



Holy Trinity Claygate Annual Review 2006



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Foreward

'Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified' (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

When the apostle Paul preached in Corinth he was aware of a number of expectations upon him; those from a Jewish background were looking for one thing in his teaching, others from a Greek background another. Yet in the face of these different groups looking for different things, Paul preached a clear and consistent message 'Christ and him crucified'.

We live in a changing world where living and witnessing for Christ becomes ever more complex. Nevertheless, our message as Christians remains settled; our focus is on Jesus and his forgiving love for us shown on the cross. That has been the gospel preached at Holy Trinity over the past two decades, during which the church has seen tremendous life and growth. As you read this annual review I hope you get a flavour of the many areas of life-giving ministry currently going on at our church as we continue to share and live out the good news of Jesus.

Of course, while the message remains the same, we pray that our church will continue to grow and develop new ways of reaching out with the love of Jesus; the prayer requests in this review indicate the ways we hope God will be at work in the time to come. I must say that it is a privilege to serve as vicar here at a time when, as well as being thankful for the past, we are also looking to the future. We started the process at a PCC away day in September 2006 and I look forward to continuing that vision process at the Church Vision Meeting on 22 April.

That the church is in such a position is a credit to David King and all the team who led the church during the interregnum. They deserve our thanks, and I certainly give them mine for the supportive way they have welcomed and supported me in my first months as vicar.

I hope you enjoy reading this annual review and that it helps you pray for the ongoing mission of Holy Trinity Claygate. There is much that goes on that hasn't been included for reasons of space, but it hopefully gives a picture of where we are as a church and how we are looking to grow.

With my love and prayers

Philip Plyming
Vicar

LEADERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

The high point of the year was of course the installation of Philip as vicar of Holy Trinity on a very hot evening in July. It was a grand occasion, full of hope and promise, and the beginning of a new chapter for our church. At Christmas we said goodbye with great sadness to the King family, as David completed his training post here and moved to Redhill.

We **praise** God for:

- The wonderful way in which David, supported by the staff team, led our church during the interregnum; and for the church family, who seemed to rally behind them, so that the momentum of our church life here was maintained
- Andrew Cowie being here at the very right moment to continue David's work with children and to co-ordinate work amongst young families
- The way that the Plymings seem so quickly to have become thoroughly at home in Claygate and for the sensitive way in which they have fitted into church life here

We **pray** for:

- The Plymings, with their young family and a very big work load, to stay at the centre of God's will and be given strength for the task which lies ahead
- The church family to be completely involved in the vision process and in discerning God's will for the future of our church
- For the multitude of people, staff and volunteers, who contribute so much and help God's work to be done in Holy Trinity

Penny Alpass & Richard Gordon

PCC

Most Council meetings have again centred on a presentation and discussion of a particular area of HTC's ministry. These have included: Jigsaw Playgroup; Pastoral care in church and community; Ukraine link; Ministry to children and Communications. The PCC also discussed and responded to two diocesan consultation papers – the first, the final phase of the Parish Share Review and the second, the draft of 'Towards a 2007 Mission and Pastoral Plan'.

Those who have the privilege of serving on the PCC have had many reasons to **give thanks to God** during a year of transition from interregnum to the start of a new chapter in the life of Holy Trinity church:

- For the outstanding way in which the staff team, supported by the churchwardens, performed during the interregnum
- For God's hand on the process of appointing a new vicar leading to the selection team's unanimous choice
- For Philip's confident, well-prepared and joyful assumption of his responsibilities in July
- For the focus he has brought to the process of discerning God's plan for our church and for the role of all those in any aspect of leadership at Holy Trinity – a process begun at the PCC's 'day away' in September
- For the effective separation of routine business from issues of substance, now dealt with respectively by the Standing Committee and the full Council
- For the stimulating and sometimes challenging topics presented and discussed at PCC meetings, now from time to time including major issues facing not only the Church of England but also all Christians in the 21st century

and, finally, for the still growing role of prayer and for the spirit of harmony at PCC meetings which together enable all significant decisions to be reached by consensus.

