



# St Andrew's Church

## Annual Clubs, Associations & Activities Report 2010



### Vicars' report

#### Reasons to celebrate

The annual report should be an opportunity of celebrating the previous year and all that we have done together as the Body of Christ meeting at St. Andrew's. Elaine has outlined, elsewhere, the reasons to celebrate our youth and children's work but what about the church as a family and as a whole?

2010 was a year for us to take stock, look at our most pressing needs and start to address them as we led up to the launch in January 2011 of the Giving in Grace programme. As usual most of what took place last year would not have been possible without the help of many. I would make a special acknowledgement to our two most able Church Warden's who have been a real blessing to me and to the church in their tireless work, aided most ably by the two Almoners. John, somehow, has kept the finances going despite many challenges and Neville has continued to help me in the pastoral and preaching ministry. The members of the church council and all those of you who either lead or assist in leading one of the many activities of the church a big thank you from me.

It is due to the work of so many that it feels like the struggles we felt at times in 2010 are now at an end as 2011 looks like a year of breakthrough in so many areas of church life. It shows the strength of folk when you see how they cope during difficult times and not just good ones, which is why I thank the Officers so much. It is amazing to hear of the continuing growth of the Toddlers work where together with parents and grandparents it is now one of the biggest services of the week at St. Andrew's. The 11.30am service has seen some growth then loss, but I am pleased to say has entered into a time of slow and steady growth now. Both our morning services continue to offer a variety of worship styles and are both well attended.

We had an excellent and Biblical exposition of the Gift of Prophecy given by Mark Iles in the Autumn and having really grown into our new Strap line 'St. Andrew's Church, God's heart for the Community' we now feel it time to create a new Mission Statement as part of our moving forward into God's plan for us. Our church weekend this year will be a chance to create that statement with the able help of one of our Diocesan officers, Gordon Randal.

I am so excited about the present that I would love to go on to where we are today but this is a report for 2010 not 2011. We lost some valued members and have gained some new members but the work of God at St. Andrew's is strong, growing and clearly centred on the community and on ourselves as Family. Thank you all so much for all you did to make 2010 such an amazing year and for giving us reason to celebrate. I commend this report to you and the financial reports too.

In Christ,

*Vicarmike*

### Churchwardens' Report - 2010

As Churchwardens we share ultimate responsibility for the fabric of all our buildings (Church, Vicarage and Community Centre) as well as finances related to Church, Community Centre and all associated activities.

There are too many to include all to whom thanks are due, but we take this opportunity to refer to some who have come to mind as we put together this report on the year just passed.

We thank Neville Brooks, who continues to do us proud ensuring that we are made aware of all maintenance needs - in addition to his many other responsibilities as a Lay Reader. There continue to be many small tasks that have to be carried out in Church and Hall and Neville has also had a hand in ensuring that these are addressed and prioritized.

We thank Phil Hermitage and Mike Sevant for ensuring that we had good Sound System support with our new system at our Services during 2010. We also thank Phil for his role as Treasurer for the Hall Accounts.

We continue to endeavour to improve communication and our new system of quarterly newsletters, with summaries of our monthly Church Council Meetings, and regular "What's On" weekly updates appears to be working very well.

2010 saw the formation of a planning group for the preparation of a Stewardship campaign called Giving in Grace. This created a wonderful opportunity to create a new team within our Church family. This team worked hard to ensure that when the campaign was launched in early 2011, the planning and preparation that had been put in ensured that it was communicated effectively and successfully. The results of this campaign will help to address both the financial and manpower issues faced by St. Andrew's as we continue with our outreach and growth as a Church.

We thank Elaine Webster and congratulate her on her continuing enthusiasm throughout 2010. Elaine continues to build foundations in the local community as well as creating closer relationships with young people and their families..

Toddlers Group continues to grow and thanks are due to Sue Le Gallais for all her ongoing work and the part she plays in this very important outreach and laying of foundations.

We thank all those involved in all the St Andrew's activities, such as the Social Committee, the Choir, Organist, Pianist and the Music Group, those involved with Fellowship Lunches, the Monday Fellowship, the Indoor Bowlers, What's On, providing aid to Romania, Flower Arranging, Brass Cleaning, those projecting onto the screen at Services, those who maintain the Missionary Notice Board or act as co-ordinators for the various Missions and Societies we support, or act as leaders and/or hosts for our prayer and house groups.

To all members of Church Council we give sincere thanks for their counsel.

