

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ALGARVE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009

Lead Priest's Report 2009

On February 6th, 2009, when I stepped off the plane to become the Lead Priest of All Saints Anglican Church Algarve, I was handed a precious gift— a group of faithful people who stepped away from the institutional church to embrace the call that God had placed in their hearts to become his people. I thought then as I do now how Jeremiah 29 spoke to our situation:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." (Jer. 29:11-14)

The Journey has begun and the Lord has prospered us mightily. You will see that our Children's ministry has grown and continues to grow. That we had record numbers at our 2009 summer mission, and that 2010 is looking even better. You will see that our small group discipleship program has been a wonderful success with three groups running across the Algarve, and that through these studies, people's faith in the promises of God has become stronger.

You will see how we are reaching out into our community in interesting and unique ways by hosting our hugely successful golf tournament, participating in the International Algarve Fair, providing a Gospel witness at weddings to couples here who we marry, supporting ASCA in their endeavors, giving people avenues to socialize during our Fun Days Outings, and much more.

God has also finished building our foundation by securing a home for us in the World Wide Anglican Communion through the provinces of Rwanda and West Africa with pastoral support from Bishop Martin from CESA. God has also allowed us to complete the Portuguese legal process so that we are now fully recognized as a legal church. We have also developed friendships that support us through prayer and encouragement from across the globe, especially our new sister church in Tampa, Florida, the Church of the Resurrection and all our friends from FCA (Fellowship of Confessing Anglican) based out of the United Kingdom. We have also developed new friends in both Africa and South America. I see likeminded Anglicans making commitments to support us and we them as God has called us.

All these blessings have led us to grow both in numbers and in spiritual maturity. These will be our building blocks in 2010. We have been faithful with the little that God has given us and because of that faithfulness, he will give us even more.

2009 has also been a year that we have struggled in a few program areas as well. We are still trying to revamp how we communicate with each other through our E-Letter and website. Our Christmas schedule had a few bumps in 2009. We have also struggled to come to grips with our vision to spread the Gospel to the Algarve. We have tried a few new things during our services that did not work as well as they should have. Our giving is not where it should have been in 2009. All this is to say that we have had a few small stumbles this year but have not fallen, and these stumbles are also a part of the journey. Other issues with the budget and resources have kept us from truly unleashing us to do the ministry we would hope. But we have amazing lay leadership, and many in the congregation are ready to take the next steps towards a renewed ministry focus in 2010.

What to expect in 2010?

As we continue to forge ahead with the implementation of new ministry strategies we are ensuring that we are doing everything we can to reach out with the Gospel to the Algarve for the glory of Christ. We need to be good stewards of our time and resources, but also call upon God to bless us and grow us to do more.

This past year has been a pivotal time of movement away from what was to what has come to be and more. I am confident that the ongoing transformation of our church will enable us through the Holy Spirit to capitalize on new opportunities and meet all challenges. For us, the future is now.

I ask you to do the following in 2010

- Pray for God's blessing on us.
- Pray to see what God is calling you to do at All Saints.
- Pray and consider giving generously to the work that God is doing here.

In the following pages of this report you will see that God is doing something special at All Saints Church. I invite you to read each line with gratitude for what the Lord has done and with anticipation for what lies ahead.

Peace,

Fr. Joe Wingo+

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Lead Priest

All Saints Anglican Church Algarve

A Special Report from Rev. Jackie Nevill

Ministry Report 28th February 2010.

When you are first ordained it is to the diaconate, and as a Deacon you are called to serve, you don't cease being a deacon when later ordained to the priesthood, and it is as one called to serve, following Christ's example of servanthood, that I write this. By the way, did you know that the way a deacon wears his stole, from the shoulder diagonally to the hip, symbolises the towel Christ wrapped around his waist as he knelt and washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper.

At the ACM last year I reported to you as the priest caring for All Saints during the interregnum to the best of my abilities, and it was with relief and anticipation that I welcomed Fr Joe to the position of lead priest in February. I have welcomed the opportunity these past twelve months to participate in meetings with Joe and Paul, we share fellowship, prayer and study, and endeavour to plan the worship and events of all Saints in a way which suits everyone. It has to be said that each month brings new joys and challenges.

