

# Brunswick Parish Church

Annual General Meeting, April 13th, 2008



## Reports

for the year 2007-2008



## PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of Christchurch Brunswick, together with the incumbent (Reverend Simon Gatenby) have the responsibility of enabling Christian Mission, Worship and Nurture to take place within and beyond the parish boundaries. It also has responsibility for the Church complex located on Brunswick Street, Manchester 13 and a property at 35 Portland Crescent, Longsight, Manchester 13, known as Barnabas House.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### PCC Membership

During the year the following served as members of the PCC

Incumbent	Rev. Simon Gatenby
Church Wardens	Mr Chris Rogers (to March 2007) Mr Nick Carr- Brown (from March 2007) Mr Tim Craft

Representatives on Deanery Synod	Ms Suzy Farrow Mr John Wilson (to September 2007) Mrs Kerry Colyer (until March 2007)
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Elected Members	Mrs Yuko Ang Mrs Kerry Colyer Mrs. Judith Keeble –Vice Chair (to March 2007) Mr Jim Owen (to March 2007) Mr John Wilson (to September 2007) Mr Gordon Flear (Secretary) Mrs Penny Kelly Mr Alan Price Ms Claire Stableford Mr Matt Harrison Mrs Sally Jones (Treasurer) Mr Peter Hicks Ms Alannah Keeble Mrs Naomi Hewerdine –Vice Chair (from March 2007) Ms Ali Clay (from March 2007) Mr David Masters (from March 2007)
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## PCC Organisation

The PCC operates through Sub groups, which meet between reporting to full PCC meetings. During the year and discussion of Church strategy and priorities these groups were revised to be:

- **Resource Group** - looking at all aspects of resourcing the church from Monetary to Fabric issues, Admin support and Communication.
- **Yellow Group** - looking to meet twice a month to discuss areas of ministry including nurture, mission and pastoral Care. The group had regular meetings with other church members such as Preachers and leaders/priority for Mission.

## Church Attendance

There were 70 parishioners on the electoral roll at the AGM in April 2007

Morning Service Attendance

	Average	Highest	Lowest
Adults	51	82	21
Children (<16)	22	42	5

There were no evening services

Previous years average attendance/Electoral Roll

Year	Adult+Children	Attendance	Electoral Roll
2006	51+22	=73	74
2005	56+28	=85	71
2004	57+26	=83	71
2003	58+23	=81	79
2002	62+31	=93	73
2001	57+23	=80	73
2000	56+20	=76	74
1999	61+21	=82	79
1998	59+19	=78	83

## **PCC Review of Year**

The full PCC met 7 times in 2007 and had approx. 77% attendance. Sub Groups met between full meetings and submitted reports and suggestions for PCC approval. Full reports of each Sub Group can be found attached to this report, with a financial report from the Treasurer.

PCC discussed a number of issues throughout the year and minutes for PCC members plus summaries for all Church Members were provided.

Major items on PCC's discussion time were:

- a) Financial matters-including continuing to employ a Church Buildings manager and a change in the roll of that post. Also to begin process of Budget holders with key church activities.
- b) Church strategy priorities and direction- Starting up a new Strategy of "life in all its fullness" and enabling a "life in the dash" course for all church members.
- c) Seeing a huge increase of use of church buildings and trying to understand what this means for us.
- d) Deciding to renew the Church property "Barnabas".
- e) Responding to the Deanery Pastoral Committee proposals for Parish change.
- f) Continuing our support for Dave and Jo West and to give 10% of our income to Mission based activity.
- g) Supporting the Rector on a 3 month Sabbatical and giving the Rectory a face lift whilst he was away.
- h) Re-affirming the current policy on Child communion

Use of the church building in 2007 included Sure Start activities for parents and children and fitness training. There was an increase in usage of the church premises in the last couple of months of 2007 and we need to understand what that means for the Church in 2008.

Regular events included continuing "Bring and share lunches" once a month after an "All Together" service.

