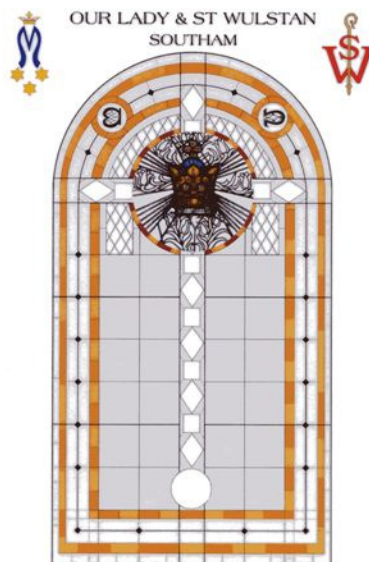


The Parish of Our Lady and Saint Wulstan



A Parish update for the
AGM
Held on

9 October 2011

Forward

It is very good to be able to record another busy and varied twelve months in the life of our church. This has been my second year as your Parish Priest. To be called upon to minister to so many is indeed a privilege, and one which I both appreciate and enjoy. Forty-three years ago, when I was a green young curate, my then parish priest said to me, "Now, remember Bernard, your main job here is not to upset too many people." Wise advice which I have tried to stick to over the years. So, if I have managed to upset you during the past year, please forgive me – unless you deserved it, that is!

I am pleased to report that Mass attendances have not only been maintained, but have shown a steady increase, especially in the number of young families. We have introduced the practice of giving a public welcome to the newly Baptised and it is a joy to see so many youngsters coming to receive their Baptismal Certificates and being given a round of applause by the congregation.

A heartfelt Thank You to all who contribute to the life, work and worship of our Catholic church. May Our Lady & St Wulstan continue to pray for us all, and may God bless us, every one.

Fr Bernard

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1. PARISH COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Parish Committee in Southam is to support the Catholic Life of the Church Community.

To strive to do this most effectively we commit ourselves:

- To support and be guided by our Parish Priest and Deacon, to whose pastoral care God has entrusted us.
- To be as attentive as we can to the thoughts, feelings, needs and vision of all parishioners, through our willingness to listen, and through trying to ensure our committee is as representative as possible of all the different spiritual and material aspects which maintain our parish life.
- To always seek to strengthen the bonds with our Parish Primary School, the other parishes of our Deanery and our local Christian churches.
- To be aware of our role within the Diocese and the Universal Church, particularly through the guidance offered through Canon Law.

We seek to enrich the Spiritual and pastoral life of the Parish as well as its human fellowship.

It will also include supporting initiatives taken up in our Parish as well as organising varied social and fund-raising events.

We will always seek to encourage and enable others to respond ever more fully to their vocation within the Parish. We have a special commitment to the most vulnerable in our society, to the lonely and to supporting family life. We will always seek to share courageously the message, life and joy of Christ's Gospel with the wider Southam Community.

FROM THE 'PEN' OF OUR DEACON TERRY HUM

2. ALTAR SERVERS

We currently have 9 altar servers who are members of the Guild of St. Stephen and two trainee servers who are to be admitted on 16th October. Servers cover both Sunday Masses and serve at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and other special Feast Days. The younger altar servers attending St. Mary's School also serve at weekday School Masses. Our Sacristans, Julie and Mary, assist in their training.

3. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This is an important ministry for administration of communion by lay parishioners appointed by the Parish Priest. We have 17 Eucharistic Ministers and Fr Bernard and Deacon Terry are grateful for their assistance in this important ministry.

4. READERS

This is an important ministry for lay parishioners to read from scripture and lead the Bidding Prayers at Mass. We have 23 Readers for Sunday Masses and some additional Readers at weekday Masses.

5. BEAN COUNTERS

Thanks to the five couples who every week take it in turns to count the collections. It's not just the collections, there are all sorts of bits and pieces to count as well including the 'spare cash' for the Restoration Fund. Thanks to Mike for keeping the list up to date and making sure everyone does their bit!