A good deal of my time has been taken up with Marriage Blessings, keeping a clear booking system, meeting with the couples, planning the service, rehearsing and finally conducting the Blessing, with a goodly number of emails aiding the process. I consider this ministry outreach, and whilst not many couples come to attend All Saints, I hope that the Christian message we give will set a spark which will one day draw them into a relationship with Christ.

I have taken a full part in the ministry at All Saints this past year, although I have recently taken a break from attending the Lagoa service regularly. I enjoy my involvement with the children's ministry, especially at the Day Camps and of course at Crocodile dock.

Once again the hymn choices have been mainly due to me, this is a 'task' which takes considerable time and which, I am very pleased to say, I have now handed over.

After ordination we are charged with continuing study, we actually promise to do this in the ordination service. This year I completed the penultimate module towards gaining a BA hons., and have endeavoured to complete the necessary dissertation, however, my mentors at college and I have decided that I need to defer until next year so it remains work in progress.

My friends, we know that we are all a part of the body of Christ with different gifts and parts to play and this applies to Fr Joe, Paul and myself, I hope you realise and appreciate our diversities and the strengths they bring to All Saints.

I give thanks to my Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini and my fellow priests and brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, but especially I thank you, the members of All Saints who have continued to give me so much love and support this year.

As you are aware, the past two years have been stressful and sad at times for me, especially since last June with mother's increasing ill health and death, also the death of my supervisor this January. I have therefore, after prayer and reflection asked for three months sabbatical from full duties, this is why I shall be worshipping from the pews excepting high days like Easter.

I shall return in June, fully refreshed and ready to serve once more.

All Blessings

Jackie +

Rev'd. Jackie Nevill

A Special Report from Rev. Paul Luckman:

2009 was an exciting and challenging time for me, and of course for Madeline who supports me.

Being ordained in November 2008 was an extraordinary experience, and I felt "lifted" throughout the experience by a "wave of love" from the congregation. It meant so much to know I had everyone's support. Being Priested in November 2009 was equally rewarding, though this time I was less nervous and able to enjoy the experience more. All of this would have been impossible without the constant encouragement of everyone, and that was, and is the affirmation I needed. It was very special as the service was held in the chapel at Lagoa, a place with which I have always felt a very special affinity. It is a privilege that the Lagoa Town Hall allows us the use of this hundreds of years old place of worship. This in no way reflects less favorably on Almancil, or its congregation whom I love dearly.

As many of the congregation knows, both Madeline and I have a strong leaning towards the healing ministry, and through 2008 we have started to see and experience an extraordinary move of the Holy Spirit. The monthly healing services at Lagoa now have a format and style we all feel to be correct, and the introduction of anointing with oil has seen many people touched, sometimes very deeply. Although this is not part of our Almancil service, quite frequently I have seen people touched by the Holy Spirit and His healing power during or after the service. With the arrival of Father Joe I have gained both a friend and a mentor, and this has been a great help in developing my Ministry, and improving my ability to serve the congregation. It is especially rewarding that no one has fallen asleep during my sermons, so I must be getting better, (or perhaps just more brief!).

I believe we are now starting to see growth in our congregations in Almancil and Lagoa, and this is very encouraging. 2009 was a time when we had to establish a strong Ministry

Team, and led by Joe, work on healing some of the past hurts. Now we have a very loving Church and I firmly believe that we have built a solid foundation on which we can now grow. All Saints is “a safe place” to bring young Christians, and to experience the power of The Holy Spirit. The Father is working in our midst, and what a privilege to serve Him and spread the word of His love for us all.

REV. PAUL LUCKMAN+

Discipleship: Small Group Report

Overview:

Small groups are a vital part of the vision of All Saints. We greatly value gathering together for worship on Sundays but we also greatly value people growing in their faith walk through a smaller midweek gathering. We were created by God to have fellowship with one another, and small groups create an environment where this is possible. People are given the opportunity to go deeper with each other and deeper in their walk with Christ. Being connected in authentic relationships allows us to accomplish Christ’s mission better. Small groups provide a safe place where people can be real with one another and share life together - a place where you can ask questions, learn from the Bible, pray, and be prayed for.

Groups meet in homes or other public places throughout the week. These groups allow people to get to know each other better and offer a comfortable place to seek more about God's Word. There are about 3 groups to choose from that meet at different times, days, and locations. Feel free to join a group at anytime.