Groups from Church attended Spring Harvest, Keswick Convention and Greenbelt Arts Festival and took part in Refresh FM- a Christian radio Station.

You can read more about all these events and other regular church activities in 2007 in the reports that follow.

*On behalf of Christchurch Brunswick PCC  
Reverend Simon Gatenby*

# Wardens' Report

## Condition of Buildings

The church buildings remain in generally good condition. Two major projects completed during the year were:

- Installation of the gas-fired heating system for the lounge/foyer/youth room area.
- Installation of the data projector in the worship room ceiling.

A number of other routine maintenance jobs were carried out around the building during the year, although major efforts in the later part of the year focussed on a redecoration of the rectory whilst Simon was away on sabbatical, and a refurbishment of Barnabas to bring it to a fit state for full occupancy.

Some progress has been made on plans for the new kitchen although this, and suitable funding sources, need to be further pursued this year. Other outstanding items that we should aim to carry out during the coming year include:

- Painting the internal window frames on the rectory side of the worship room.
- Completion of the store room off the hall.
- As noted in last year's report we should also be considering when to repaint the roof again.

Thank you to everyone who continues to help in keeping the building maintained. It is now being fairly heavily used during the week, as well as at weekends, and it is only through everyone's contributions that we keep it going and in a serviceable condition.

## Sundays and Events

It has again been our privilege to serve on Sundays and other occasions by stewarding and welcoming, and we thank all those (both on and off the rota) who help us in this. We have had some new people join the sidespeople team during the year, but we do still have a few gaps, and one or two additions would help to ensure things run smoothly and help us make time for the important tasks of welcoming and talking to people on Sunday mornings. If you feel you could help for one Sunday a month, or even just occasionally, do have a word with us.

*Tim and Nick*

# Pastoral Network

Pastoral Net has been running since 2003. It has been made up of a group of about 8 church members who have responsibility for to look out for people and make sure they haven't been away ill or with some other difficulty unnoticed.

This group has diminished in number this year, as people have had to leave for various reasons. We normally meet every 6 months to check how things are and make sure we've included new people, but only met once since the last AGM. My other commitments have meant I have coordinated it less effectively than is needed.

We met before Christmas and decided we needed to review and renew the approach to this sort of pastoral care. It was agreed that it would be good to have more people involved with less people each to look out for. We also felt it would be necessary to make the whole congregation aware of Pastoral Net and their role in it.

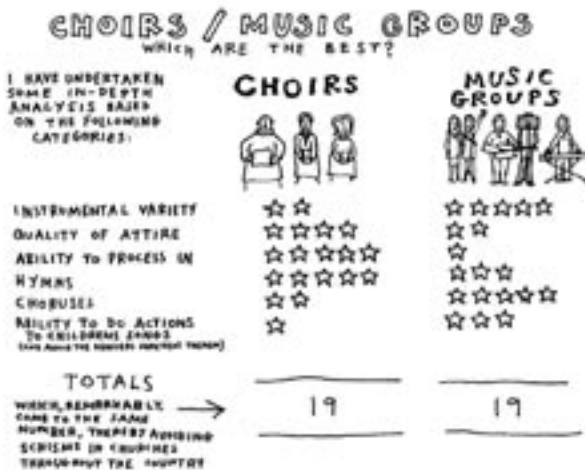
This would be discussed with Simon and the strategy group after Simon's return from sabbatical so they could present some options to PCC. We are now awaiting PCC's advice on how to proceed and will meet again to take the process forward.

*Judith Keeble*

# Music Group Report 2007

Music group have continued to lead the church in sung worship through the year. We are a smaller group than we have been, but I am thankful that we continue to have enough people to need a rota! Times when some members of the group have been taking a break or on sabbatical have encouraged Helen to learn to play the guitar better, in what has hopefully been a worshipful manner. We haven't managed to meet altogether this year,

something which I hope to do something about in the coming year. We continue to learn new songs and well as enjoying old ones, and will always be grateful to anyone who wishes to teach songs to us which they have learned elsewhere. Thank you to everyone who encourages us in our leading of worship. Please pray for us that, whatever musical challenges we may face, we will continue to keep our eyes fixed on God, and on giving glory to him



through our worship.

