The Hermitage Team Ministry

St. Mary's Church, Hampstead Norreys

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2010

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CHURCH WARDENS ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND GROUNDS 2010

Wardens inspection of the church took place in March and the terrier updated by Pamela Betts and Catherine Ainslie on 14th February and shown to the PCC on 23rd March 2011

FABRIC

All of the windows, with the exception of the west window, were repaired / replaced in 2010. The west window had already been replaced in 2009,

The clock was repaired and installation of a self winding mechanism and night silencing unit were completed in early 2011. Funding and project management was provided by the Parish Plan. The clock and striking mechanism are now working and the clock is being regulated to improve its accuracy. Consideration will be given to the installation of a self regulator will be given as part of the ongoing church repairs programme.

The English Heritage Grant for Repairs to the Tower at St Mary's Church was accepted by the PCC on 19th January 2011. The grant only covers the specific work to the tower roof, the structural integrity of the walls, and water ingress between the tower and nave. It is allocated as a two phase project which must be carried out sequentially with close monitoring from English Heritage. Some costs are VAT recoverable but others are not.

Phase 1 is an investigative phase during which a full structural and timber survey will take place. After these surveys a specification of works will be agreed with English Heritage and quotations, faculties and any other building permission will be obtained. A bat survey has to be undertaken and this will determine when and under what conditions the work will be carried out. As part of phase 1 a costed maintenance plan and an access audit will be completed.

During Phase 2, which is likely to take place in 2012, the repair work as defined in Phase 1 will be carried out and completed according to the specifications agreed.

A full inspection of the church was completed by the architect and due to the current state of the floors in the tower it is not safe to carry out cleaning to the clock chamber or belfry. The bird proofing in the tower is in reasonable condition but will be reviewed as part of the ongoing repair programme. There is no vegetation on the walls and we do not have a boiler. Spring cleaning and arrangements for the gutters and downpipes to be cleared will be organised.

GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Jane Dipple will be contacted and asked if she is prepared to update the memorial book

CHURCH YARD

We are grateful to Mrs Peake and Bruce Lousley who removed leaves from the churchyard as well as the Parish council for donating a grant which helps to keep the graveyard mown but the PCC has decided to extend the services of Scofell Landscapes to ensure that the churchyard continues to be maintained appropriately

CHURCH WARDENS

Our thanks go to the PCC, the organist, bell ringers, cleaners, those who serve coffee and tea, the readers and sidesmen for their extra help and support during this year of change.

Pamela Betts and Catherine Ainslie 21st March 2011

PCC REPORT 2010

Hampstead Norreys PCC has the responsibility of working with the Team Clergy in promoting the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of the parish church of Hampstead Norreys.

We, as the Church in Hampstead Norreys, offer our lives in worship to God,
that we might grow in spiritual life,
and, through the Spirit of God, serve those amongst whom we live,
that they may see Christ through us and respond to Him.

Members of the PCC during 2010 have been:

		Expiry of term of office
Churchwardens:	Pamela Betts (from April 2010)	2013
	Catherine Ainslie (from April 2010)	2013
Elected Members:	Janet Carruzzo	2011
	Liz Crew (Secretary)	2013
	Gavin McLaughlin	2011
	Gaynor Nutbrown	2012
	Lesley Ravenscroft (Treasurer)	2011
	" " (Lay Chair from Sept 2010)	
Deanery Synod representatives:	Vivian Brown	2011
	Cynthia Saunders	2011
Ex Officio:	Richard Betts (Lay Chairman until Sept 2010)	
	Rev. Tony Lynn (Chairman)	

The PCC met formally on 7 occasions during the year.

Electoral Roll: The number reported to the annual meeting 2010 as on the electoral roll was 42.

Hermitage Team: Vivian Brown and Cynnie Saunders represented the PCC on the Team Council. A report is included separately.

Stewardship: The finance report is included elsewhere. Once again we are thankful to God for the provision of funds for the work here, and to be able to support the wider work of the church. We have been able to pay our Parish Share in full.

Care of the Building: A report on the building of the church is included elsewhere.