Summary of Activity:

We had three Small Groups meeting throughout 2009:

1. Lagoa – meets on Monday nights at 6:30pm
2. Almancil – meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm
3. Messines - meets on Wednesday afternoons at 11:00am.

Each meeting consisted of:

- A time for fellowship
- A meal of some type
- A study based upon the Christian Faith

The average attendance for each group in 2009 was:

- Lagoa – between 10 to 20
- Almancil – between 10 - 15
- Messines - between 10 – 15

To date each group has gone through two primary studies and some secondary studies:

- The primary studies are
 - Christianity Explored

- Discipleship Explored
- Secondary studies were varied depending on group.

There was one retreat day held for all the small groups members

- Attendance was around 20- 25 people
- The group watched and then discussed different NOOMA videos.

Objective

The Small Groups Bible studies have led to:

- a deepening of the members' faith
- a venue for reconciliation between current and past church members
- a deepening of fellowship bonds between members
- a venue to introduce new members into the wider church body

All Saints Anglican Church Algarve
Annual Church Meeting: March 21st 2010

Children Ministry Report

Overview:

Our objective in the All Saints Children's Ministry is to provide bible based teaching to all Children ages of 5 and up. 1 Hour Sunday School lessons are held, with a few exceptions, on Sunday mornings concurrently with Morning Worship and regular outreach and junior fellowship activities are held at key stages throughout the year.

Programmes and teaching syllabus are available on request.

Regular members of Adventurers are supplemented throughout the year by Children vacationers and the fellowship meetings are attended by Children from across the whole length of the Algarve in addition to International guests.

In recent times consideration has been made for non English speaking Adventurers and it is usual for Sunday School to be simultaneously translated for Portuguese speaking children

The highlight of the year for both Children and Adults is without doubt the Summer Mission, which allow us to further the ministry of All Saints to many unchurched children – which in 2009 were in excess of 60% of the total attendees.

New initiatives in 2009:

- ❖ A Christian answer to Halloween – All Saints Festival of Light. A Family based festival with traditional dress-up, games, story telling and refreshments.
- ❖ A Night in Bethlehem. In 2009 this day camp was extended to include family groups, many Adults attended (without children) to celebrate the Nativity

Summary of Activity:

1. Weekly Activity :

The FaithWeaver syllabus closely follows the Church Year taking the Gospel reading from the Lectionary. Each weekly teaching is divided into 4 sections :

- Bible Study
- Implementation into each of the Childrens everyday lives through drama, craft, or discussion
- A Weekly challenge to live the Gospel to take back into the home environment
- Prayer

Each week the Children study and read from the Bible in either English or Portuguese discuss how the story affects their lives and learn a key verse to help them remember the lesson.

In 2009 we ran 43 weekly FaithWeaver Lessons
Average attendance: 10 children per lesson

Family Services: 4
Average attendance: 10

Other: Through Holiday Periods – Summer & Christmas the Childrens Ministry Team provide Activity packs for the Children whilst in Church. These packs are themed to the Gospel reading for the week

2. Seasonal Activities:

- ❖ Junior Fellowship: Saturday 28th March 2009
Beading Party
Attendance: 11 Adventurers plus Mums
- ❖ All Around Easter Camp : Wednesday 8th April 2009
Attendance: Children 27 / Adults: 14
A Christian Day Camp for the Adventurers and their Friends
- ❖ Crocodile Dock: July 20th – 24th 2009
Annual Childrens Summer Mission followed by Louisiana BBQ

Attendance: 70 children / 39 Adults (a further 17 children were disappointed due to lack of materials and volunteer help)
Numbers attending Louisiana BBQ: 100 +

- ❖ Crocodile Dock Revisited: Saturday 26th September
Attendance: 24 / 18 Adults
A reunion event for Crocodile Dockers and chance for Parents to meet

- ❖ The All Saints Family Party of Light : Saturday 31st October
A Christian Alternative to Halloween
Attendance 46 Adults & Children

Traditional Games-Story-time-Music & Dancing-Dress up-Tasty Treats-Family Fun

- ❖ A Night in Bethlehem : Saturday 12th December
Attendance: 27 children/ 20 Adult participants – 16 Adult Helpers
An invitation to the whole family to experience the Holy Land as it was the night that Jesus was born!

Reports on all of the above are available on request.