*Helen Rogers*

## **Fellowship Group**

Over the last year, fellowship groups have met up once or twice a month (usually at the Coxes) to share and pray, to continue to watch and discuss the Faithworks DVDs on 'Intelligent Church in the 21st Century' and to study the 'Life in the Dash' material (thanks to Peter for leading that!)

There has also been time to meet socially for a variety of different 'tasting' evenings as well as just to chat and discuss relevant issues. In June 2007 the fellowship group went to see the film 'Black Gold' – described as follows: 'As westerners revel in designer lattes and cappuccinos, impoverished Ethiopian coffee growers suffer the bitter taste of injustice. In this eye-opening expose of the multi-billion dollar industry, Black Gold traces one man's fight for a fair price.' It proved to be a challenging film and it was good to sit and discuss the issues it raised afterwards whilst drinking cups of fairly traded coffee!

The group have been looking at ways to encourage others to come along and although fellowship group meetings have been more sporadic over the last year, I think we all agree that it's great to get together to talk, share and learn. We are really keen that others don't miss out on this opportunity and whether you come along to our group (and you would be most welcome!) or whether you form one in your area at a time that's more suitable for you, we would really encourage you to consider it!

*Ruth Cox*

## **StudentPlus AGM Report 2008**

StudentPlus has continued to run in 2007 providing support and fellowship for students at Brunswick. This year we have also started to actively include 6th form students in our activities.

Events during the past year have included the popular games afternoon at Claire's and the now traditional curry at the start of the academic year. We have also watched and discussed more of the NOOMA films.

The number of people attending StudentPlus this year has remained fairly stable at about 18. Students are also becoming involved with other groups at church including crèche on Sunday mornings and 7up during the week.

Students continue to be linked with church families who provide support and prayer throughout the year. We would like to thank all those who have been or are currently a link family.

*Matt (On behalf of the Student Plus team)*

## 7UP Report 2007

7UP is a club for children in school years three to six (seven to eleven year olds). It meets on Monday evenings during term time, normally from 6.30 to 8.00 (ish). Club nights are free, with a small charge for trips (to cover entrance fees). 7UP is run by volunteers. Please have a chat with one of the team if you are interested in getting involved.

For 7UP 2007 has been a year of two halves. We started the year with a club which was somewhat dominated by a large and lively group of children in the top of the age range. We put in lots of hard work, had lots of fun and built some good relationships with the children. We were sad to see these children go as they left the club in the summer, ready to move on to secondary school. It has been a good to know that some plans are being made for 11-14s work and that the church may be keeping some kind of contact with these children.

In September we had lots of younger children join the club, along with a few older ones who we hadn't seen before, and the nature of the club changed slightly. We still have lots of fun and are building relationships with a new group of children.

We now have a very girl dominated 7UP with a higher demand for craft activities and some very popular Karaoke sessions. We still do lots of baking, and usually eat all that has been baked before it has had time to cool! The footballers are a smaller but dedicated group. All through the year the trips have been the most popular thing that we do, with night hikes, trips to the climbing centre, bowling, and swimming amongst others.

One highlight of the year has been the weekend away in May, when we descended on Meg's church in Nottingham, from where we had an action packed weekend ice skating, canoeing, raft building, visiting a theme park and doing other things too. Richard and Helen also had lots of fun pretending to be Robin Hood and Maid Marion. Another highlight has been the Carol Service for which Amy helped the children to prepare 'High School Musical with a difference!' The children really enjoyed this and it was great to see so many parents and children in church.

There have been some changes in the leadership team this year. We were sad to say goodbye to Andy Hall when he came to the end of his placement at church, and sadly Ali Clay has had to take a break due placements on her course. We are very pleased to welcome Emma Lacy and Sarah Bennett into the team, as well as Toni Connelly who makes an excellent junior leader, with the best skills as football ref. that we have seen for a long time.