Andrew Stroud
PCC Secretary

GROUPS

Small groups can provide a forum whereby people learn together, support each other, share their faith and their doubts, encourage one another with experiences of God working in their lives, and reach out to others. They are an important place for growing disciples of Jesus and should be a huge resource for building God's kingdom in Claygate and in the wider world. During the year one new group started and one post-Alpha group's member merged into an existing group.

HOMEGROUPS

Praise points for 2006

- For the leaders of the individual groups, their commitment and enthusiasm
- For the continued growth of new and post-alpha groups
- For the consolidation of the HG Co-ordinators team (Linda Morgan, Mike Harle, Pippa and Steve Cramer, John Smith and Valerie Bagley)

Prayer points for 2007

- To discern God's vision for homegroups within His vision for HTC and the wider community
- That we might grow in diversity so as to have groups that are relevant and supportive for all members of the church family, both young and old
- For the training and encouragement of HG leaders and the raising up of new leaders, to enable HGs to deepen their commitment to Christ and to grow numerically

Linda Morgan

ANCHOR

This group is open to ladies of all ages in the church. They try to have speakers on subjects which are of interest to Christians and which help to stimulate discussion and fellowship.

Praise points:

- for the successful move from meeting in a member's home to meeting in the Church Foyer which has stimulated interest and increased our numbers

Prayer points:

- that the support and friendship which Anchor members give each other will continue to flourish and grow

Gill Caporn

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship exists to bring together men of the church and the community to promote Christian faith and fellowship through lectures, talks and social activities of general interest.

We **thank** God for:

- well attended talks on a variety of secular subjects
- the attendance of many ladies at our three 'open' evenings
- the willingness of a former Chairman to stand in for the season, to ensure no void in leadership

We **ask** God for:

- the commitment of fresh leadership and a broadening of our membership
- a deepening of our commitment to each other and to the wider community
- guidance regarding subjects for talks and speakers

Chris Kingston & Jon Davey

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

Children's Ministry at HTC encompasses a number of groups who meet regularly on Sunday mornings including:-

- **Crèche:** For 0-3 year olds, led by Camilla Leppard & Helen la Frenais
- **Scramblers:** 3-4 year olds, led by Gill Lowe
- **Climbers:** 5-6 year olds, led by Helen Forbes
- **Explorers:** 7-8 year olds, led by Mark Burrows
- **Trekkers:** 9-10 year olds, led by Bob Hayes

Give thanks for:

- The large number of children who regularly attend these groups
- David King's overall vision and passion for children's work over the year
- All the children's leaders that serve these children, dedicate their time, and help the children to deepen their knowledge and faith in God and Jesus through the Sunday groups, and other social activities
- The hard work that Selina Botham has put into running the crèche over a number of years, helping to make it a caring and nurturing environment

Pray for:

- God to reveal his plans for Children's ministry at HTC as part of the Vision process in 2007
- That we, as children's leaders, might be better equipped to share our passion and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with the children in our care
- That the children might grow in discipleship, to become leaders themselves as they grow in maturity and faith
- The continued safety of the children in our care, and that HTC would be a loving and welcome community in Christ for all children in Claygate to come into a living relationship with God

Andrew Cowie

HOLIDAY CLUB

The main aim of the holiday club is to provide Christian outreach to primary school children in the local community, by hosting four enjoyable and inexpensive mornings of drama, singing, dancing, games, crafts, challenges and most importantly, interactive talks on the gospel message. This positive experience and teaching will generate interest in God and sow seeds of faith within the children.

Give **praise** that:

- the club has continued to grow in reputation and popularity in the village, resulting in the 90 available places for Castle Capers being sold out within four hours of booking opening this year. Approximately 70% of those children were non-church goers.
- God very much inspired and worked through us enabling us to plan, organise and run the club safely and successfully. Feedback has been very positive from both the children, who had a great time and learnt about God, and the parents, who saw something special happening at HTC and got a feel for how important children are to God. Many have been enquiring about future events and even how they can help.
- our church family is very blessed with a diverse range of skills and passions. Over 80 people helped with the club in a variety of ways working together with enthusiasm and co-operation to make it a success. Along the way, a number of us had our own personal journeys in faith enhanced.