AND FINALLY. A huge thank you to all who help and support the Children's Ministry – to the long hours, the weary limbs, and the endless patience and sheer hard work – what a wonderful team!

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Agenda for the First Annual Meeting of All Saints Church, 21st March, 2010 to be held at 1 p.m. following the Church Service at ASCA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 11th January, 2009.
4. Matters arising
5. Lead Priest's report
6. Report on membership
7. Approval of reports already circulated.
 - a) Clergy Team
 - b) Children's Ministry
8. Report of proceedings of the Church Council.
9. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Property and goods report
12. Confirmation of membership of the Church Council
13. Confirmation of Church Warden
14. Any Other Business (to be received by the Secretary by Sunday, 14th March.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 2010

There were four vacancies on the Council – Terry Blackman and Wendy Webb had stood down under the terms of the Constitution. Maurice Walton had taken over as Treasurer during the year and had been seconded. There was one vacancy not taken up last year.

Nominations were made as follows:-

CHURCH WARDEN –

	Proposed	Seconded
Kevin Croft	Nonnie Roberts	Christina Tenazinha

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terry Blackman	Catherine Landau	Renette Joubert
Christina Tenazinha	Terry Blackman	Margaret Walton
Maurice Walton	Catherine Landau	Renette Joubert
Wendy Webb	Jacqueline Nevill	Terry Blackman

As the number of candidates is not greater than the number of seats to be filled, the candidates nominated shall forthwith be declared elected and, individually, will take office immediately following the Annual Church Meeting.

The new Church Council will be as follows:

Father Joe Wingo
Rev. Jackie Nevill
Rev. Paul Luckman
Kevin Croft
Terry Blackman
Joanne Blackman
Renette Joubert
Madeline Luckman
Christina Tenazinha
Maurice Walton
Wendy Webb

All Saints Anglican Church Algarve (ASACA)
Report on Activity of the Church Council 2009

1. The council was elected on block at the Inaugural Meeting of ASACA on 11.01.09.

The Church Council Members are:

- ❖ Rev'd Jackie Nevill
 - ❖ Rev'd Paul Luckman
 - ❖ Kevin Croft (Warden)
 - ❖ William Burkey (Treasurer)
 - ❖ Terry Blackman (Vice Chair)
 - ❖ Renete Joubert
 - ❖ Madeline Luckman
 - ❖ Jo Blackman
2. EIGHT meetings were held in 2009. All were open to the membership of ASACA to attend. Minutes are available for Membership to see.
 3. The sub committee of the Council, The Standing Committee met on one occasion
 4. During the year William Burkey resigned as Council Member and Treasurer to move to Spain. Subsequently Maurice Walton was co-opted to Council (bye law D1c) and was elected Treasurer.
 5. The decisions were made by Council were:
 - ❖ Approval of the Children's Ministry programme for 2009
 - ❖ Purchase of Welcome Gifts (Key Rings) for Visitors
 - ❖ Purchase of Banners for use at Fatacil Stand and for subsequent use at ASCA
 - ❖ Agreement was reached that 3 Council Members (Kevin Croft, as Warden, Wendy Webb and Terry Blackman) would stand down at the 1st Anniversary of the inception of ASACA. And that 2 further Members would stand down at the 2nd Anniversary, Madeline Luckman & Jo Blackman, as required under bye law D1b.
 - ❖ Review of Deacon Paul's progress and recommendation for Ordination to the Priesthood
 - ❖ New Employment contract for Fr Joe Wingo 1.1.10 – 30.12.10
 - ❖ Registration ASACA with both Legal and Financial Authorities
 - ❖ Agreement to use Constant Contact for E Letter
 - ❖ Twinning with Sister Parish of Tampa Florida
 - ❖ Opening of a new Bank Account with BCP
 - ❖ Tithe to ASCA 4%pa, Anglican Mainstream 3%pa, Diocese of Kigali, Rwanda 3%pa
 - ❖ Purchase of Sound System and Microphones
 - ❖ Employment of Pedro to set up and break down ASCA for weekly Sunday Service

- ❖ Temporarily suspend Family Service pending review
 - ❖ Agreement for Fr Joe to attend Annual AMiA Conference in the USA
 - ❖ Agree a budget for 2010
 - ❖ Set a the date of the Annual Church Meeting as 21.03.10
 - ❖ In addition to on going Administration and usual Church Affairs
6. All decisions implemented after full discussion at Council were unanimous

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ALGARVE

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2009 AT ASCA AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT.- Terry & Jo Blackman, Bill & Jo Burkey, Kevin & Cynthia Croft, Kevin & Renette Joubert, Conor McDonagh, Des & Rev. Jackie Nevill, Nonnie Roberts, Brian & Lorna Scott, Christina Tenazinha, Maurice & Margaret Walton, Colin & Dora Willis

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Paul & Madeline Luckman, Wendy Webb

The Rev. Jackie Nevill opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance and grace.