Thanks to everyone in the church who has supported us during the year in so many ways, whether by coming on the weekend away, making us cakes, praying for us, or anything else.

*Helen R, Suzy, Peter, Richard, Sarah, Emma, Ali and Toni*

## Toddler Group Report 2007

Once again we have had a busy year with the Toddler group and have seen quite a turnover in the people attending, with numbers varying from week to week; the lowest attendance being 9, the highest being 37, and a more normal attendance being around 20+ adults and children. We have continued to meet regularly, during term-time and holidays (where possible), on Wednesday mornings, from 10.30 til 12.30, with an option to stay for a “chippy” lunch afterwards.

We have provided a variety of stimulating toys for babies and toddlers, from large equipment such as ball pool or slide and ride-on toys, to small toys, puzzles and construction activities, as well as a range of baby toys. The children have enjoyed the freedom to explore different toys, play imaginative games alongside others and look at books by themselves or with a parent/carer. The adults have enjoyed some time to chat with each other and play with the children.

In line with the church and community focus on healthy living we have been providing more healthy snacks such as fruit loaf, bread sticks, cheese and fruit (and biscuits from time to time!) to accompany our cups of tea/coffee or juice/water. At Christmas and Easter we shared food from various cultures as we had a ‘bring and share’ lunch following a brief Toddler-friendly service to mark the festivals (many thanks to Simon for leading the services).

One week during the school summer holidays we planned a trip to see the sea and red squirrels at Formby. Unfortunately the weather was not good, so we had to cancel the trip and had a fun ‘seaside day’ at church instead – with a sandpit, seaside pictures, picnic lunch and ice-creams! Perhaps the summer weather in 2008 will be more favourable!

A ‘singing box’ introduced by Jo from Surestart has become a popular aid to singing sessions – the box contains a number of pictures and small items linked with familiar songs/rhymes. The children take turns to pick out different items to choose the songs to be sung together.

We are extremely grateful to Alan Price for his faithfulness in sorting out our refreshments and keeping the kitchen in order each week. He will be sorely missed. Our thanks are also due to Evan, Nick and Amy for all their help in setting out toys for the start of each Toddler session. We would also like to record our thanks to Yuko who has contributed so much to the group and whose skills are now required elsewhere. With the imminent departures of Mary-Lou (to Wales) and Penny (to Scotland) the Toddler Team is feeling rather depleted – please pray for the future of the group and consider whether it is something you can get involved with (either with young children, or without).

*Penny Kelly*

## Creche

At the moment, we have varying amount of children coming to the crèche. Older end of this group sometimes wants to join the Bubbles and occasionally we have a visitor from Bubbles. Most children seem to cope well without their parents during the service.

Creche is open during Sunday services apart from 1st Sunday when we have all together service. (We do not arrange rota for crèche during summer holidays and around Christmas Sunday.) It is run by parents and other member of the congregation. You do not have to have a child of your own in the crèche to help! If you are interested in helping out, please speak with me or one of the wardens.

*Yuko*

## DG The Report

Discipleship group met throughout 2007 for the usual mix of prayer, calories and madness. In no particular order we learned from Daniel and his mates and overcame our initial outrage when we studied 1 Timothy! Discussions included selecting the most



appropriate care homes for our parents' (thanks Michelle) and considering Paul's views on women in the church (thanks to Andy Hall). We thought about disability issues (thanks Naomi H). We gave Alannah a send off to India and prayed for Alice's trip to Mozambique. We went live on air at Easter and presented three youth hours on Refresh FM and stormed the studio during someone else's

show. We held our own version of the Winter Olympics in the Colyer's kitchen, (ski jump, ice dance and sledging), had a waterfight, "Breathed" and Blew the Whistle in Piccadilly Gardens. We talked a lot about God and spent more time talking to Him.

*Ed and Kerry Colyer- on behalf of DG*

## Paul Keeble 2008

This time last year... PeaceWeek 2007 was looming, Street Pastors was about to train a batch of volunteers and Urban Presence was doing its thing such as running RefUrb events. Some things haven't changed, but otherwise this last 12 months have been very different.