Pray that:

- the gospel message of the holiday club touched the hearts of all the children who attended and sowed seeds of faith and a hunger to find out more, especially in those to whom all this is new.
- the non-church going children who attended the club feel encouraged and welcomed to return to HTC - to children's groups, Megamix and other future children's events. This requires prayers not only for the children but also the parents who have to allow this to happen and hopefully come to HTC themselves.
- we are able to capitalise on the interest generated by the club and provide an effective follow up strategy. Pray for God to lead us in the direction He wants and inspire us with ideas, enthusiasm and energy for what the future holds.

Jill Griffiths

JIGSAW PRE-SCHOOL

At Jigsaw our main aim is for every child to receive the best pre-school education possible by enjoying and achieving through play in a safe and inclusive environment. This year we are looking to further improve facilities for outdoor learning in order to fully deliver the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Three **praise** points - give thanks for:

- a committed and enthusiastic team
- a team competently led by Jenny Wilkinson (Manager) and Val Richards (Supervisor)
- a thriving and popular service to the local community

Three **prayer** points:

- that each child may be secure and safe as they learn
- that parents of Jigsaw children may feel welcomed into the church family
- that the Jigsaw Committee may have wisdom in their decision making

Catherine Winchcombe

MEGAMIX

MegaMix meets in the village hall on the first Sunday of each month. It is an opportunity for children aged 5-11 to come together and build their Christian relationships with one another, through teaching, drama, puppetry, music, dance, story-telling, conjuring, games, prayer, and anything else that helps promote fun and friendship.

Give thanks for:

- The people who make it happen
- The children who come
- The way God has shaped and evolved MegaMix to date

Pray for:

- The development of MegaMix within the context of the God's vision for it and HTC as a whole
- God's spirit to work powerfully in the children, so that they can be all God wants them to be
- God's spirit to work powerfully in the leaders, so as they give, their faith is expanded

Simon Botham

TODDLERS' PRAISE

Toddlers' Praise aim is to give pre-school children and their mothers/carers an opportunity to learn more about Jesus through Bible stories, simple prayers, singing and having fun together. It also provides an opportunity for the adults to get to know each other and gain support if needed in a safe, Christian environment - different from other playgroups they may attend - over coffee and cake.

Things we are so grateful to God for during 2006:

- The increase in numbers attending, particularly Mums and children who do not attend church but who have heard about Toddlers' Praise through word of mouth.
- The children seem to have responded really well to the new style and format: a change in time (from afternoon to morning), a change in venue (from the Church Hall to Church House), a change in team and an increase in time of half an hour have all contributed to a different feel to things, some have described it as a real party atmosphere.
- New friendships forming with non-Christian and Christian mums.

Three prayer points, things we are so keen to happen in 2007:

- We are low on team members, and there is a lot to do behind the scenes as well as being there on the day to help and befriend the mums/carers, so we would love more Christians from HTC to be able and willing to join the team or just come along
- That the mums/carers and their families would be drawn to HTC and to the Lord – that Toddlers' Praise might be a stepping stone for them
- That the numbers would increase further and that we can manage that increase

Pippa Cramer

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

HTCs Youth Fellowship (aged 14-18) tries to encourage all young people, who have previous experience of church, to explore faith with questions and fellowship so that they may choose faith and seek a church when they leave Claygate.

Praise points from 2006

- give thanks that YF and the leaders team has doubled in size with the successful transition of all the older Pathfinders into YF and at the same time doubling and deepening of our prayer and bible study groups
- give thanks that 58 young people heard the gospel at YF and attend more than once
- give thanks for the 17 young people who went on CPAS Houseparties and another seven of our young people who were asked to be leaders at Haslemere houseparty.

Prayer points for 2007

- for those YF members serving in the wider church this year, Fiona Kelly, Ele Steeds and Amy Hennessy as they serve overseas; for Jamie Henderson, Claire Quest, Sanjay Patel as they help at their Christian Unions at University; and for Rachel Lowe, Joel Watkins, Lora Wilson and Claire Quest as they lead for the first time at Haslemere in the summer. Pray that they, and all others serving this year, can share all they have learnt, with those they meet elsewhere, to the glory of God
- for the future direction of YF as the leadership changes this year, that the young people may continue to find out about Jesus and his great saving grace
- for the future of the Catholic Youthgroup that has grown to 20 in size as the Church of the Holy Name seek to appoint a new leadership team to take the group into 2007/8

Asa Humphreys

SERVICES: TEACHING AND WORSHIP

TEACHING

The teaching ministry at Holy Trinity is based on the belief that the main way we hear God speaking to us today is through the Bible as it is opened up in faithful and relevant ways. In 2006 we sought to do this as we looked at 1 John, the Bible's teaching on God's character, and Corinthians 1-4 in all our Sunday services. During the summer at 8am and 6.30pm we looked at the book of Ruth and Psalms at 10am.