Terry Blackman, as Chairman of the Interregnum Committee, took and chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also thanked Chris and Wendy Webb for the work they had done on the Constitution.

1. To confirm the list of Voting Members (circulated at the meeting). These were as follows:-

Terry & Jo Blackman	Des & Rev. Jackie Nevill
Percy Brisco	Nonnie Roberts
Bill & Jo Burkey	Brian & Lorna Scott
Carol Campbell	Christina Tenazinha
Kevin & Cynthia Croft	Maurice & Margaret Walton
Kevin & Renette Joubert	Wendy Webb
Paul & Madeline Luckman	Colin & Dora Willis

These were agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Additionally, applications for voting membership from Connor and Mags McDonagh were unanimously accepted but, as these were not in line with the Constitution, they would only be effective at the close of the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

Green voting cards were then provided to all voting members present. A proposal by the Chair, seconded by the Treasurer, that all votes taken at this meeting should be by a show of hands (green voting cards) was unanimously accepted with no abstentions or nay votes.

It was also agreed that the motions as listed on the previously issued Agenda (with additional copies available at the meeting) be accepted and seconded as proposed. This was unanimously accepted with agreement that each would be voted on at the meeting.

2. To receive and accept the Concordat dated 23rd June, 2008 and presented at the meeting (copy attached to these Minutes).

This was agreed unanimously.

3. To receive and accept the Constitution of All Saints Church (already circulated and a copy altered to show deletions, alterations and additions, including Lawyer's comments)

Page 2 – added “and as set out in Portuguese Decree Law 16/2001 dated 22nd June”.

Page 8 . deleted – Section 5: Validity

Page 12 – deletion – “who shall have the right of continuous review of all members”. This was the subject of some discussion in respect of the principle and procedure that would be adopted in the event of a suspension of a voting member. It was proposed by the Chair that suitable wording was already available within the documents to satisfy this and subsequently the following words of clarification were added “and would be in accordance with good church practice and particularly the principle of Titus 3:9-11”.

Page 15 – deletion. “Subject to a confirmatory note at the Annual Church Meeting”

Addition – “and individually, will” etc.

Page 17 – deletions – Section 1f

Page 18 – deletion (v) “buildings and”

Page 26 – addition under responsibilities a) “and insurances”

Page 27 – additions – “responsibilities of Children’s Ministry Leader a-d”
Page 28 – additions – “responsibilities of Child Protection Officer a-e” AND
“Responsibilities of Publicity Officer a-d”

This was agreed unanimously.

4. To receive and accept the Bye-laws of All Saints Church (already circulated)

These were agreed unanimously.

5. Suspension of Constitution and Bye-laws of All Saints (for this meeting only)

So as to facilitate the business of this meeting, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to temporarily suspend the Constitution and Bye-Laws of All Saints with particular reference to the following (but not exclusively)
To suspend Bye-Law C2 (a-i) Voting for Warden; and
To suspend Bye-Law C2 (a-i) Voting for Council Members
To suspend Bye-Law D1b Term of office of Council Members
To suspend Bye-Law Number D1B relating to number of terms for Council Members

This was agreed unanimously.

6. To receive and accept the Accounts of All Saints Church (circulated before the meeting)

This was agreed unanimously.

7. To receive and accept the Property and Goods report.

This was accepted unanimously.

8. To confirm the appointment of Father Joseph Wingo as Lead Priest for All Saints.

This motion was carried unanimously.

9. To confirm the appointment of Rev. Jackie Nevill and Rev. Paul Luckman, the other two Members of the Ministry Team, to the Church Council.

This motion was carried unanimously.