Half of them were taken up with a sabbatical/study leave which was about resting, reflecting and re-focusing. I didn't spend it in some far-off place (the furthest I got was Benburb in Northern Ireland), but took the risk of staying at home, but keeping my head down. There were some relationships I couldn't just not continue, and a couple of occasions where there was something urgent I had to deal with, but otherwise it was a good time particularly NOT GOING TO ANY MEETINGS (virtually – just one).

The reflect bit was attempting a theological back-fill on my several years involvement with Carisma - what I've dubbed 'Mission With'. i.e. working WITH others on an issue of common concern rather than FOR them from a base of a church-based project or initiative. This involved a lot of reading, listening and head-scratching and what began as something fairly simple – or so I thought - soon developed into areas such as the nature of mission, the position of the church in a Post-Christendom culture, incarnational ministry, servanthood and control, our 'power-footprint' in how we relate to community... and anyway just what is the Biblical antecedent for The Guest Service?! Needless to say I didn't get finished, and ended up with a longer reading list than what I started with.

The re-focusing part has been fed by that lot and I feel that process is ongoing. Watch this space. During my sabbatical I wrote a somewhat sporadic blog, so if you're interested in tracking some bits of my thinking during that time go to: <http://paulk-sabblog.blogspot.com>

Since coming back in September, with the encouragement of the Urban Presence trustees I've been trying to keep a day a week for continuing the above research and writing it up. I'm currently considering an offer to expand it into an MPhil. Again, watch this space.

Work-wise, 2007 saw Carisma receiving some CUF funding to employ a part-time worker, and (not connected) hob-nobbing with Prime Ministers (TB and GB) and receiving a Queen's Award for Community Work. Like other groups before us we've discovered that while it's nice to be recognised, pats on the back are not actually of much practical use. Despite a lack of resources and some last-minute panic, PeaceWeek 2007 managed to grow yet again in terms of partnership and involvement. As I write we're well into preparation for PeaceWeek 2008 (to see how it went look at: [www.peaceweek.co.uk](http://www.peaceweek.co.uk)). I'm also part of a group from various cities looking at the possibility of a national peace event, but that is still in the early stages.

Locally, Street Pastors is now training volunteers for a new project in North Manchester. Nationally, with support from Julius and Yuko, I'm currently engaged in a complete re-write of the website to enable it to better support the increased size of Street Pastors – now over 50 projects. This was something I'd delegated before my sabbatical, but for various reasons it did not work out, so I agreed to fix it.

Urban Presence ran two RefUrb events, both day conferences, one on Community Organising and one on mission. Both were excellent – if you'd like to have a listen let me

know. We're looking at developing a link between RefUrb and CUF-X, a national network ([www.cufx.org.uk](http://www.cufx.org.uk)). I'm also UP's rep on the Hope08 Greater Manchester Core Group, I'm continuing my involvement with Seedbed, and helping get a Community Organising initiative called 'ChangeMakers' off the ground.



Family-wise it has also been a year of change, and more is coming. Daniel got married to Tess ([www.tessanddan.co.uk](http://www.tessanddan.co.uk)), Alannah went to India (...and came back!); on a sadder note, my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer and died in January. Later this year Alannah heads off again, this time to University, but not quite as far away. In May Dan and I went one better than last year and got to the FA Cup Final, to see Chelsea, last winners at the old Wembley, win the first at the new Wembley, beating, er, can someone remind me...?

Through these ups and downs the friendship and support of our family at Brunswick has been an important part of our lives once again, so... once again, thank you.

## Ruth Cox – Oasis Global

The last year has been one of ongoing challenges as well as encouragements. I have made two trips to India, the first was in July and involved spending a couple of days in Mumbai (with a day's visit to Purnata Bhavan a home for women and children suffering from HIV/AIDS in Igat Puri), a couple of days in Bangalore and then Chennai before returning for further meetings in Mumbai.