We can **praise** God for

- preachers whose concern has to be open up God's word in faithful and creative ways
- good response to use of sermon handouts as aid to Sunday teaching
- the growing use of the website for sermon downloads
- the message of 1 Corinthians 1-4 as a timely one for the church

We can **pray** for

- wise use of new audio-visual technology to enhance Sunday teaching and bring home the biblical message
- for an ever-increasing desire on Sundays and at other times to listen to what God is saying through the Bible
- for teaching to impact on our daily lives as Christians

Philip Plyming

WORSHIP

Our aim is to lead the music at 10am in a way that pleases God and encourages the whole church in offering praise and worship that is honouring and acceptable to God.

Praise points:

- Thank God for the provision of musicians and singers, for Mike Benns and the PA team, who all serve God so faithfully at HTC
- Praise God for the large numbers of children and young people who have been involved in the music this year
- Praise God because he is sovereign and high over all, praise God for Jesus - paying the ultimate price for us, and praise God for such amazing love that draws our hearts to respond

Prayer points:

- That we will do our part in the vision process, working prayerfully at discerning in what way God wants the music to develop within HTC, and for unity with the clergy team as we move forward
- That the music group members may continue to grow together through playing and praying together, that we will support each other, appreciate and respect each others God given gifts as we work together
- That God will bless what we do for his glory

Gilly Hayes

PASTORAL CARE

In Holy Trinity's programme of pastoral care, we would very much want to convey something of the love and compassion of Jesus to those we come across. While many people can give practical assistance or companionship to others, we aim to bring a Christian distinctive to such ministries, and help draw people closer to Christ.

Much informal, practical caring goes on within HTC, and from HTC members into the community, but there are various 'organised' elements which aim to ensure that care is available to all, and that as few people as possible slip through the net.

BEREAVEMENT VISITING TEAM

The members of the BVT follow up the next of kin (local) of those whose funerals have been conducted by HTC staff, offering a listening ear or any other support.

For **praise**:

- The wonderful commitment of the 16 team members, including Laura James, who co-ordinates the referral of the bereaved
- The many non-church people who come to our May Tea for the bereaved, and the November Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

For **prayer**:

- Ways of building on the opportunities given by the May and November events in terms of drawing people closer to Christ
- That the team members will have the right words and wisdom when they approach the bereaved person who has been referred to them

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The BSG meets fortnightly to give a supportive group environment to those emerging from the first stage of bereavement and who look to benefit from meeting people with similar issues.

For **praise**:

- For bereavement counsellor Sarah Collins and HTC member Barrie Railton, who have led the group with skill and commitment
- For the help which the various members over the year have received

For **prayer**:

- Sarah and Barrie are unable to continue leading the group after Easter 2007; wisdom is needed for the future way ahead

CARE TEAM

The CT aims to provide a long-term support, mainly in terms of regular visiting, for the house-bound, elderly or disabled.

For **praise**:

- The faithfulness and commitment of the 18 CT members, who often give of themselves sacrificially
- The capable and caring leadership of Margaret Mathew, HTC's Pastoral Assistant

For **prayer**:

- The health and strength of the team members, most of whom are retirees
- Younger people to join the team who love listening and caring

CREDIT UNION

The CU aims to facilitate those who wish to save regularly, perhaps in small instalments, and take out low-interest loans. It is available to all within Elmbridge.