REV. JACKIE NEVILL NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

10. To receive the final report of, and dissolve, the Interregnum Committee – Terry Blackman, Chair of the Interregnum Committee

This was carried unanimously.

11. Election of Church Warden

One nomination had been received. Kevin Croft had been nominated by Des Nevill and seconded by Nonnie Roberts. This was agreed unanimously.

12. Election of lay members of the Church Council.

Six nominations had been received for 7 places on Council:

Jo Blackman	Nominated Renette Joubert	Seconded Brian Scott
Terry Blackman	Nominated Maurice Walton	Seconded Des Nevill
Bill Burkey	Nominated Wendy Webb	Seconded Maurice Walton
Renette Joubert	Nominated Nonnie Roberts	Seconded Jo Blackman
Madeline Luckman	Nominated Margaret Walton	Seconded Wendy Webb
Wendy Webb	Nominated by Jackie Nevill	Seconded Des Nevill

These were elected on bloc.

13. To receive the report of the Ministry Team (attached to these minutes)

Rev. Jackie Nevill read the report which was carried unanimously.

14. To appoint the Auditor

The Treasurer, Bill Burkey, proposed that the Auditors should be the Accounts Dept. of the Portugal News. This was seconded by Jo Blackman, and carried unanimously.

15. Any other business.

No other business had been received by the 4th January. The Interregnum Committee had asked the following to give a brief report:

Jo Blackman – Children’s Ministry Leader (report attached to these minutes)

Jo Burkey – Music Ministry (report attached to these minutes)

Renette Joubert – New Members Information Pack.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Terry Blackman for chairing the first part of the meeting.

A motion to reinstate the Constitution and Bye-Laws was proposed by Terry Blackman, seconded by Kevin Croft, and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 14.15.

Treasurer's Report

I suppose the most significant fact about our 2009 accounts is that The Church appears to be 6,672€ poorer than it was at the beginning of the year!

Not strictly true, because the figures do not take into account any of our assets. After a recent stock-take, the items in the cupboard upstairs were valued for insurance purposes and together have a replacement value of some 8000€

We also have a Church car, along with other items not held on these premises.

Furthermore, it has been a rather unusual year for All Saints.

We started the year with Fr Joe 'on the books', so to speak, although he wasn't exactly here. At the same time we were using guest preachers which involved us in additional costs.

We also had the one-off cost of 'importing' Fr Joe.

We were obliged to pay 1800€ advance rent for his apartment, but that will be 'refunded' this year by way of 3 months rent-free.

So taking these extra costs into account, I believe that a cash deficit of some of 3500€ would be a more realistic figure.

However, we cannot be complacent about these figures.

On the downside, we did not meet our budget in payments to our chosen charities, and that is of great concern to Members of The Council.

Taking a look at the income shows that only about half came from direct contributions, the rest being made up by the stalwart efforts of The Church Mice, various fund raisers and most importantly the fee income earned by the clergy team – in this instance, mostly Jackie Nevill – from Wedding Blessings. There is a plan to increase those fees this year, and we are also hoping to increase the number of Wedding Blessings undertaken.

Whilst all forms of income are welcome, we must not lose sight of our purpose, and if we are to thrive as a Church we need to increase our congregation in order to provide a sound basis for our income and hence our charitable giving.

We hope that 2010 will be a bit more normal, and as the months go by we shall be monitoring our financial position and I am sure that your Council will take whatever action is necessary to ensure the continued welfare of the Church's financial position. There is very little room for manoeuvre on the expenses side whilst we continue with our present setup.

What we really need to do, both from a financial & spiritual standpoint, is to increase the size our congregations. This is something with which we can all help, and something that will be of mutual benefit in the long term.

Just a few days before the end of 2009, we became officially registered in Portugal for tax purposes and as a charity.

This gives us added advantages and added responsibilities.

Firstly, it will be of benefit to regular contributors if they are also payers of tax in Portugal, and also of benefit to The Church. Apparently there is a little box on the back of the IRS form which, if ticked, will enable 0.5% of tax payable to be paid to the Church.

The giver must obtain a receipt from the treasurer, and this will automatically be done on an annual basis. Neither the tax payer nor the Church can claim any benefits in relation to 2009 payments. It all starts from January 1st, 2010.

As a Charitable Organisation, the Church does not have to register for IVA, nor does it have to submit a tax return to the IRS.