FROM THE 'PEN' OF JULIE HUM

6. CHURCH CLEANING

I would like to thank everyone who looks after the cleaning of our Church. Ladies do this task each week on a 7 week cycle. Additional cleaning has to be done particularly at Christmas and Easter when we do have a couple of men helping with the heavier jobs.

7. FLOWER ARRANGING

This is done on a 7 week cycle – one person per week. For special celebrations the 'flower arranging team' come together and work as the TEAM they are! Thank you to everyone for all your time and dedication and a big 'thank you' to Ian for all the gadgets he makes for our flower arrangements.

8. REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are available after Sunday Mass with parishioners working on a 8 week cycle. Also it is hoped to offer refreshments after a full School Mass as it offers everyone the chance of a chat in a social gathering. Donations go towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. A big 'thank you' to all who take part. If anyone would be interested in helping with refreshments, flower arranging or church cleaning, please contact Julie.

Thanks to all associated with the above activities and if anyone wants further information contact Deacon Terry or Julie

9. THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Every parish in the Archdiocese has a finance committee whose purpose is to assist the parish priest in financial management and making major expenditure decisions. Such decisions have to be verified by the Archdiocesan Treasurer before they can be implemented. The committee consists of eight people chaired by Father Bernard or Deacon Terry and we usually meet every six months. We met in March to consider the accounts, gift aid report and maintenance. After consideration of a range of options and tenders It was decided to proceed with the church boiler replacement, new hall radiator and hot water supply to the vestry and sacristy wash hand basins. The poor state of the car park fencing was also discussed. It is heartening to have the expertise of such capable and experienced people so that we, hopefully, arrive at balanced and prudent decisions. Especial thanks are due to Shirley Rush, our parish administrator, who compiles a range of financial charts to assist us.

Mike Brown 812496

10. GIFT AID REPORT for the YEAR ENDING APRIL 5th 2011

Total Donations	£14,077.24
Total Tax Recoverable	£3,732.30
No of Gift Aid Donors in 10/11 (a)	52
One – off or occasional donors (b)	3
No using envelopes scheme for GA	30
No using Standing Orders (one person using both schemes)	22
No in Gift Aid Scheme at present (a+b)	55
Average annual donation using GA	£238.6
Average tax recovered per donor	£63.26

We are able to recover 25 pence in the pound, this is less than was previously the case as up to April 2011 we could recover 28 pence in the pound

Grattan O'Brien 814766

11. MUSIC TO ASSIST WORSHIP IN OUR PARISH

The parish music group faces some difficulties as the members within it face new demands upon their time and talent. We are incredibly fortunate to have talent amongst us, but it has become more and more difficult to co-ordinate when the group can play, due to these other demands.

Appeals for much needed new instrumentalists have gone largely unheard; We have been able to draft in organists on an occasional basis, but we do need some extra help!

If you or someone you know is lucky enough to be able to play, KEYBOARD, GUITAR or other instruments, PLEASE help us to help the parish.

In the meantime we will continue to the best of our ability. . . .

After a spell back at the front of church where we originally played, we have reverted to "The Gallery", where we soon hope to be able to connect up to the loop (hearing aid system) as well as the church speakers after a few changes are made to the system and also the layout.

With the introduction of the Roman Missal, we have an urgent need to introduce new mass settings, in line with the Bishops instructions and this we hope to be able to start very soon. Your co-operation in this matter would obviously be appreciated!!

Andy Hughes

12. CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy

A Children's liturgy is held during Sunday morning mass in the church hall. The aim is to provide an alternative liturgy style and environment suitable for children from the age of 3 through to confirmation age. Parents are always welcome to attend with their children if they wish. Visiting children are also encouraged to attend and join in. The number of children normally fluctuates between 15 and 20 although on occasion up to 25 children have attended. The average age of children is probably about 6 years old.

A typical children's liturgy involves: all making sign of the cross, saying sorry prayers and other prayers, lighting the Gospel Candle, a Gospel reading, an occasional hymn, group discussion and some form of handicraft activity related to the reading. The time available for the Children's Liturgy is very limited and varies depending on the length of the mass. It can be a real challenge to time the liturgy so that we can re join the main mass just after the offertory. Father Bernard always welcomes the children back into the mass and all the children love showing Father the things they have been doing.