For **praise**:

- A committed team of 14 volunteer collectors, led by Bill Lowe
- A good relationship with the management of The Firs and the Village Club, where we have our collection points

For **prayer**:

- That many more people will be convinced of the merits of the CU and begin to save
- The Village Club is not the best venue for a collection point – is there a more suitable place?
- Someone to take over some of the leadership of the CU from Bill Lowe, who has more work commitments now

CRISIS SUPPORT

CS aims to provide a way of helping out those (anyone in the parish, usually referred to by a church member) who unexpectedly find themselves in financial difficulty. CS, through the pledges of church members, buys goods and/or services for a person, on a one-off basis.

For **praise**:

- The generous pledges given by HTC members
- The vital help that we have been able to give to people at crucial times

For **prayer**:

- That the church family would think of Crisis Support when they come across someone in need, so that there is a greater take-up
- For someone with knowledge of the benefits system to join Brian Howells and Valerie Bagley on the CS co-ordinating team

General Pastoral Care **prayer request**:

- For at least two people from HTC to be identified (by the end of Summer) as wishing to undertake the part-time diocesan Pastoral Assistants' Course. This course equips and inspires a person to take up responsibility in any form of pastoral care, whilst enabling a person to specialise.

Valerie Bagley

PRAYER AND OUTREACH EVENTS

PRAYER CO-ORDINATION TEAM

The team has focused on helping to build the corporate prayer life at HTC, making it a more natural thing for us to do. In this respect focus has been on the central Monthly Prayer Meeting which takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 8 -9.30pm and numbers attending hover around 40 – 50. There has been some work done to try to make the team a link to all other prayer groups at HTC and this is an ongoing process. Recently the team have helped tackle the Vision Process by surrounding it in prayer in several interesting ways. The team members are Kim Cross, Chris Kingston, Rosemary Salter, Vicki Schmidt, Alison Shine and Ian Vale.

Praise points from 2006:

- That the year has seen the prayer life at HTC increase and become a more natural part of our focus
- For the success of the Monthly Prayer Meeting and that it is growing in effectiveness
- For the evidence of answered prayer as this has been a real encouragement to so many

Prayer points for the future:

- That everyone at HTC puts the Monthly Prayer Meeting as the priority meeting in their lives and the number attending grows significantly
- That the prayers surrounding the Vision Process will enable Philip and the whole church to discern God's will more easily and effectively
- As the vision is revealed we can support and nurture it with continuing prayer and that HTC becomes known as a prayerful church

Ian Vale

OUTREACH EVENTS

We continue to use the three key events to reach out to Claygate: the Walk Of Witness on Good Friday, the Flower Show in July, and the Lights on The Parade at Christmas. We continue to look out for other opportunities but our focus is very much on our Prayer Co-ordination as it has been for a while now. The evangelism team members are Kim Cross, Bob Hayes, Vicki Schmidt, Ian Vale and Simon Winchcombe.

Prayer points from 2006:

- thanks that HTC evangelises in many different ways and this work is continuing
- thanks that the stall we have at the Lights on The Parade is now well established and that many people attended: children receiving chocolates and a booklet, and the adults receiving a flier with details of Christmas services and a plug for Alpha where appropriate
- thanks that the Flower Show was a great success and the Church Army were able to help us again with the trailer "Ministry On Wheels"

Prayer points for the future:

- to know when the time is right to start increasing the work of the team again
- to continue to be open to opportunities that we can use during this waiting period
- to help encourage everyone at HTC to use their gift of evangelism as much as possible in everyday life

Ian Vale

ALPHA

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over eleven thought-provoking sessions. It is low-key, friendly and fun and provides us with an opportunity to discuss the basics of Christianity with people from both Christian and non-Christian backgrounds. In the autumn 13 people attended the Alpha course at HTC.

Give **praise** for:

- the people coming to know Jesus through the Alpha course
- everyone (and there are many involved) who help make the Alpha course possible
- the lasting friendships made during the courses

Pray for:

- the autumn 2007 course to reach out to people who would never normally come to church (or to Alpha)
- for leaders and assistants to come forward for the next course
- for God's guidance for everyone involved in Alpha

Mark Chapman

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism courses are run three times a year, usually in Feb, May and Oct with 6-10 couples taking part each time. The course is spread over four weeks and it is an opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith in the context of the commitments they will make during the baptism of their child. The course is informal, bible based and also gives them an opportunity to meet the vicar in the final week. Each couple is given a bible at the end of the course which is a present from HTC.