To Roger and Maureen Liot, who between them have provided support in so many ways, and to all who have helped in any way during the past year, our grateful thanks.

Our sincere thanks to Angela Sevant & Sue LeGallais as Almoners, for their on-going help and support.

Finally, we give sincere and grateful thanks to our Vicar, Mike for his overall leadership and spiritual guidance. We also thank Lindy and all their family for all they do.

However, we hope and pray that we will be able to work together as a team, accept that changes are inevitable if we are to continue to grow as a Church, and reach out even further into the community around us.

John Rosser

Adrian Gordon

## FLOWER MINISTRY REPORT

2010 has seen another year of flower ministry at St. Andrews' with a very loyal team of volunteers, who have provided and arranged the Altar flowers week by week and come together as a creative and enthusiastic team for our festivals. We have also arranged the flowers for two weddings. As has been said before, we aspire to maintain the rich tradition of flower arranging at St Andrew' and the high standard that has been set over the years by past members of the congregation. Our numbers are slightly down and on occasions we have had difficulty in filling all the dates for the year. Excluding the festivals, but including Lent and Advent, we have about 21 slots a year for the provision of Altar flowers. This works on the principle that the flowers are provided to last for two weeks. We are still looking for volunteers to fill the weekly spaces. Ideally we would have 21 people on our list, each prepared to do one slot a year. Why not come along and share the joy of working with God's beautiful creation. We would be very pleased to give you whatever help, advice or encouragement that you need. Some very generous donations and the provision of flowers by members of the team, has meant that this ministry continues to fund itself and has not had to draw any funds from the church account.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for their contributions, support and encouragement during 2010. Praise be!

*Janet Averty*

## Fellowship Lunches

Our report covers the period from October 2010 to May 2011. We do not hold them during the summer. As always, a three course lunch is served at 12.30 p.m. sharp after Mike, our vicar, has said Grace. After lunch entertainment has included a quiz, poetry reading by Diane Falle, a talk by Gerry Padden about the work of The Grace Trust and Park Life, a talk by Rev. L. Turner and Brian Penaluna about the work of "The Mission to Seafarers". Grateful thanks to Vicar Mike for always being there to fill in when needed. May entertainment will be Barbara Smale and Doreen Queree with music and songs from the shows and Liberation.

I must say that snow and ice caused us to cancel our Christmas lunch at the beginning of December, which was a great disappointment to all concerned, including Mrs Di Hooper and her First Tower School Choir.

Owing to the continual rise in the cost of food, we have reluctantly decided to increase the cost of lunch by £1 from £6 to £7 from October 2011.

A request for anyone who would be available to transport one or two ladies to St Andrew's Hall for 12 noon and do the return journeying at 3 p.m. (all within the radius of St Andrew's) should one of our drivers be ill or unable to do so.

Mary and Margaret lead a very happy and hard working team who all help to produce and serve lunch for our regulars and we look forward to seeing you all again in October.

*Barbara*

## [www.StAndrewsChurch.org.je](http://www.StAndrewsChurch.org.je)

The new Church website has been running for almost a year and has proved successful. It is essential that a website's content changes regularly and I have tried to update the site frequently. A website is only as good as its content and I am grateful to everyone who has sent me material especially Maureen who ensures that I have the diary information and Lindy who provides her notes from her Women's Fellowship talks.

Over the Giving in Grace programme Mike and Phil recorded each sermon which has been put online. I would appreciate feedback from anyone who has found this useful and would like it to continue.

I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and ask for any material you would like to see on the site.

*Jonathan*

### **The Monday Bible Reading Group**

The Monday Bible Reading continues to meet most Monday mornings at the home of Patricia and Ivor. We have now completed two years and have read all but one book of the New Testament and a little over half of the Old, with the occasional book being read more than once, (as, for example, we read John again during Lent). Perhaps, most important of all, as well as the discipline, learning and satisfaction, of working our way through the bible, even with the occasionally Old Testament lists of "begats" which can be somewhat soporific, we are also enjoying ourselves.

We have also evolved, in a modest way, into a prayer group, which has gradually come about because we always start with prayer and end with open prayer, and various individuals have prayed, or asked for prayer, for something which, of the group, only they may be aware of.

All in all, and I think that I can speak for each one of us, bible reading aloud is a very meaningful and worthwhile pursuit and I can thoroughly recommend it.