The second trip in November was to attend two conferences. The first was in Goa which was exciting! It was the second four-yearly Oasis Global Conference with delegates from all of the 10 countries that Oasis now works. It was wonderful to thrash out work issues together, make plans and have fun together too. After the conference, about 60 of us caught the train back to Mumbai where I then ran a 2 day conference for key individuals involved with Vocational Training and Production in the different countries and across India. It was the first of its kind and it was great to get together to share and encourage one another.

Apart from the trips I have worked from home although I have also had a few speaking engagements and a series of fair trade events where I have sold the Oasis-Jacobs Well products.

Clive Dudbridge, formerly of Youth For Christ, joined the Oasis Global team in June as 'Business Development Director'. He has slowly been able to take over the responsibility for managing the sales and business aspects of my work which I had inherited by default and often found hard to manage. It has been great to have someone to share the load!

Most recently I have enjoyed assisting Oasis UK to select a company to produce school uniforms for the 8 planned Oasis Academy Schools which are due to open or re-open in September 2008. This is a massive undertaking and Oasis UK were keen to ensure that they

selected a company that could deliver good quality, ethically manufactured school clothing for approximately 4,000 students by September. We are hoping that the company selected can help us to develop our own Oasis- Jacobs Well production capability too.

Key Areas of Work Include:

- 1) Country visits to attend strategic planning meetings, build relationships and give advice. Also to source fabrics for new product ranges.
- 2) Regular communication with Vocational Training staff in India, Zimbabwe and Uganda providing support and resources where necessary.
- 3) Regular communication with supporters via newsletters and e-mails including deputation.
- 4) Work on other global Oasis issues such as 'Branding' and 'Resources' and other global team responsibilities.
- 5) Design and liaison with Oasis India on new product ranges for Jacobs Well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for my work for Oasis. Your regular giving helps to cover the costs of my role – essentially travel. It is by going out to the countries that are delivering vocational training projects that I can see the work at first hand, develop relationships with key staff and as a result that real progress can be made in terms of strategic planning and project development.

THANK-YOU!

*Ruth xx*



## Sunday 314

The leaders and helpers of Sunday 314 continued to teach, listen to, pray, create and have fun with and to be inspired by the young people they encountered on Sunday mornings during 2007.

Thanks go to Nick and Ros Carr-Brown, Nick and Sally Jones, Ruth Cox, Richard Young, Naomi Flear, Amy Carr-Brown, Emma Lacey, Kathy Anderson and Alice Young (and anyone else who has helped during the year but I have missed out!).

Nick Carr-Brown continued throughout the year with his role as co-ordinator of the various groups which are (with approximate age ranges)- Bubbles (pre-schoolers), Splash (reception to year 2), X-treme (years 3 to 6) and The Grid (years 7 to 9). The Scripture Union Light resources were used throughout the year as a basis for the teaching which, in the main, followed the adult teaching in Church.

All the groups, except The Grid, met every Sunday other than the first, when the young people shared in the All Together Special service in Church. The Grid group met as normal until July. The only member of the group was Katy, though Holly and Rachel would often join in to keep her company. From September the group continued to meet once a month on the second Sunday with Ruth Cox. The Scripture Union material was sometimes used as a starting point, but discussions tended to range widely. Particularly lively debates were on God and suffering, vegetarianism and interfaith issues. The leaders of this group found it a pleasure to engage with such enquiring minds and are looking forward to the day when the group re-opens for the next group of young people in years 7-9!

No significant change was seen in the numbers of young people regularly attending Sunday 314, although it was great to see some new faces during the year, particularly in the X-treme group.

Having quality space for the groups to work in continues to be an issue, but we are getting really good at using what we have well!

Prayer for the leaders, helpers and young people is always welcome, particularly that Sunday 314 would be a time when all those involved become closer to God and to each other.