Log Book and Terrier: The PCC has seen and inspected the Log Book and signed the Terrier and Inventory.

Care of the churchyard: This is being carried out by Scofell Landscapes.

Community: Simon Nutbrown is Chair of Governors at Hampstead Norreys C of E Primary School. and the Reverend Tony Lynn continues as a Foundation Governor.
Barbara Peake continues as the PCC's representative on the Village Hall Committee.
Natalie Roberts continues to run the Sunday Club and the PCC wishes to record their thanks to her.

Child Protection: Sheila Fulker continues as the Parish Representative responsible for this process.

Mission: We continue to support financially the Salaman family who work as CMS Mission Partners in Tanzania and who have close links with the church here.

Thank you to all involved in our worship in any way: sidesmen, leading intercessions, reading, music, preparing coffee/tea, bell ringing, cleaning, flowers etc. It all contributes to our worship.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HAMPSTEAD NORREYS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR TO 31.12.10

GENERAL FUND

2009	INCOME			2010
537	Donations received	- General	(note 1)	1372
590		- Restricted Income	(note 1)	650
40	Envelope Collections			68
2,419	Fees			1,029
12,279	Gift Aid:	- Committed giving		12,706
1,770		- Envelopes		2,843
2,527	Tax received on Gift Aid: Jan 09 – Dec 09			3,870
21	Interest Received	- Bank		5
1,217		- Trusts		699
1,395	Open Collections			1870
120	Other Income			15
331	Special Collections (Restricted Income)		(note 2)	748
£23,246	**Total Income:**			**£25,875**

2009	EXPENDITURE		2010
–	Altar Expenses		112
109	Church Expenses and Repairs	(note 3)	563
1,308	Churchyard Expenses	(note 4)	1,154
259	Development Expenses	(note 5)	577
125	Diocesan Inspection Fee		125
599	General Expenses	(note 6)	142
1,631	Insurance		1,536
1,808	Lighting and Heating	(note 7)	–271
334	Organ Expenses and Repairs		258
660	Organist's Fees		700
19,204	Team Share, Hermitage Churches		21,048
910	Donations given	(note 8)	1030
331	Special Collections (Restricted Income)	(note 9)	695
£27,278	**Total Expenditure:**		**£27,669**
–£4,032	**Excess of Income over Expenditure:**		**–£1,794**

NOTES ON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

1.	Donations Received			**Total**
	General:	Flowers	280	
	Donations, anonymous		380	
	Donations, individuals		712	
	Restricted:	H.N.P.C. (Mowing of New Churchyard)	550	
	Sunday Club		100	**2,022**
2.	Special Collections (Restricted Income)			
	Children's Society		338	
	Haiti (Lent Lunches and 50% from a service)		273	
	Cumbrian Floods (50% from a service)		137	**748**
3.	Church Expenses and Repairs			
	Inspection Lightning Conductor		100	
	Fire Extinguisher Check		191	
	Locksmiths		45	
	Sound system		227	**563**
4.	Churchyard Expenses			
	Mowing –Old and New Churchyard	(See note 1)	1,034	
	Bin removal		120	**1,154**
5.	Development Expenses			
	Baptism Cards		5	
	Candles		21	
	Christingle costs		53	
	CCL (Music License)		94	
	Gift Aid envelopes and containers		228	
	Sunday Club		163	
	Printing		13	**577**
6.	General Expenses			
	CRB clearances		26	
	Blackboard		18	
	Churchwarden gift		50	
	Gift		25	
	Gas refill		23	**142**
7.	Lighting and Heating			
	All bills in 2009 were estimated leading to significant overpayment.			
	Southern Electric have now refunded the difference.			
8.	Donations Given			
	Berkshire Churches Trust		10	
	Salamans, Tanzania		900	
	Retirement Gift, Tom Moffat		20	
	Ministry Training, Wendy Willoughby-Paul		100	**1030**
9.	Special Collections Paid			
	Children's Society, after expenses deducted		286	
	Haiti (Lent Lunches and 50% from a service)		273	
	Cumbrian Floods (50% from a service)		136	**695**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2010

