

**Aldham Parish Church**  
**Annual Report**  
**and**  
**Financial Statements**  
**of the**  
**Parochial Church Council**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2009**

**Incumbent:**

*Vacancy*

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## **Pastoral organisation**

The Parish of Aldham is in the Benefice of Marks Tey and Aldham, which is in the Deanery of Dedham and Tey, which is in the Colchester Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

We have adopted as our **Mission Statement**:

We, as people of God, united in looking to God for guidance, are called to be witnesses to Christ in the wider community, using different gifts and talents so that through faith, worship and actions, others may know the love of God.

By law (the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956), the PCC “is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.”

## **Administration**

**Chair of PCC:** For the interregnum, and indeed the whole of 2009, churchwarden Tom Holme has been vice-chairman and has therefore chaired the PCC meetings.

**Standing Committee:** This committee is required by law. It is made up of the Rector, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the council. The Rector is chairman of the Standing Committee.

**Fabric and Churchyard:** Mr. Ken Thompson assists the churchwardens by leading a team of volunteers who maintain the churchyard. Mr. Thompson is also the church’s Fabric Manager. Other teams of volunteers clean the church, provide flower arrangements and serve coffee after church. In all, there are about 50 people (11% of the village) on various rotas who look after the inside and the outside of the church.

**Pastoral Care:** There is no official organisation for Pastoral Care. However, there are about a dozen members who visit those who are in hospital and confined to their homes.

## **Population, electoral roll, church attendance, etc.**

There are about 450 persons of voting age living in 215 dwellings in Aldham. There were 71 on the church electoral roll at April 2009.

The average attendance taken over all Sundays in 2009 was 37 (in 2008 it was 33) adults plus 4 (3) children. The average attendance at Family Services including children was 41 (47). These services generally attract the larger congregations, especially Mothering Sunday, 52 (74) and Harvest 44 (55). On Easter Sunday there were 65 (53) in the congregation; the Carol Service attracted 132 (127), and on Christmas Day there were 82 (63).

## **Membership and administrative information**

Full Name: The Church of St. Margaret and St. Catherine

Address: Green Lane  
Aldham  
COLCHESTER  
Essex

The church building has no facility for the receipt of mail, and therefore no postcode. Mail should be addressed to The PCC Secretary, 18 Scott Drive, Colchester, CO3 4JD.

The church is at the cross roads in the centre of the village. (OS Grid Ref. TL 917 258)

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC

*Rector:* Vacancy  
*Churchwardens:* Mr Tom Holme - *acting chairman*  
Mr Martyn Drain

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*  
Mrs Sarah Drain  
Mrs Jennifer MacCallum

*Elected Members:*  
Mr John Ashton  
Mrs Wendy Doncaster  
Mr Martyn Drain  
Mrs Sally Green  
Mr Markus Koczian  
Mr Iain MacCallum (*ex. Officio Diocesan Synod*)  
Mrs Anne Matthews (*Secretary*)  
Mr Dick Skinner (*Treasurer*)  
Mr Ken Thompson  
Mr Peter Vestey  
Mrs Barbara Wilson

The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission and exempt from tax under sections 505, 506 or 508 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. It has no financially related trusts or charities, but two members of the PCC have been appointed as trustees of the Bannatyne and James Hines Almshouses opposite the church.

## **Review of progress and achievements**

The year began in the interregnum and ended in the interregnum, although at the end there was a very promising light at the end of the tunnel as it was announced that Revd Ian Scott-Thompson had accepted the position of Priest-in-Charge of the benefice. It could have been a difficult year, but amid the frustration, encouragement came from several directions. Twice monthly visiting ministers continued to bring a variety of fresh and challenging sermons as they came to preside at the Lord's table and take communion to the house-bound. A Leadership Team of five began to meet together to discuss and plan the taking of services, outreach, discipleship etc. In fact, anything except money! The congregation grew with some new younger members. New leaders emerged from and for the Home Groups. It was agreed to have a Lent course for 2010 - Discipleship Explored. And finally, after some consequences of the general financial turmoil, and a worrying start to the year, it ended financially in the black - just!