*Sally Jones*

## Club X Reunion: a real \_\_\_\_\_ ?

As part of its response to the Bible Society's Unexpected/Riddle of Life campaign, the former leaders of Club X organised a reunion for the club. We invited well over 50 ex-members and most former leaders. The event itself involved champagne, photo displays, old Club X videos, the pool table (of course) and a bouncy castle (generally thought to be a good idea by the leaders). About half a dozen ex-members turned up, leading to some excellent conversations, competitive games of pool and some serious bouncing.

*Edwin Colyer*

## PA/Projector Team

Following the installation of our data projector, and testing of a number of software options to operate it, we now generally have a two-person PA/projector team each Sunday morning to set up and run both the computer projection system and microphones. We have had a few additions to the team during the year, and are grateful to all who help in every way.

Although it may sometimes get a little hectic when adding or changing new song words or slides at the last moment, or in particularly A/V intensive services, it is a good opportunity to help with the smooth running of our worship (and doesn't require any great technical knowledge!). We are always happy to have more help, so if the idea of "playing" with the mixing desk and/or computer on a Sunday morning appeals then please have a word with any of us. We also have the ability to record services, so if you know you're going to miss one, and would like an mp3 or similar to listen to it afterwards, let us know.

*Tim Craft*

## The Wests

2007 was an exciting year in many ways! The beginning of the year saw significant events at Kedesh as we moved out of our old property onto our new one. On January 1st, we had all staff and kids living together again. It was great to say goodbye to the derelict building and move onto our own land that Kedesh has been developing over the last 3 years from afar.

After concentrating on construction our focus then moved to relationship building and attempting to improve our Portuguese. Jo became more involved in day to day Kedesh life involving the boys in her daily tasks. I worked part-time at a local school teaching secondary English - a very different experience from the UK! I was beginning to move towards tutoring work with the Kedesh boys focusing more on basic numeracy and literacy when Ezra arrived.

In October we were flown to South Africa after Jo experienced complications in pregnancy and 2 days later Ezra was born, 10 weeks early. All the uncertainties surrounding his birth and the complications he had were a very testing time but we feel strongly that it was something God allowed us to go through. We can't control these kind of events but can ask "how do I respond to all this?" God faithfulness in difficult times has upheld us, and the love and support shown by the global church has been a witness to friends and family, and for this and Ezra we praise God!

*Jo, Dave, Ezra and Grace*

## Treasurer's Report

From an income point of view 2007 was a steady year with total income for the year coming in at slightly below that of 2006. The largest sources of income were, as in the previous year, regular gift-aided giving, grants and use of the church buildings and minibus.

From an expenditure point of view the year was far from steady! Major refurbishment works at Barnabas, the purchase and installation of the new heating system and new projector and some refurbishment of the rectory resulted in expenditure for the year exceeding income and some of the church's reserves being used to fund this additional expenditure.

The expenditure has substantially improved two of the church's most valuable assets - its building and Barnabas – for the benefit of all those who use them whilst at the same time improving the future income-generating capability of both.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance in our use of the resources with which God has blessed us and in our financial decision-making over the coming year.

I would like to thank those who have assisted me in my role this year, particularly Evan Fernihough, Amy Carr-Brown and Nick Carr-Brown and those who volunteer their counting services every week.

If you would like a copy of the accounts, I will be happy to let you have one.

*Sally Jones*

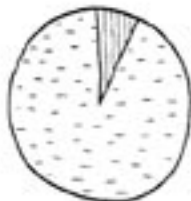
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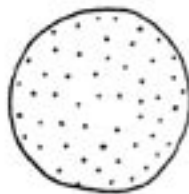
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


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-  GO TO CHURCH, PRAY ETC
-  PREPARE SERMONS
-  GO TO MEETINGS
-  VISIT THE SICK
-  HELP PEOPLE BE BORN, GET MARRIED AND DIE

-  SURF THE INTERNET
-  PLAY GOLF
-  KEEP UP TO DATE WITH POPULAR CULTURE (TV, MUSIC ETC)
-  NOTHING
-  TO BE HONEST IT IS NOT SOMETHING I HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT

From 'The Dave Walker Guide to the Church'. Available via: [www.cartoonchurch.com](http://www.cartoonchurch.com)