Praise points:

- thank God for the large numbers of people who attend and hear the gospel
- praise God for those who move forward on their journey of faith
- praise God for Andrew and Helen Forbes who now help

Prayer points:

- that the Gospel will have power and that the Holy spirit will change hearts and convict people.
- that the leaders will stay close to God and be protected, that he will give strength and guidance.
- for follow up for those who want to find out more.
- for Christian friends for each couple and that at HTC, we as the congregation, would be led by God in who to talk to

Simon & Selina Botham

MISSION

The Missionary Team aims to encourage all members of Holy Trinity to be part of God's work outside of Claygate through their general awareness, through praying, through giving, and through active involvement. We also aim to coordinate and promote the support of our mission links.

Praise points for 2006:

- The third successful trip to Ukraine in the summer, with a bigger team and an increased range of ministries. New for 2006 were a youth camp and a hair and nail salon. We were also able to support ongoing work in the villages through a newly-appointed local youth worker, who is doing an excellent job
- Three of our young people embarking on short term mission trips to Africa and South America
- The Cowie family returning from a year in China to share their experiences and stories. They have encouraged an increased awareness amongst us of the needs of this country. This resulted in a record amount being raised by our Christmas appeal

Prayer points for 2007

- For the success of the fourth trip to Ukraine this summer and for a clear vision for the future of this link
- For each of our overseas link missionaries: Martin and Lucie Brown, Meg Merrifield, and Gerard and Sarah Charles as they seek to follow God's calling.
- For the increased involvement of members of Holy Trinity in worldwide mission.

Emma Coy

COMMUNITY WORK

The Community Work comprises evangelism and discipleship amongst youth and adults in Claygate. The Community Work has a particular passion for, and focus on, the non-middle classes of Claygate who for cultural reasons are unlikely to attend the existing church services, or to an outreach such as the Alpha course or Youth Fellowship.

YOUNGER YOUTH – THE HUB

The Hub aims to reach new un-churched young people of Claygate. The young people sign up to an Alpha-style 16-week course of Raz's burgers, Christian talks and computer games.

Praise points:

- For the 16 people who attend each week
- For the young people who have become Christians
- For God's provision of a committed leadership team of 7 people

Prayer points:

- For the new Christians to sign up to 'HubXtra' this term
- For plans for The Hub2 next Autumn
- For the right people to join the leadership team as we go forward

OLDER YOUTH – CLAYGATE SAINTS

Claygate Saints is an outreach to men and includes ex-DV8ers (17-22 year olds) and local Travellers. We train at GOALS Soccer Centre on the A3 each Sunday after church.

Praise points:

- For a committed and consistent group of lads
- For Steve Talboys who manages the team

Prayer points:

- That the lads will be attentive in the bible times each week
- That one or two blokes from church would join the team
- That the Christians in the team would shine to others

YOUTH RESIDENTIAL – FALCON CAMP

Falcon Camp is a Christian holiday in October half-term that caters for young people from less affluent backgrounds and some young people with behavioural problems.

Praise point:

- That the first one last year was a great success

Prayer point:

- For the two Falcon camps running this October and for many from The Hub2 to attend

ADULTS – START

START seeks to reach new adults with the gospel. A consistent core come along regularly and feel they belong and want to grow in faith. START is struggling to reach new members of the community.

Praise points:

- God's work in the lives of a few at START
- The START leadership team growing in faith and ability
- That a START family came to Ukraine last year

Prayer points:

- God's direction, because a new way of reaching others is required
Stu Wright

CENTRAL SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATION

Our role is one of co-ordination, working with Philip, the staff team and the Churchwardens, to ensure that the necessary forward planning, support and communication is in place to allow each to fulfil their own roles which ultimately allow HTC to fulfil God's purpose and vision for Claygate. We are also the public face of HTC to the many church members and visitors who call in on weekdays and our aim is to show the love of Jesus in all we do.