So we have much to thank God for as we look forward to Revd Ian Scott-Thompson's ministry among us. We are particularly thankful that a suitable property (17 North Lane, Marks Tey) became available to let as a temporary Rectory, while a new projected Rectory proceeds through the planning stages and is eventually built.

The Church in Aldham remains a viable expression of the Body of Christ. We thank God too, that he has prompted an army of very willing volunteers to give of their time and resources to ensure that the church ready for worship Sunday by Sunday. They often go un-thanked so it is appropriate to thank them here for the cleaning they do, the brasses they polish, the flowers they provide and the countless other matters they attend to. The following sections give an idea of the scope of their contributions.

## Junior Church

Nine church members, all CRB cleared, form a rota for leading Junior Church in pairs. This takes place in the Tower Room during every service apart from the first Sunday of the month which is All Age Worship. It caters for children from 3 years, and Scripture Union and On the Way resources are used. There is one regular attendee with three or four others who are spasmodic. We would hope to see this activity grow.

## All-Age Worship

In common with current practice we changed the Family Service to All-Age Worship and adopted *Light for the Lectionary* from Scripture Union as an aid to planning these services so that generally the theme of the service is based on the same readings as otherwise would be used. We can recommend this publication to any church which uses the Lectionary and has All-Age worship in the main service slot.

## Book Exchange

The Book Exchange and morning coffee held on the first Saturday of the month continues to attract about 50 people. Although not publicised as a fund-raising event, refreshments and the very most loan charge for books has raised £575 for Fabric needs and £150 for the Haiti earthquake relief.

## Communications

The monthly Newsletter continues to be delivered free of charge to every house in the parish, carrying church news, village news and the odd deliberate mistake! More than 30 copies are sent each month to interested friends around the world by e-mail. The church's web site: [www.aldham-church.co.uk](http://www.aldham-church.co.uk) carries details of worship, events, who's who, copies of recent newsletters, the Annual Report and Financial Statements, some village news and links to other sites. The church continued to provide a regular page in *Grapevine* the quarterly Village

## Prayer

The prayer focus calendar is now produced every two months. It is prepared by two members of the congregation and keeps us up to date with prayer requests for local, national and international matters.

## Mid-week Activities

The two mid-week home groups have continued to run throughout the year. In the spring, both groups completed *1 Peter*, followed by *Nehemiah* in the summer. In the autumn, both groups read John Stott's *Why I am a Christian* with a locally produced "study guide".

In January, we put on a *Christianity Explored* course in the Tower Room. Including leaders, there were 8 in the group. Two of the participants have gone on to do the Discipleship Explored course in 2010.

## Links with Aldham & Eight Ash Green Primary School

This is the primary school in which catchment area Aldham lies. Although the school is in Fordham parish, occasional assemblies were taken by Iain and Jennifer MacCallum up to 2008. Before they left at the end of 2009, the teachers who shared the headship wrote regular school reports for *Grapevine*. When a new permanent head is appointed later this year, this should provide an opportunity for the church to renew links with the school.

## **Open Gardens Day, Sunday, 14 June 2009**

This is the one major fund-raising annual event for the Fabric Fund. It brings together, a large section of the village, for which we are most grateful. We were fortunate once again this year to have excellent weather and a good weather forecast. Numbers attending were 600, the second highest and well up on 2008. We thank God that we raised a record £ 4,822.37 for the Quinquennial Repair Fund and another record £758.40 for NSPCC. Feedback from visitors was positive and we felt they had a good value from the afternoon. Choral Evensong was, as ever, well supported.

## **Health and Safety**

A document describing our health and safety policy applying to anyone working in the church is on the notice board in church

## **Churchyard**

The churchyard remains open for burials. It continues to be maintained to a very high standard by rota of faithful workers at no cost to the church. We are very grateful to them.