2009		2010
9,423	Opening balance	5,391
–4,032	Net Income/Expenditure	-1,794
£5,391	Closing Balance	**£3,597**
	Represented by:	
4,021	Bank Current Account	2,222
1,370	Bank Deposit Account	1,375
£5,391	Net Assets	**£3,597**

BELL FUND (Restricted Fund)

2009		INCOME	2010
	Donations	Anonymous	8
38		Individuals	50
		Parish Council	20
	Fundraising	Open Gardens	1,081
		Quiz Night	691
		Calendars and Cards	902
		Songs from the Shows	1806
74	Interest Received		19
£112			£4,577
nil		**EXPENDITURE**	nil

2009		2010
5,063	Opening balance	5,175
112	Net Income/Expenditure	4,577
£5,175	Closing Balance	**£9,752**
	Represented by:	
257	Bank Current Account	4,815
4,918	Bank Deposit Account	4,937
£5,175		**£9,752**

BUILDING FUND (Restricted Fund)

2009	INCOME		2010
293	Interest Received		73
244	Donations received:	Anonymous	5
4,989		Individuals	9,739
450		Flowers	–
7,083		Auction	–
1,725		Xmas calendars /cards	–
1,000		Broadsheet	–
20		Parish Council	–
56		Men's Breakfast	–
102		Go Cart Race	–
		Headley Trust	4,000
		KEL Trust	500
		Proctor and Gamble	200
		Englefield Trust	5,000
		Hand bell Ringers	200
		Christmas Panto	1,000
–	Special Events	Cake Sale	1,868
		Easter Egg Hunt	112
309		Village 'Light-up'	459
979	Special Collection	Carol Service	448
333	Special Collection	Christmas Day	295
–	Trust Funds Closed		17,154
2,551	Tax received on Gift Aid: Jan 09 – Dec 09		2,580
£20,134			**£43,633**

BUILDING FUND (Restricted Fund)

2009	EXPENDITURE		2010
288	Auction Expenses		150
588	Calendar printing		
–	Trust Application Expenses		21
5,129	Building Work	Architect's Fees	1,135
		Windows	11,824
£6,005			**£13,130**

2009		2010
20,864	Opening balance	34,993
14,129	Net Income/Expenditure	30,503
£34,993	Closing Balance	**£65,496**
	Represented by:	
15,471	Bank Current Account	45,901
19,522	CBF Deposit Account	19,595
£34,993		**£65,496**

KITCHEN FUND (Restricted Fund)

2009	INCOME	2010
20,000	Legacy	20,000
	Represented by:	
20,000	Bank Current Account	20,000
£20,000		**£20,000**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2010

	General Fund £	Building Fund £	Bell Fund £	Kitchen Fund £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Monetary assets:						
Bank Current Accounts	2,222	45,901	4,815	20,000	**72,938**	38,749
CBF Deposit Accounts	1,375	19,595	4,937	–	**25,907**	25,810
					£98,845	£64,559

Trust Funds:

Church Field at Floods Cross:	
3560.23 6.25% Treasury Stock 2010	3,740
184 CBF Fixed Interest Securities	285
	4,025
Chancel Repair Fund:	
175 CBF Investment Fund	1,789
St. Mary's Trust Fund:	
1116 CBF Investment Fund	11,410

The above Trust Funds have been closed in order that they can be used for the building work that is needed.
A total of £17,154 was paid into the building fund from their closure.

Insurance:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group Policy No. CG97000344 - Sum Insured Buildings **£1,702,942**

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Mary's, Hampstead Norreys

This report on the Accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December, 2010 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:
As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report:
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. 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.

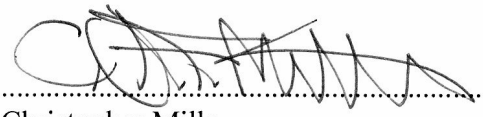
Independent examiner's statement:
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 Acts; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 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.