However, it does have to retain appropriate records which can be inspected by the IRS and probably will be!

For this reason, anyone making any purchases on behalf of the Church, must obtain a proper receipt, showing our NIF/registration number. I will have some cards with the number on available shortly.

No doubt, other requirements will emerge as time goes by, but we'll just have to deal with them as and when they arise.

Outline accounts have been distributed at this meeting, Detailed accounts will be available on request. (All thirty-odd pages of them)

That's all I have to report for the moment, but if you have any questions I'll do my best to answer them for you.

Account Balances - MONTHLY		
As of 30/11/2009 (in Euro)		
Account	Balances as at 11/30/2009	Balances as at 12/31/2009
Bank Accounts		
ASC-Bank Account-nib003201880020351277875	10,592.79	6,025.90
ASC-DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	0.00	
Millenium Bank	20,682.50	19,826.06
TOTAL Bank Accounts	31,275.29€	25,851.96€
Cash Account	261.50	0.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	261.50€	0.00€
OVERALL TOTAL	31,536.79€	25,851.96€

YEAR 2009

Account	Jan 1st, 2009	Dec 31st, 2009
Bank Accounts :-		
ASC-Bank Account-nib003201880020351277875	32,524.74	6,025.90
ASC-DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00
Millenium Bank	0.00	19,826.06
TOTAL Bank Accounts	32,524.74€	25,851.96€
Cash Account	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	0.00€	0.00€
OVERALL TOTALS	32,524.74€	25,851.96€
BALANCE ON YEAR		<u>-6,672.78€</u>

INCOME	57,744.79€
Bank Interest(Inc)-Interest on deposit account	76.41€
Booklets-Various religious course books	55.00€
Church Mice-All craft work by Church Mice	1,636.50€
Almancil Plate-Collection excl envelopes	5,723.88€
Envelope collections	11,949.11€
Lagoa Plate-Collections at Lagoa	2,377.95€
Midweek-Al collections NOT on Sundays	55.00€
Donation-Charitable Donations - Cash	838.92€
Fees - Choir-Choir performances	300.00€
Fees-WeddBlessings-Wedding Blessing Fees-All Clergy	10,240.00€
For Samaritan's Purse-Special colections etc	151.00€
Golf-Inc-Income from golf related events	3,490.00€
Raffles-Fund raising raffles	536.70€
Other Fund Raiser-All fund raising events	802.00€
INC(Children's Mission)-Specific to Children's Mission	2,236.62€
INC(Children's Mission)2010	941.50€
Other Inc-Other Income	70.00€
Recife Fund-Cash specifically for Recife	328.20€
Rwanda Fund	370.00€
Tithe Receipt-Income from Tithes	15,566.00€
EXPENSES	-64,417.57€
Advertising	-1,218.78€

ASCA 2008	-20.00€
Bank Charges-All Bank related costs	-131.85€
Accom Rent-Priest's apartment	-8,165.90€
Air Fare	-4,809.04€
living Exps	-409.97€
Med Ins-Family medical insurance	-727.80€
Motoring-Fuel & car costs	-5,421.58€
Office-Office equipment, paperwork, etc	-686.76€
Removals	-1,000.00€
Stipend-Priest'swages	-27,000.00€
Utilities-Water, Gas, Electric,	-1,574.70€
Welcome Pack-For incoming tenant/preacher	-55.65€
Other Chaplaincy-All chaplaincy costs	522.53€
Charitable Giving-Charitable Donations - Cash	-4,043.00€
Childrens Mission	-2,376.40€
Church Registration-Items relating to above.	-132.00€
Church Supplies-Variou	-1,507.23€
Cleaning Etc	-460.00€
Decorations-Flowers etc	-42.50€
Dining-Dining Out	-40.00€
Gifts-Gift Expenses	-77.29€
Golf-Exps-Expenses relating to golf events	-1,190.00€
IVA 12%	-15.00€
IVA 20%	-16.67€
Lagoa Chapel-All expeses relating to Lagoa	-2,650.00€
Misc.-Miscellaneous	-209.80€
Outlay-Payments pending invoice	-300.00€
Raffle Costs	-7.90€
Stamp Duty	-1.50€
Stationery-Variou Office supplies	-153.84€
Travel-Travel Expenses	-494.94€
OVERALL TOTAL	-6,672.78€