## **Church Fabric**

We made another stab at the Quinquennial repairs in 2009, but the available funds limited the work to major repairs to the Porch (£9,556), painting the Rainwater Goods and pointing some Flintwork (£3,153) and restoring the three ancient doors (£2,332). We secured grants of £3,000 from Fowler, Smith and Jones and £500 from Allchurches Trust for the Porch, and £750 from Essex Heritage Trust for the doors.

We made a serious attempt at fund-raising in 2009.

- A cello concert given by Orlando Jopling raised £1,093
- A sponsored walk raised £1,756
- Donations and other events raised £1,294

but by far the greatest amount raised for the fabric came once again from Open Gardens Day which produced a record £4,835.

We are left with the following items to attend to in 2010. Builders' quotes (2009) are

- re-pointing part of the spire - approximately £8,365
- repointing boundary wall - £6,575 + non-reclaimable VAT

We have faculties for both of these items but they expired on 31 October 2009.

In addition to the quinquennial repair items, general expenditure has occurred involving repair and replacement of tiles over the chancel roof, the ten yearly electrical inspection and annual maintenance work'.

## **Business of the PCC**

Two new members joined the PCC this year. A new Treasurer was elected with an Assistant Treasurer. The other Officers remained the same as the previous year. Two new Deanery Synod representatives were elected to serve for three years. The PCC resolved that it was appropriate that Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 should not apply to Aldham for 2009/10 and the PCC chose that Tom Holme should continue as Churchwarden for another year. The other Churchwarden, Martyn Drain, was re-elected.

There were five PCC meetings during the year. Arrangements for the interregnum were discussed. During this year all communion services were covered by visiting ministers. The PCC had decisions to make concerning the revision of the Parish Profile and advertising for a new incumbent.

Following interviews one of the candidates, Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, was offered and accepted the vacancy to start his ministry at the end of March 2010

There were a number of fund raising events during the year including a concert in church, a hog roast, coffee mornings, the monthly book exchanges and Open Gardens Day.

Outreach included a special service on 'Back to Church Sunday' on 27 September, and ideas for opening up the Church one morning a week for coffee / Church cafe. An initiative to recruit new readers, intercessors and coffee makers at the Sunday services was carried out. The junior church continues to meet during three out of four of the Sunday services. The All-age worship services are well supported and there has been an increase in the number of young families attending.

The two mid week bible study home groups have continued during the year and for Lent 2010 a Discipleship Explored Course is planned.

## **Review of financial activities 2009**

### **Treasurer's Post**

Iain MacCallum, after many years in the post, has handed over the Treasurer's post to Dick Skinner. Iain continues to provide help, assistance and guidance in the role of Assistant Treasurer. The accounts presented herewith are from Iain's records which have been overseen by Dick.

### **Financial Policy**

**GENERAL FUND.** The cost of ministry, worship and routine maintenance are met by the direct regular giving of the membership of the church. By church membership, we mean regular worshippers and the Electoral Roll. We do not expect others to contribute to these costs. However, we post all fees to the General Fund. We do not encourage fund-raising events for this fund. We have no endowment income or any other reserves.

**FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD.** From time to time, we invite the village as a whole to contribute towards major repairs or improvements to the fabric, and to major maintenance of the churchyard. We also seek grants to cover major fabric repairs. We undertake fund-raising for fabric and churchyard, the principal one being the annual Open Gardens Day.

**MISSIONS AND CHARITIES.** Each year the September meeting of the PCC decides how much should be allocated out of direct giving to Christian Missions and Charities. We aim to give 10% of the previous year's Regular Giving. In addition to this, fund-raising is undertaken by members for external missions and charities. The charities supported by this means are at the organisers' discretion, and the church is pleased to support such efforts for Christian organisations or organisations which support the Christian ethic.

### **Restricted Funds**

These are the Fabric Fund and Quinquennial Repair Fund, Mission and Charity Fundraising. As reported in the 2007 Annual Report, the Quinquennial Repair Fund was set up as a useful means of reporting to the PCC. We regard transfers from Fabric to Quinquennial as perfectly legitimate, since the Quinquennial Repairs are to the Fabric. At the end of 2009 the Quinquennial Fund was combined with the Fabric Fund and assets transferred accordingly.