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Christopher Mills

Hampstead Norreys School Governing Body Report 2010/2011

Teaching staff:
Alexandra Butler (Headteacher), Daryl Jordan (Associate Headteacher) Laura Waldeck, Gill Glare, Alice Middleton, Tess Evans, Susan Oates
Non-teaching staff:
Julie Perry, Sheila Fulker, Jean Smith, Liz Woodcock, Mo Blyth, Zena Jarrett, Mary Macaulay, Jacky Postles, Jenny Baker, Peter Philips. Many parents and members of the local community continue to volunteer to help out in class for which the school is very grateful.
Governing Body:
Simon Nutbrown (Chair), Sheila Fulker (Clerk), Alexandra Butler, Will Carter, Laura Waldeck, Alan Clague, Tony Lynn, Liz Woodcock, Ian Grace, Jane Turrell, Gavin McLaughlin, Susie Brown, Harriet Hathaway.

In September 2010, Will Carter retired as Chair of Governors after five years in post, to be replaced by Simon Nutbrown. During Will's tenure, the school has grown from strength to strength and the Governing Body is very grateful to him for his work and support of the school.

The new coalition government's education White Paper brings a new era of "light touch" regulation to schools. On one hand, there is more freedom for schools to develop education to the benefit of the children, on the other, cuts to local government funding means the support services from the local authority will be reduced. As an Outstanding school (as judged by Ofsted) we are perhaps less in need of support than others. However, the Governing Body and staff of the school are determined to build on our success to not only maintain our high standards, but to move forward to even better things.

In September 2010, the school entered into a Collaboration with The Willows Primary School in Newbury, effectively formalising an arrangement that had been in place on a temporary basis since late 2009, when the Local Authority had approached the Hampstead Norreys Governing Body to ask for its help. When you are fortunate have, as we do, an excellent Headteacher like Alex Butler, she has to be shared! Alex is now Executive Head of both schools, dividing her time between both. As a result, Daryl Jordan was appointed in October 2010 as Associate Headteacher and he joined the school in January 2011 – he was interviewed by representatives of the Diocese, as well as governors, staff and even pupils, for the position. The new political environment in education is more about schools helping themselves and each other, so arrangements such as this will become more commonplace – never let it be said that Hampstead Norreys does not lead the way!

It is important to both the Governing Body and the staff at the school that the Collaboration is to the benefit of children from both schools and it is not just a question of a stronger school such as Hampstead Norreys supporting another school. There have already been many benefits of the closer links, with the children visiting each other's school, and a sharing of learning resources, and this helps in our goal to ensure that the children have a caring and supportive environment in which to learn and develop into confident members of the community.

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) continues to be used as a framework for the teaching of non-core curriculum subjects such as geography, history, art, ICT and design. The quality of teaching at Hampstead Norreys is outstanding, and governors regularly observe lessons. Parents as well are encouraged to visit and sit in on lessons during open mornings and afternoons throughout the year – and feedback from these sessions has been very positive.

A kitchen has now been installed in the school, so lunches are now cooked on-site, rather than being brought from Compton each day. This has been universally welcomed by both children and staff and is an exciting development for the school.

Church services throughout the year have included Harvest Festival, Carol Service, Ash Wednesday Service, Easter Service and Leavers' Service. Parents are invited to attend any of these services, with the Carol Service in particular achieving close to 100% parent attendance.

Pupils continue to use the setting of the church and the wider environment of the village throughout the curriculum. Tony Lynn leads collective worship at the school each week using God's Storyteller to theme throughout, and this theme is often carried through to collective and class worship led by class teachers. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children hosted a Lent Lunch which parents and villagers attended. The children made soup and bread rolls and performed for their guests. Older children have visited the elderly with harvest, Christmas and Easter gifts. The school continues to fundraise for a chosen charity. For 2010/11 the charity is Clic Sargent. Events are organised by Year 6 children and the whole school is involved.

With 106 children on roll, the school is officially full to capacity. That it is oversubscribed for the Reception intake, with many applications out of catchment, is a testimony to the work of the staff at the school, and the governors would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them.

Simon Nutbrown.

TEAM COUNCIL REPORT 2010-2011

The Team Council met three times during the past year, the meetings being held at Yattendon, Frilsham and Hermitage.