*Ivor*

### **Music group**

It has had its ups and downs but the trend this year has been of steady growth. It is lovely to see Joshua Watkins now playing drums with a Violin and Piano added to our mix, you now miss it when it is just keyboard and singers! We try and meet every Wednesday and go through the songs for Sunday. Our hope is that as we lead worship people will engage with God not us. It is great to see a new youth band created by themselves. They have two guitars, one bass guitar, drums and several very good singers. It is a delight to hear how well they sing now and how competently they lead worship.

*Mike*

### **House group (Mike and Lindy et al)**

At present we meet at the Vicarage every Thursday evening from 7.30pm until around 10.00pm. It was both good news and not such good news when members of the group started their own recently. The good news is that this should be a natural progression within a housegroup, the not so good news was that we miss them. We have been through the Freedom in Christ material, a book called 'The Ultimate treasure hunt', the GiG material and currently, before break, Life Shapes. We are currently around 7 members so there is always room for more.

A housegroup is a good place to get to know each other better, where you can worship together, learn together and discuss together. Sunday mornings are good for us but it is within the housegroups that you can truly get to know each other as every member gets involved.

This housegroup may move again but will remain in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tower area. If you would like to join us please have a word with Lindy or myself.

### **Eastern Housegroup Report For 2010**

The Eastern House group meets on a Thursday evening @ 7.30pm, every other week, at present we have eight people who regularly attend this group. We all take part within the group by either leading the study, choosing the worship songs or providing the cake for that week! We welcome anyone who is considering joining a friendly house group in the Green Island area.

Towards the latter part of 2010 the house group venue changed from the home of Mary and John Rosser's to that of Adrian & Jackie Gordon's or on the odd occasion when our home is not available we would meet at the home of Jane Collins. At this point I would like to say a BIG thank-you to John & Mary for their hospitality in the past and particularly to Mary for all the wonderful cakes, especially her carrot cake!

The evening usually starts with a welcome cup of tea/coffee, followed by a chat {sometimes this goes on a bit!!!!} then a time of worship which leads into an opening prayer before starting our study.

In 2010 we finished off our study 'Going with God' 'Through Faith Mission.' Following this we went on to study a "Lifebuilder Bible Study" titled "Job - wrestling with God". This study was challenging in parts but we would recommend this to any of the other house groups. These 12 studies of Job brought us up to the end of 2010.

At the end of each session, time is given to anyone who has any issues or problems they would like prayer for. We also pray for anyone, who we are aware of, within our church family who is ill and in need of prayer.

*J*

*ackie {on behalf of the Eastern House Group}*

## Social Events for 2010

St Andrew's Social Committee had many organised events throughout 2010 as well as helping and being involved in other events requiring catering.

January started off with a joint celebration to mark a very special birthday for Robb & Janet Averty.

February half term a team of helpers ran the café for craft week which Elaine organised for the local children. Also in February we had our Annual Church lunch at the Monterey Hotel. Finally we provided lunch for approx 40 who attended a Stewardship Day around Giving in Grace led by Gordon Randall

In March we had a busy month where we started off celebrating another special birthday for Celia Taylor. This followed a new wine training day where we provided lunch for approximately 50 people. Finally in March we provided cakes for Adrian & Mike to serve with the teas and coffees for Mothering Sunday

April we provided food for the Agape Meal for Maundy Thursday and the usual Frugal Meal of soup and bread for Good Friday which was served after the "Walk of Witness".

May was our annual BBQ which was held after our joint service - this was very much appreciated especially by our youth who had a "sleep-over" in the hall the evening before.

We all managed to have a bit of a breather in June ready for the busy second half of the year.

July started with our first ever "Welcome Meal" where we thought it would be a good idea to have a meal for all the new comers who recently joined St Andrew's. We provided a meal for approx 25 people and Mike led a short presentation on activities around the church. This proved to be very successful and led to some of the new people wanting to get more involved.

August was our annual Picnic in the Park although many people were away on holidays at this time and wasn't as well supported as other events a good time was still had by all who came.

In September everyone was back from their holidays, and we held our Church Week-end during the middle of Sept and this was held within the meeting rooms at church and the week-end was led by Mark & Julie Iles. The lunch and tea/coffee was provided for everyone who attended.

October - "by popular demand" another craft week was organized during the half term break, again a team of helpers ran the café during this week

St Andrew's Day, in November, we cooked a 3 course meal for our church family and this was attended by about 60 people. We served a traditional meal of "Haggis, neeps and tatties" - this was enjoyed by all who attended and a great way of getting our church members together

At Christmas we held our annual Community Carol Service followed by mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles.