### **Accounting Policy**

Since our gross income is less than £100,000 the Act allows us to choose whether to prepare accounts on an accruals basis or on a receipts and payments basis. We have been using the accruals basis for many years since this helps smooth out lumpy income and expenditure on the General Fund and therefore provide a truer and fairer view of the financial state of the funds. However, from the start of 2010, in order to simplify the accounts, they will be on a

receipts and payments basis. The treasurer will report separately to the PCC on significant debtors, creditors and other commitments which may affect the overall situation.

The Act also determines the level of scrutiny required. Since our gross income is less than £250,000 we may choose to have an independent examiner (rather than a registered auditor) examine the annual accounts. We have chosen to appoint an Independent Examiner rather than an Auditor.

## **Operational Matters**

During 2009 we were without an incumbent minister. We posted visiting ministers' expenses, travel costs for applicants for the post, and the costs of advertising to *Other Clergy Costs*. As in the past these expenses have been shared with Marks Tey in the ratio to 40:60.

The running costs of the Benefice Office are now covered by the income from Traders listed on the back page of both newsletters. Aldham has forgone its share of this income from the Traders in return for free use of the Office.

A budget for 2010 was prepared in November and agreed by the PCC on 8 December 2009.

## **The Accounts for 2009**

### **General Fund**

The General Fund (unrestricted) ended the year with a small surplus of £69.41. See the STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, column 1 below. Whilst we should be grateful that we have avoided a deficit we must also be aware that it was the reduced Parish Share (Diocesan Quota), the fact that we have had no incumbent's expenses to pay and that the money put aside for Rectory redecoration was not needed that led to this situation, and that our income to the General Fund was actually down by nearly 4% compared with 2008. For Aldham to remain in the "black" in 2010 it will be necessary to ensure that giving by the congregation keeps pace with and outstrips inflation and that wherever possible it is "Tax Efficient". Increased income derived from increased numbers in the congregation and on the Electoral Roll would be a positive objective.

### **Parish Share 2009**

During the interregnum the Parish Share continued to be paid in full until September when it was reduced due to the prolonged vacancy. It will revert to the full current rate when the new incumbent is installed

For 2010 we are fortunate that the Diocese has been able to reduce our Share by approximately 3% reducing our monthly payments by £52.55. Together with Marks Tey, we continue to pay more than the grossed-up cost of ministry, but the benefice will still receive support to the tune of about £5,500 in 2010 from other parishes in the deanery towards Ordination Training and Central Services. Aldham's share of this support is about £2,200.

### **Missions and Charities**

It continues to be our financial policy that we should seriously support the wider church. We do this in two ways.

First, members accept that about 10% of their **regular giving** to Aldham Church will go as Direct Giving to external Christian causes. This policy was reviewed by the PCC at the end of the year due to the marginal state of the General Fund, but it was agreed that the policy should be continued if it is at all possible. In 2009, this giving was £2,420 (See NOTE 3 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, col. 1). The principal beneficiaries as in 2008 were the Colchester-based Christian Youth Outreach (CYO), (£1,000) and the New Life Church (Chitra Karki) in Nepal (£600). Other beneficiaries were as listed in NOTE 3.

Second, we make provision for members to fund-raise for specific causes or to respond to appeals. This is accounted for as **Mission and Charity Fundraising Fund** and is necessarily a restricted fund.

Thus, in addition to direct giving, (see above) we raised an additional £3,336 through Mission and Charity Fundraising. See NOTES 2, 3 and 10 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for how this has been allocated.

### **Debtors**

See NOTE 8 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. All debts outstanding at the start of the year were paid. At the end of the year the debtors comprised tax to be recovered on Gift Aid (£2,825.03) and miscellaneous (£67.12).