The Children's Liturgy is always very popular with the children and they all seem to enjoy the worship and related activities. These are some of the children's replies when they were recently asked what they liked about the Children's Liturgy:

"It's nice." "It's fun and exciting." "It's very good when you get to colour in." "Now I'm confirmed I really miss the children's liturgy." "There's a lot of good stuff." "It helps you understand about Jesus in an easier way." "I like doing the stories and the actions afterwards." "I like the drama." "I like using felt tip pens and being messy."

THE CURRENT CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

Leaders: Claire Hyde, Angela Lyons, Ann Varney, Brian Varney, Clive Harridge

Helpers: Helen Caves, Elaine Lambe, Susan Woo, Judith Harridge

There are currently 9 leaders and helpers who run the children's liturgy on a rota basis during school term times: one leader and one helper at each session. Normally two or three parents also attend and assist. We are aware of child protection issues and all the Leaders are CRB checked.

During the past year the children made Easter and Christmas cards for the housebound of the parish and in May they held a procession in honour of Our Lady. The children handed out posies of flowers to ladies after mass on Mothers' Day.

After many years involvement in the Children's Liturgy as a leader **Julia Mcloughlin** has recently stood down because of other commitments. We are all very grateful to Julia for her great work with the Children's Liturgy. A big **THANK YOU** goes to Julia from everyone involved ... including the children!!

Another special mention and big **THANK YOU** from everyone goes to Ann Varney for her tremendous efforts in keeping the Children's Liturgy going through holiday periods including the long summer holiday.

New leaders and helpers are always welcome - if you are interested please get in touch.

Clive Harridge / Angela Lyons

13. THE PARISH COMMITTEE – PETER GUY

The Parish Committee

The committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are more than welcome to join us – just come along at 8pm!

Our committee comprises the following:

Father Bernard	Peter Guy (Chair)
Bernie Jenkins (Secretary)	Kathy Reeves (recently resigned)
Maurice Griffin	Russell Hobson
Mike Brown	Sally Drakeford
Helen Tennant	Rex Savin
Martin Merritt	

We discuss events happening in the parish, both spiritual and social. In addition we get involved too with the ‘fabric’ of the church and buildings. The committee is the parish’s fund raising arm and we are always kept pretty busy!

We all enjoy raising money for the parish and generally ‘being involved’ and this done in a variety of ways – take this past year....

Bonfire and Fireworks – an annual event which benefits local charities and last year, we supported The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, The Leamington Night Shelter, Myton Hospice and The Southam Mayor’s Charity. The total amount was £2,573.41

The **Christmas Bingo** is another popular event and in raising £214 we were able to support and pay most of the money needed for the **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**. We had lots of Christmassy prizes and a huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously. (This year 2011 a quiz is being held in October to support the lunch.)

Carols in The Courtyard a lovely event which has been built up over the years and involves everyone in singing those ageless Carols with thought provoking spiritual readings and music courtesy of the young people of the parish. Warming up afterwards in the Parish Hall with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies rounds off a wonderful introduction to the Christmas Festivities! Look for this year’s date under ‘Forthcoming Events’!

Following the success of the New Year’s Day Mass last year, Fr Bernard, the party animal he is, suggested another parish social event after **Mass on New Years Day**. Lots of sparkling wine a table groaning with food and lots of people too. This really is a lovely way to celebrate the New Year.

Another of Fr Bernard’s ideas was to celebrate the feast day of St Wulstan on January 19th with Vespers and Benediction. We didn’t do the fireworks bit this year but another parish event really well supported. Once again the **Pancake Party** was a great success with jam doughnuts too in evidence for the ‘race’.

Not sure who won this but must be a child with an enviable tummy capacity!

April 3rd was **Mother’s Day**. The children of the parish distributed lovely flower posies to all the mums of the parish. Thanks to the committee members and the Children’s Liturgy Group who came along on the Saturday to work on the flower arrangements.