We **give thanks** for:

- the many blessings we receive through being able to use our God-given skills working for HTC
- the numerous people who give their time on a voluntary basis to help with the many different tasks
- being part of the staff team at HTC

We **pray** for:

- greater reliance on God and not thinking we can do things in our own strength
- the opportunity to further develop our volunteer team following the useful training day Janet recently attended
- the ability to be flexible and adaptable as the vision process continues and we sense where God is calling His church in Claygate

Janet Watkins

FABRIC

We aim to maintain the church premises in the best possible condition and keeping it user friendly and easy to run.

During the earlier part of the year, when the vicarage was unoccupied, we had some security problems and damage caused by vandalism. Extra security measures were installed and since the Plyming family moved into the vicarage, these problems have abated.

We **give thanks** for:

- for the willing assistance of a small number of church and community members who voluntarily assist in maintaining both the inside of our buildings and outside in the churchyard.

As the team increases in age, assistance of more able younger men and ladies would help to spread the load. There are plenty of jobs, both light and heavy, to be done including mowing, pruning, hedge cutting, painting, small repairs and replacement of light bulbs etc, just to list a few!

Our **prayer** for 2007:

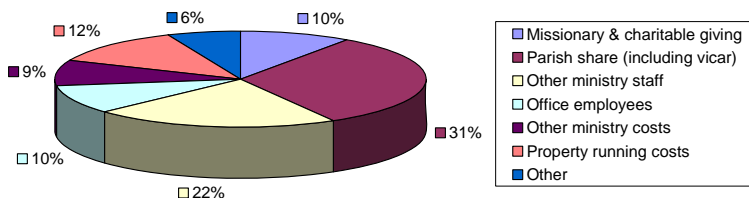
- is for more help on the first Saturday morning of each month - so please pray about this and come and join us

Dudley Sloggett

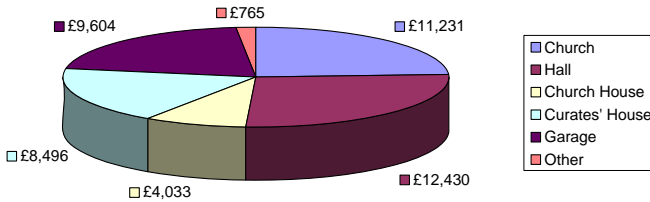
FINANCE

A welcome increase in pledged giving in 2006 of 12.8% has resulted in the anticipated deficit of £24,500 being completely extinguished. With only minor variations occurring from the expenditure budget and a larger than anticipated contribution from Jigsaw Pre-School it has been possible to record an addition to reserves of £13,800 at 31 December 2006.

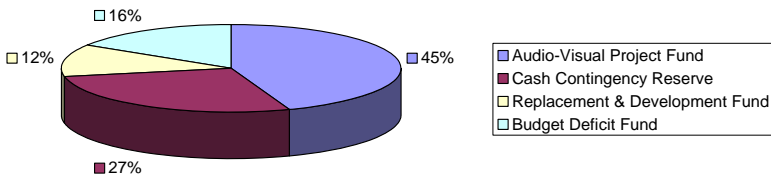
Expenditure for the year, excluding that incurred by Jigsaw Pre-School, fell into the following categories:



Expenditure on the various PCC owned properties totalled £46,559.



The PCC has allocated £60,000 of the liquid reserves to an Audio-visual Project Fund. Following this decision the proportion of the total liquid reserves of £134,686 allocated to the various funds is as follows:



The full accounts for 2006 are included in the 'Annual Report and Financial Statements' document which is available from the Church Office. This details the PCC's transactions, discloses its financial

position as at 31st December 2006 and includes a record of all assets and liabilities. A separate “user friendly” version of the annual accounts has been prepared specifically for the church membership. This includes the approved PCC budget for 2007 and is available from the foyer.

In confirming once more that our finances are in good order I wish to again pay tribute to all the volunteers who week in and week out ensure that our books and records are maintained to a high standard. In particular, I would like to thank Sarah Quest (Church Accountant), Brian Howells (Pledge and Gift Aid Secretary), Tim Hurdle (Jigsaw Treasurer), Gordon Raney and team (Weekly collections) and Jean Southwood (Envelopes). All of us, however, would wish to acknowledge the essential contribution made by the Church Office staff without whose help and co-operation it would be difficult to keep track of the many facets of church life involving “money in” and “money out”.

Jem Salter
Treasurer