### **Liabilities**

See NOTE 7 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The £900 put aside for the Rectory Redecoration was not required as the Rectory is to be sold. The liabilities under the Quinquennial Fund are contractors' retentions.

### **Giving in Kind**

As in the past we have benefited from the generosity of many of our number who give their time, energy and material goods in order to keep the church operating with minimum actual expenditure. Whether inside the church, in the churchyard or elsewhere these efforts are appreciated and we thank all concerned. Our regular organist's fees are shown in the accounts, but they are returned as donations with the benefit of Gift Aid tax recovery.

### **Fabric Fund (restricted) and Quinquennial Fund (restricted).**

During 2009 these two funds were separate, but as of the beginning of 2010 they will be combined as the purposes for which the funds are used are essentially the same.

The Fabric Fund in 2009 covered the costs of such items as tree maintenance, routine electrical inspection and works arising from that and the routine cleaning of gutters etc. The total expenditure of £2,414 was more than matched by an income of £4,308 giving a closing balance for the fund of £2,222.

The Quinquennial Fund provided for the masonry repairs, repairs to the porch, the doors and the gutters as well as the associated architect's fees, the total amounting to £15,041. Income from the Open Gardens Day and three grants (Allchurches - £500, Fowler Smith Jones - £3,000 and Essex Heritage Fund - £750) helped towards the total of £14,496 thus showing a small deficit for the year but leaving us with a balance of £1,308 to carry forward. There is still more Quinquennial work to be done to the spire the costs of which are considerably in excess even of the combined balances in the Fabric and Quinquennial Funds so there is still work to be done in raising funds to allow us to complete the necessary works.

### **Budget 2010**

The budget for 2010 approved by the PCC shows that the projected income falls short of the projected expenditure leaving a deficit of £687. Clearly we cannot continue to run at a deficit in the long term. Expenditure is controlled so far as is practical within the limits set by our commitments to the Diocese and our policy on Charitable Giving, so the only remaining option is to increase our income by increased donations and ensuring that we obtain maximum benefit from all available tax concessions.

On behalf of the PCC *Tom Holme, Vice-chairman, 1 March 2010*

ALDHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2009 £</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2008 £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	23,707.61	12,111.28	<b>35,818.89</b>	<b>73,014.75</b>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b		8,720.19	<b>8,720.19</b>	<b>5,827.12</b>
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	0.55	0.56	<b>1.11</b>	<b>495.65</b>
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	999.00		<b>999.00</b>	<b>1,043.00</b>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2e		1,308.34	<b>1,308.34</b>	<b>4,105.90</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>24,707.16</b>	<b>22,140.37</b>	<b>46,847.53</b>	<b>84,486.42</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a				<b>5.19</b>
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>	3b				
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	24,637.75	20,791.95	<b>45,429.70</b>	<b>95,836.38</b>
<i>Governance Costs</i>	3d				
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>24,637.75</b>	<b>20,791.95</b>	<b>45,429.70</b>	<b>95,841.57</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>69.41</b>	<b>1,348.42</b>	<b>1,417.83</b>	<b>(11,355.15)</b>
Other recognised gains/losses					
<i>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</i>	5				
<i>Gains/(losses) on investment assets</i>	6				
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>69.41</b>	<b>1,348.42</b>	<b>1,417.83</b>	<b>(11,355.15)</b>
Total funds brought forward at 1 January		3,832.87	2,183.17	<b>6,016.04</b>	<b>17,371.19</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2009</b>		<b>3,902.28</b>	<b>3,531.59</b>	<b>7,433.87</b>	<b>6,016.04</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	2009	2008
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5		
Investments	6		
<b>Total fixed assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock - oil in tank		704.03	643.00
Debtors	8	2,892.15	2,797.78
Short term deposits		1,635.17	1,634.06
Cash at bank and in hand		3,936.14	3,909.32
		<u>9,167.49</u>	<u>8,984.16</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,733.62)</u>	<u>(2,968.12)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>7,433.87</b>	<b>6,016.04</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b><u>7,433.87</u></b>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>7,433.87</u></b>	<b><u>6,016.04</u></b>
<b>Funds</b>			
<b>Endowment funds</b>	10		
<b>Restricted funds</b>	10	3,531.59	2,183.17
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	10	3,902.28	3,832.87
		<u>7,433.87</u>	<u>6,016.04</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 1 March 2010 and signed on its behalf

ALDHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTE 2 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

**2 Incoming resources**

	Unrestricted Fund General £	Restricted Fund Missions £	Restricted Fund Fabric £	Restricted Fund Quinquennial £	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2009 £</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2008 £</b>
<b>a Voluntary income</b>						
Planned giving	18,447.50				<b>18,447.50</b>	19,045.30
Collections at all services	1,481.27				<b>1,481.27</b>	1,673.61
Donations General	379.28	2,986.30	2,524.50	1,036.91	<b>6,926.99</b>	24,931.19
Income tax recoverable	3,399.56	349.74	705.13	258.70	<b>4,713.13</b>	9,364.65
Grants				4,250.00	<b>4,250.00</b>	18,000.00
Legacies						
	<b>23,707.61</b>	<b>3,336.04</b>	<b>3,229.63</b>	<b>5,545.61</b>	<b>35,818.89</b>	<b>73,014.75</b>
<b>b Activities for generating funds</b>						
Open Gardens Day			4,835.22		<b>4,835.22</b>	3,549.17
Friends of Essex Cycle Ride			307.50		<b>307.50</b>	522.75
Flower Festival						
Other fund-raising events			770.35	2,807.12	<b>3,577.47</b>	1,755.20
			<b>5,913.07</b>	<b>2,807.12</b>	<b>8,720.19</b>	<b>5,827.12</b>
<b>c Investment income</b>						
Dividends and interest	0.55		0.56		<b>1.11</b>	495.65
	<b>0.55</b>		<b>0.56</b>		<b>1.11</b>	<b>495.65</b>
<b>d Income from Church Activities</b>						
Fees from weddings etc	999.00				<b>999.00</b>	1,043.00
Parish newsletter						
	<b>999.00</b>				<b>999.00</b>	<b>1,043.00</b>
<b>e Other other incoming resources</b>						
VAT reclaimed				1,308.34	<b>1,308.34</b>	4,105.90
				1,308.34	<b>1,308.34</b>	<b>4,105.90</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>24,707.16</b>	<b>3,336.04</b>	<b>9,143.26</b>	<b>9,661.07</b>	<b>46,847.53</b>	<b>84,486.42</b>

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**NOTE 3 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**3 Resources expended**

	Unrestricted Fund <b>General</b> £	Restricted Fund <b>Missions</b> £	Restricted Fund <b>Fabric</b>	Restricted Fund <b>Quinquennial</b> £	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2009</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2008</b> £
<b>a</b> <i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>						
Appeal costs						<b>5.19</b>
Stewardship costs						
						<b>5.19</b>
<b>c</b> <i>Church Activities</i>						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Overseas:						
CMS						50.00
Tearfund	300.00	590.25			890.25	827.77
Nepal	600.00	1,399.74			1,999.74	600.00
Bible Society	150.00				150.00	
Home:						
Friends of Essex Churches	100.00	312.50			412.50	622.75
CPAS	100.00				100.00	100.00
Essex Clergy Charity	100.00				100.00	100.00
Royal British Legion		54.21			54.21	88.12
St. Luke's Hospital						100.00
St. Helena Hospice						
NSPCC		758.40			758.40	581.00
CYO	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00
Children's Society		220.94			220.94	257.00
National Churches Trust	70.00				70.00	70.00
Miscellaneous						
	2,420.00	3,336.04			<b>5,756.04</b>	4,396.64
<i>Ministry costs:</i>						
Parish Share	18,158.48				18,158.48	<b>19,349.40</b>
Other clergy costs	1,694.21				1,694.21	<b>896.64</b>
Church running expenses	2,336.67				2,336.67	<b>2,313.24</b>
Church maintenance	203.48		965.10	15,041.81	16,210.39	<b>40,916.11</b>
Rectory decoration	(860.85)				(860.85)	<b>300.00</b>
Upkeep of services	612.36				612.36	<b>639.35</b>
Upkeep of churchyard			1,449.00		1,449.00	<b>27,025.00</b>
Parish newsletter						
Children's work	73.40				73.40	
<i>Capital costs</i>						
Tower Development						
Notice Boards						
	24,637.75	3,336.04	2,414.10	15,041.81	<b>45,429.70</b>	<b>95,836.38</b>
<b>d</b> <i>Governance costs</i>						
Independent examination fee						
Cost of annual accounts						
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>24,637.75</b>	<b>3,336.04</b>	<b>2,414.10</b>	<b>15,041.81</b>	<b>45,429.70</b>	<b>95,841.57</b>