As usual thanks must go to all those involved who are willing to help lend a hand in many ways especially those who do so much behind the scenes.

**The Social Committee**

## Reasons to celebrate, as easy as ABC...

We have 74 children on the Kidz Club register and we continue to grow

Open the book reaches 400 children every term

Our Toddlers service has grown and reaches 50 children and their families

Mini Kids (under 5's on a Sunday) has doubled in size

Explorers now reaches 20 children aged 7-11, every Thursday, who learn more about Jesus and build a relationship with God

We already have a waiting list to start a third children's house group.

We've launched new messy church services to attract families - our first for this year was on Mothering Sunday our next will be on Father's Day

Between 300-400 people now come to St Andrews for our Family Fun Days in April

Our youth club now has 41 members on the register

Youth House group has grown with 17 people attending last week!

We will be taking 6 young people and 3 young adults away to New Wine and Soul Survivor this year

We have 11 young adults, aged 18-25 in the congregation, although some are working away or at University

48 people are involved in helping make this work happen

Approximately 1 in every 3 people in the congregation are involved. This is a testament to your commitment to show God's heart for this community, to families and young people

**A BIG, BIG thank you** to everyone who is involved in this work it would not be possible without your dedication and commitment. We are seeing God move in so many ways, in the children, the young people and their families and it's a huge blessing.

### **Our activities**

Sundays: Under 5's, STAKS, Youth  
Mondays: Open the Book  
Tuesdays: Schools outreach - working in First Tower  
STAY (Youth Club)  
Wednesdays: Connect (Youth House Group)  
Thursdays: Open the Book  
Toddlers Service  
Kidz Club  
Explorers x2  
Fridays: Open the Book

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of our children or youth work please speak to Elaine Webster, [miladiwebsters@hotmail.com](mailto:miladiwebsters@hotmail.com) or call 07797 718142.

### Women's Breakfasts 2010

I feel this is a special time for the women of St Andrew's where we can come together as women, share, pray, be real, cry and laugh together and know we are in a safe place with people who genuinely care. The breakfast is a time when we can chat and catch up with each other. We then have a time of worship when we can come into the presence of God and worship him as our Lord. Then we hear His word and learn to be women of God, or wow women, women of His word. A time to grow and develop to know who we are in God and learn to be in His presence. Ministry is available afterwards which allows us as women to cement His word into our daily lives.

Some quotes from women who have attended:

*"I really like having the opportunity to get to know more women in the church and have a catch up with the ones I already know."*

*"Your talk on the Father's love and the prodigal son touched me emotionally and has stayed with me since; it really helped me the following week spiritually, so thank you for that, also your talk on identity helped me to assess where I am in Christ today."*

*"Thank you for this morning, I left feeling inspired and encouraged. It was just what I needed."*

*"I would like to thank you for this morning; it was very moving and applicable to me"*

*"Thank you so much for Saturday. It really spoke to me. I had to go for prayer ministry afterwards. I'm not very good at receiving ministry but God is breaking down walls and making me see what is needed".*

The breakfasts are slowly growing as more women get to know about them. They are a place where new women who attend St Andrew's can get to know us and feel welcomed and comfortable. Other women from other churches regularly attend and are bringing others along. All our welcome, young and old. You are all loved and chosen by God to be the women God intended you to be. Come and join us and learn to be the woman God predestined you to be.

***Lindy***

### St Andrew's Church Building Fund

On the basis the accounts have been slowly winding down to project completion, the reporting period for these accounts has been extended to cover 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Just a few payments were anticipated during 2010 within established regular giving agreements and as a result the accounts were retained solely to collect and distribute the final balances. Throughout the year 2 payments totalling £2,340 were made to the General Church account leaving a balance of £2 with HSBC Bank.

With no further income or expenditure due, instructions have now been given for the bank accounts to be closed.

*Phil Hermitage*

*Treasurer*

### ROMANIA REPORT 2010

2010 saw the delivery of 96 shoeboxes to the gypsy school at Lazareni, the most boxes we have sent since we started 6 years ago. This was also the first year we had actual dates of birth for most of the children and we were surprised at the age range within the classes. The school has now been taken over by the state but fortunately some of the teachers have been retained, which means that the children are still being taught about God and Jesus.