The first meeting, chaired by the Revd Rita Ball was also the AGM and appointed Ann Wheeler as Lay Chair, to replace Simon Hunt who was standing down after three years in the post. Peter Denny as Treasurer and Bruce Lousley as Secretary were re-appointed for a further year.

All the meetings received details of the Team finances. The year began with a balance of just over £5400 after the purchase of a new photocopier. Although a difficult year the Team share of £101,901 had been paid in full, with the previous year's rebate, which was held back in case of need, now being distributed. The Team accounts ended the year with a balance of just over £6700.

The Team Treasurer reported that the Team share for 2011-2012 will be £105,173 with added Team expenses of £8000.
Both the Clergy Sabbatical Fund and Rectory/Vicarage Fund were fully funded and would require no further additions.

It was reported that the review of Church insurance had now been completed.

Finance is an important part of the Team Council agenda and appreciation must be expressed for all the work carried out by the Treasurer.

Other matters that were discussed during the year were the Team Healing services, as well as how best to arrange the format of future Team services. It was the practice for the offertory at the Team services to be given each year to a specific cause. The council considered that the whole question of future services and offertory should be discussed at individual PCC meetings before the Team Council took any decision. Recent collections have gone to Haiti and Cumbrian disaster/flood appeals as well as the Newbury Deanery work in Batlharos, South Africa.

The Council discussed the question of services and Church activities relating to children in each parish and the possibility of coordinating certain work, including producing a joint list of available material, books and the various web sites for all to use.

The Council also received details of the various services to be held throughout the Team during Holy Week, both during the day and evening.

Following last year's successful Lent lunches and discussion groups arrangements were made for the current year. Both Lent lunches and groups will be held in various villages of the Team with the 5-week Lent course entitled Rich Inheritance – Jesus' Legacy of Love beginning in March. These will be held on different days and times to allow a greater opportunity to attend.

A quiet day was held in Frilsham in November and considered by those who attended to have been successful and worthwhile.
Also mention must be made of many fundraising activities throughout the Team including flower festivals and garden open days together with various concerts all supported by large numbers of people. A great deal of time is given by many people in raising the sums necessary to ensure our churches will be available for worship in the future.

In November Wendy Willoughby-Paul was licensed as a Lay Minister at a service in Christchurch Cathedral and recently it was confirmed that Margaret Fisher from Hermitage has been selected for training.

To end this report it would be appropriate to express thanks on behalf of the Council to all the Team Staff, the outgoing Lay Chairman Simon Hunt together with all the others who carry out the many and varied administrative tasks without which the Team could not function.

TEAM COUNCIL

Revd Rita Ball	Team Rector	Richard Betts	Team Reader
Revd Tony Lynn	Team Vicar	John Davies	Team Reader
Revd Martin Cawte	Team Minister	Wendy Willoughby-Paul	Team Reader
Revd Clive Jones	Associate Clergy		
Peter Denny	Treasurer		
Bruce Lousley	Secretary		

ELECTED MEMBERS

Don Gibbs	Cold Ash	Dorcas Ward	Frilsham
Pat Shaw		Wendy Willoughby-Paul	
Shelley Bowdery	Compton	Cynnie Saunders	Hampstead Norreys
Spencer Howells		Henry Hanning	Hermitage
Derek Brown	East Ilsley	Bridget Procter	Yattendon
		Ann Wheeler (Lay Chair)	

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2010

The Deanery Synod met three times during the year in February, June and October. During the year the Rev. Canon Tom Moffatt retired after 8 years as Area Dean and on his departure from Thatcham went to spend six months ministering in De Aar, South Africa. He was succeeded as Area Dean by the Rev. Rita Ball.

In addition to Synod business the Synod received presentations during the year from Ashley Erdman of the World Development Movement, which is the campaigning arm of the Anglican Church known for its crazy stunts, in-depth reports, campaigns and lobbying of various bodies; the Rev. Canon Jonathan Gough, Senior Chaplain at RMA Sandhurst regarding his ministry as an army chaplain at RMA Sandhurst; and The Ven. Norman Russell, Archdeacon of Berkshire about Common Tenure of the Clergy and its alignment to the 1999 Employment Relations Act as from 1st February 2011.

