Morris Jennifer Newton Margaret Taylor	<i>co-Treasurer</i> <i>Secretary</i>

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The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is supported by the work of a number of sub-committees which although having no particular decision making role meet regularly to discuss issues and make suggestions in support of the PCC's work. The various groups are:

Standing Committee

consisting of the parish priest, wardens, secretary and treasurers, this group meets to set the agenda for PCC and can deal with day to day issues.

Worship Committee

prepares for and deals with details of services and makes suggestions to the PCC about major worship issues/changes.

Mission & Action Group

discusses and suggests to PCC issues of mission, action, justice, peace etc; particularly non-financial ways of getting involved.

Pastoral Care & Nurture Group

looks at ways of ensuring parishioners are prayed for, visited, and nurtured in times of sickness and in health; also preparation and care of baptism, confirmation and wedding candidates and the care of the recently bereaved

Fabric Committee

monitoring general state of church building and grounds, working through the requirements of the Quinquennial inspection.

Community Hall Management Committee

manages all aspects of the hall – financially and administratively.

In addition to these distinct groupings the PCC has developed parish policy in a variety of areas to support and maintain best practice. Key policy areas include:

Child Protection

Under the guidance of our parish officer (Doreen Healey) the PCC has adopted a policy which covers recruitment, safety, and training along with other areas of child protection in line with national and Diocesan requirements. This policy is reviewed annually.

Health & Safety

During 2006 the parish officer (Margaret Taylor) has been working with the parish priest (who has overall responsibility for health and safety) in the re-writing of our parish policy. Again, training, awareness and implementation are key to this policy which will be re-presented to the PCC in 2007.

The parish also maintains policies on data protection, disability discrimination, fairtrade, baptism, and the admission of children to communion.

At the time of writing preliminary work is being carried out on a parish environmental policy (in line with the Church of England's 'Shrinking the Footprint' project) and the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

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objectives and activities

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Objectives

The object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC co-operates with the parish priest in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The various committees and groups outlined in Section 2 above, and especially the provision of worship and pastoral care, are key to the strategy of meeting these PCC objectives.

Over the course of 2006 the PCC has paid special attention to recent reports and initiatives in the wider church – both on a national and diocesan level - to move forward in both ministry and mission. These have included:

Mission Shaped Church & Fresh Expressions

through discussion, presentation and video we have started a process of looking at the provision of ministry and worship within the parish and how this might be better adapted to changing lifestyles in a changing world.

Deanery Strategy Plan

The Archdeacons required every parish to collect, analyse and present statistics about parish life from buildings and numbers to activities and people. This major project was completed during 2006 and its results forwarded to the Deanery for inclusion in a strategy for the future. From this project (which is again on-going) the parish identified three priorities for the future – see section 5 below.

Activities

The activities of the PCC which are outline in this report depend largely on volunteers. It is important to mention the contribution of volunteers to the life, ministry and mission of the Parish as a whole and particularly the PCC. Without this 'workforce' many of the objectives and activities of the PCC would not be possible. The PCC notes with gratitude and appreciation the contribution of volunteers at all levels of parish life.

As well as the activities mentioned in this report and the structures outlined above to support the objectives of the PCC, the parish has a mission giving project whereby 5% of the weekly collection is set aside for mission giving. Each December the PCC allocates this money to four or five charities chosen from nominations received from the wider congregation. In 2006 the chosen charities were:

- Mampong Babies Home (Kumasi, Ghana)
- The Smile Train (Worldwide)
- Tumelong Mission (Pretoria, South Africa)
- The Mustard Tree (Manchester, UK)

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Church Attendance

During 2006 the average Sunday attendance was 74. There were six Baptisms, four weddings, and no first communions or confirmations.

Review of the year

During the past year there have been 9 meetings of St Agnes' PCC. Attendance has fluctuated from a low of 58% to a high of 80% with an average of 69%.

Major items covered by the PCC and its supporting committees during the year have included:

- Articles of Inquiry – discussions on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Fears and Threats and Hopes and Opportunities and subsequently decided on three priorities for our Parish: Connections, A Social Church and Utilising Buildings.
- Fund Raising/Social Events – during the year we have appointed a Social Committee.
- Parish Budget
- Pastoral Care and Nurture – this group has met regularly throughout the year and as a result a regular Prayertime has taken place one Tuesday in each month. The group has also worked out a Baptism Policy and the Prayer Tree has been resumed.
- Mission Giving
- Junior Church – Crèche facilities have been introduced during Sunday morning worship and toy bags have been assembled for use in the newly created crèche. During the year there have been film afternoons held in the Rectory for the children of Junior Church and a number of other events. The Junior Church membership continues to increase and the contribution of the children to the life of the parish is appreciated
- Worship – the Worship Committee continued to meet most months and as well as regular services there have been a number of additional opportunities for worship and prayer as well as quiet afternoons and study courses
- Mission & Action – this group has met regularly throughout the year and has highlighted campaigns organised by Amnesty and Water Aid and also a campaign on Gold-Mining. The Harvest water theme

resulted in a major project of stories, a booklet and service being produced by members of the congregation. The group also instigated a study day on the issues facing the Anglican Communion led by the Revd Henry Mayor.

- One meeting was devoted to watching the DVD, Fresh Expressions, which was followed by a discussion on how we might move forward at St Agnes'.
- Community Centre – The community Centre has been run for 20 years and we now had to decide how it would be run in the future. After some discussion it was decided to form a sub-committee of the PCC with community representatives.
- The parish maintains connections with St Agnes School, other local schools, a local residents group, mosques (particularly the Makki Mosque on Beresford Road, with which greater links were made during 2006) and the Street Pastors ministry, in which we have a member of our congregation as a pastor and are able to support with prayers and the use of the community hall.

Electoral Roll

During the 2006 there were 106 names on the Electoral Roll. At the time of writing this report a new Roll is being prepared in line with the requirements of the Church Representation Rules.

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plans for future periods

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In 2004 the Church of England published one of its most important reports in recent years: Mission Shaped Church. In 2006 the Diocese of Manchester underwent a diocesan wide assessment of parishes buildings, boundaries, structures and mission in order to help Deanery Pastoral Committees prepare for future ministry patterns through the creation of a Deanery Strategy.

Together these two initiatives have enabled St Agnes' PCC to record, assess, and review the life, ministry and mission of the Parish.

After significant work over a number of meetings the priorities identified by the PCC are:

1. CONNECTIONS

with outsiders, with the community and with seekers

2. A SOCIAL CHURCH

events which draw members and non-members into the life of the parish

3. UTILISING BUILDINGS

re-organising space, the future of the hall, advertising etc

The PCC will seek to keep these priorities at the heart of its future work as guidelines for the ministry and mission of the parish.

Further details of this process are available in the Admin & PCC section of the parish website.