**NOTES 4, 5 and 6 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**4 Staff costs**

**a Wages and salaries - None**

**b Payments to PCC members**

As the parish organist, Mrs. A. Matthews, who is member of the PCC, was offered £288 during the year.

She declined, asking that this be turned round as a donation to the General Fund.

There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, nor persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

**5 Tangible fixed assets - None**

**6 Investments - None**

## NOTES 7, 8 and 9 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

### 7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2009 £
Fixed assets for church use				
Fuel in stock	704.03			<b>704.03</b>
Investment fixed assets				
Current assets				
Cash plus Bank	3,936.14			<b>3,936.14</b>
Debtors				
IR Tax recoverable	2,438.05	386.98		<b>2,825.03</b>
VAT to be reclaimed				
Newsletter costs to be claimed				
Sequestration	81.00			<b>81.00</b>
Miscellaneous	67.12			<b>67.12</b>
General fund liabilities				
Advertising Expenses	(158.40)			<b>(158.40)</b>
Rectory Decoration				
Planned giving in advance	(1,050.00)			<b>(1,050.00)</b>
Electricity due				
Restricted fund liabilities				
Flower festival 2007				
Builder and Architect retention		(606.22)		<b>(606.22)</b>
	<b>6,017.94</b>	<b>(219.24)</b>		<b>5,798.70</b>

### 8 Debtors

	All Funds 2009	All Funds 2008 £
Income tax recoverable	<b>2,825.03</b>	1,573.70
VAT recoverable		1,035.29
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>67.12</b>	188.79
	<b>2,892.15</b>	<b>2,797.78</b>

### 9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £	2008 £
Deferred income	<b>1,050.00</b>	875.00
Accruals for utilities		77.41
Fabric retention	<b>606.22</b>	1,090.21
Sequestration	<b>(81.00)</b>	25.50
Other creditors	<b>158.40</b>	900.00
	<b>1,733.62</b>	<b>2,968.12</b>

## NOTE 10 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

### 10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2009	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and (losses)	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2009
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>					
General fund	3,832.87	24,707.16	(24,637.75)	0.00	<b>3,902.28</b>
	<u>3,832.87</u>	<u>24,707.16</u>	<u>(24,637.75)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u><b>3,902.28</b></u>
<b>Restricted Fund</b>					
Missions	0	3,336.04	(3,336.04)		<b>0.00</b>
Fabric Fund	328.86	9,143.26	(2,414.10)	(4,835.22)	<b>2,222.80</b>
Quinquennial Fund	1,854.31	9,661.07	(15,041.81)	4,835.22	<b>1,308.79</b>
	<u>2,183.17</u>	<u>12,479.30</u>	<u>(5,750.14)</u>		<u><b>3,531.59</b></u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>6,016.04</u>	<u>37,186.46</u>	<u>(30,387.89)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u><b>7,433.87</b></u>

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO

## THE MEMBERS OF ALDHAM PARISH CHURCH

This report on the accounts of Aldham PCC for the year to 31 December 2009, which are set out on pages 9 to 15, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation and s.43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this 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 Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes of 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 financial statements 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 gave me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Roger Gooding,

March 2010