After a Plenary Session about the new Deanery Plan this was unanimously accepted at the February meeting.

The Deanery continued its link with Batlharos and a small group went out there during the year.

Cynnie Saunders

Sunday Club Report 2010

Sunday Club continues to meet once a month and attracts a core group of 11 families. We have been delighted to welcome some new families in 2010. Details of attendance for 2010 (2009 and 2008 for comparison) is provided below.

	2010	2009	2008
Average attendance at each session (children only)	15	13	20
Total children who have attended at least one session	32	35	30
Children aged 0-7	15	17	13
Children aged 8 and over	13	10	12
Number of sessions held in the year	9	9	11

Sunday Club hosted a second successful Easter Cracked event in April 2010, attended by 66 children from Hampstead Norreys and Yattendon schools. The Easter story flowed alongside various craft and cooking activities.

Our monthly sessions have been varied over the last year – all have a theme, but we engage the children in a variety of activities to help them understand the meaning and have fun at the same time! The fact that we meet both at the school and in the church lends itself to different ideas.

At the school we used the technology facilities and watched a DVD to explore three different parables. Back in the church we heard a dramatic retelling of the events of Ascension and Pentecost accompanied by a fire/wind game down the nave aisle! A sunny Sunday meant we could enjoy a group activity outside to see whether a house on rock or sand is best and the story of Daniel in advance of a performance by Hampstead Norreys Handbell Ringers the following week. At the July family service we presented 21 books to those children who had attended in the previous twelve months.

We made harvest mice and prayer chains to decorate the church for Harvest. Back in school in October, we wondered about the meaning of Peter's dream of a sheet full of animals. We also got creative, making technicolour dream coats for Joseph and thinking about our talents. In December, our theme was 'The Greatest Gift' and the children decorated boxes that they could fill with a gift for someone.

Jonah and the Whale was a popular story and we made origami whales to retell the story to our friends. We used Godly Play resources to wonder about the story of the Good Shepherd.

Families and their children continue to support the regular Family Service.

Sunday Club is very grateful to continued and regular support from Liz Crew and Sheila Fulker. Finally, we extend thanks to Miss Butler for allowing us to use the school premises during the Autumn and Winter months.

Natalie Roberts, Claire Trow-Smith, Clare Smith and Caroline Herman

The Save Our Tower Appeal Fundraising Report 2010/2011

In just over a year we have raised £225,000 which is amazing. This money has been raised through a combination of individual giving, 7 local fundraising events and grants from 11 trusts. The biggest single contribution to this was from English Heritage with a grant of £122,000 for the works to the tower. Planning work has now started for phase 1, the tower, which will commence in 2012 and fundraising is continuing for phase 2 for the remaining money needed, £199,000. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated their time and money to this appeal – without this the vital repairs to our church would not be possible.

Janet Carruzzo

Missionaries in Tanzania

Hampstead Norreys has kindly been supporting my brother and his family in Tanzania.
Paul and Christine Salaman (and their two children) went out to Tanzania in November 2007. They live in a town called Dodoma where they are CMS (Church Missionary Society) Mission Partners working with the Anglican Church of Tanzania in Dodoma. Regular updates from Tanzania come through the CMS link letters or via their blog: http://salamans.blogspot.com.

In February 2011, we enjoyed a visit by Paul and his family to Hampstead Norreys where they participated in both Sunday services. They were very grateful to the support from St Mary's as over £150 was raised through a fund raising afternoon and the selling of local Tanzanian crafts and music CDs.

Mary Allan

Pram Service

The Pram Service has continued regularly on the first Friday of the month in the church, with attendances mostly of six or seven adults and up to ten babies and pre-school children. The children enjoy the fun of the action songs and like to participate in acting out the Bible stories, whilst the adults listen and contribute on a different level. A discussion at a session on the Baptism of Jesus, ultimately led to the baptism of one of the babies in the group, which was wonderful. We always have a good time and there is a chance to share and get to know one another during the refreshments at the end.

Wendy Willoughby-Paul