It was so encouraging to hear that a young assistant, Carena 19 years old and now working in the school, was one of the earlier students. Carena went on to further education and although not to degree standard the level she achieved was enough to give her employment. This would have been unheard of just a few years ago when the children had no schooling what so ever as gypsy children were not thought worthy of education!

As well as the shoe boxes we managed to send some general aid including items for the home of the elderly. As Chris Sutton said in his report the numbers have increased from 42 to 52 people in what started as a private home taking care of just one elderly person in need of care. The timing of the last trip coincided with the owner digging another cesspit while the rain poured down.

We are hoping to send more aid to the home this year as it does appear to be in great need.

*Angela*

### Bowling Group

Yet another lively, successful year for our group of loyal bowlers! Despite the long, cold winter, and several illnesses and holidays, we have only had to close for one evening, through bad weather.

Our members remain at a steady number, so that we usually play on two mats, with four teams all together. Although bowling is often viewed as a quiet, sober game, this is not the case at St Andrew's, anyone passing through the Hall Foyer will tell you that lots of laughter and good natured banter can be heard coming from the players. (Long may it continue!). When our refreshments break takes place, it is a good time to spend all together, and to share happy times and even worries. There is never a shortage of helpers for tea making, providing refreshments and clearing afterwards.

Now that the end of the season is approaching, we will be discussing our "giving" and as always the Hall funds will benefit, and perhaps a charity. We do appreciate being able to use the Hall during the winter months, and are pleased to be able to donate towards the expenses.

Our next season will begin early in October 2011, and by then our members will be missing their Thursday Bowling and be ready to start again. We look forward to the re-start, and we will welcome any new members who wish to join us.



### Monday Fellowship

Well once again it is time for me to remind you of what we have done over the year, the committee and I hope that you have enjoyed the meetings and helping with the various things we are asked to do.

Due to the fact that we had snow in January we had to cancel our Communion Service but we did have one in September, it binds us together as one big family in the eyes of God and I think the Vicar really enjoys us being there, after all we are based on Mother's Union and if it hadn't been for Winchester's insistence that we pay full subs' no doubt we would still be.

However lets move on, we have had speakers, a very enlightening talk by Mrs Enid de Gruchy on herbs, and I think some of you asked her for help. Once again Mr Bob Le Sueur came and told us about the revolution that didn't happen at the end of the war, supposedly to be on Liberation Day. Thank God it didn't happen, I found out accidentally that my Dad had a pistol and I was petrified. Once again some of us put the ribbons around the pots of flowers for Mothering Sunday and I must say they look very pretty up on the Chancel Steps waiting for the children to give them out. Mrs Sue Noble from St Lawrence came to talk to us in April. Due to the fact that there seemed to be lots of Bank Holidays in May we decided to cancel that month but I have tried to make sure that it won't happen next year. We had our outing in June and once again thanks to Thelma for organising it, sadly there weren't many of us but we enjoyed it and we have decided that we will try and do something different in 2011. St Martins ladies joined us for a bit of fun in July. 3 of us went to St. Martins in October and heard Brig. Willis talk about Help for Heroes.

Many thanks to all who so kindly helped with the Leprosy Coffee morning in August as usual I panicked but it turned out great after all, thanks to you all. Thank you too, to all who helped to make Easter Chicks and we raised £40.00 for TLM.

We had our October a week later than usual as Natalie from TLM joined us and a very inspiring talk she gave, it was nice to see a few of the ladies from the Church there. She also gave a short talk on the Sunday in church which was much appreciated. I gave her a cheque for £625.00 which means by my calculations that we raised approx. £1,105.00 during the year. Wonderful, and it is nice to know where that money goes as Natalie showed us.

At our AGM Thelma handed over the reins of Treasurer to Marie Herniman, Thelma had been our treasurer for many years but due to bad eyesight she has had to give up but she is staying on committee.

For our Christmas celebrations we did carols and readings from the Bible. We also joined the Church Fellowship for their Christmas Lunch which was greatly enjoyed.

Sadly quite a lot of members have been in and out of hospital during the year. I think now are all well, thank God. Margaret Kent I believe is having a trial run at the Little Sisters and we hope to see her again in the New Year.

Once again I would like to say thank you to the Committee for being there for me and also to all of you for attending every month. Also to Marie Fleming for it is she who makes sure you get your birthday cards and this year was very special as we had five 80th's, what a record and none look older than 70, are they sure they got their dates right.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

**Gwen Wheeler**  
**Chairman**