Another successful **Easter Bingo** brought in £245 with again Fr B ‘guesting’ as caller. Lots of children again, something to do with ‘Roses’ chocolates being generously handed out! Our special parishioners once again found lots of Easter gifts to make the event really excellent. Thank you so much!

Our **Summer Fete** took place at the end of June. A lovely day, really hot as it turned out, and a really splendid occasion with lots on offer, stalls, entertainment and Father Bernard once again doing a great impression of Arthur Daley this time selling very brightly coloured socks. Thanks again to our sponsor for providing matched funding for the Draw and the Tombola (£984). Our profit goes up each year – this year £3,062! It was great to welcome the Cubbington Silver Band who did a splendid job! It reminded me of the Fetes you see on Midsummer Murders – not with the murders but the genteel British ‘stamp’ of a summer occasion. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to achieve this result.

After today’s AGM out next event is the Bonfire and Fireworks Party on NOVEMBER 5th at Southam Cricket Club. The ladies of the committee and the parish work really hard to produce soup, jacket potatoes, hot dogs and drinks and if anyone can help do please call Peter on 814436 or Maurice on 814958. Similarly on the morning of November 6th (8.00am onwards), we will be building the bonfire and erecting the tenting etc. We do absolutely need some help with this please. If you have good

combustible material bring it along in the morning and if you live locally (Southam only) and have wood etc to be collected then call Peter on and we will get the tractor to call round! We don't want rubbish or items that will harm the environment so no plastic baths or tyres please!

Peter 814436

14. CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There are twenty seven people on my list for helping in church, four are to be CRB checked (criminal records bureau) as this has to be done before they can run a children's class. This is a good number for the size of the parish but we could do with more volunteers to help.

All checks are kept secret from other people they include catechists, children's liturgy & sacristans no one is exempt, our parish priest and deacon have to be checked as well.

Maurice Griffin

15. CATECHIST REPORT

This year we combined candidates from St Mary's School with children attending non-Catholic Schools for Sacramental Preparation.

Being helped by Mrs Lyn Stainthorpe from St Mary's School, it made it a lot easier to co-ordinate between the two groups and their parents. There were 6 children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and 11 children for Confirmation.

Many thanks to Lyn Stainthorpe and Chris Johnson for their help and support.

Mrs Loraine James

16. PARISH WEBSITE

The parish bulletin is available weekly whenever possible and the site hosts six major sections: A home page, About Us (a history of the church), What's On & Events (latest news etc) , Gallery (a collection of images is being assembled to record and celebrate church events and life in the Parish), Useful Links (does what it says) and Contact Us (useful info).

The web site address is www.stwulstan-southam.co.uk

Tony Horrocks

17. CHURCH WARDENS

Grateful thanks to our Church Wardens, Grace Dawson, Chris Johnson and Brian Dunn for always being there for us and for always making sure that Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Parishioners for the Gifts are available for weekend Masses. Grace, Chris and Brian do a superb job every week and we are all so grateful to them.

Maureen P Goulden

18. OLDE HOUSE RETREAT. OCTOBER 2010 - OCTOBER 2011

Compiled by Sr Sharon PCJ and Val Berridge

The Ministry of the Olde House Retreat continues to be Blessed by God and graced by the many people of all Denominations, or none, who visit the house to find a place of stillness, silence and peace, and refreshment to nurture their spiritual lives, and deepen their relationship with God.

We do not have a "set" programme, but respond to the requests and needs of our Retreatants, whether they come as individuals, or within a group.

We offer ongoing Spiritual Direction on a one-to-one basis within the context of a Quiet Day, and most people come every four to six weeks. We have about sixty individuals in Spiritual Direction with either one of us. A few Retreatants come for a Quiet Day only, to enjoy the guaranteed privacy and peace of the house, because we do not have groups coming on the same day as individuals.

Eight people have come for Individually Guided Retreats; two of our own Retreatants have learnt the Enneagram from us this year, and two others are doing the "19th Annotation" of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in daily life.

We have had eighteen groups this year, two of which were Residential.

Please continue to pray for us, and for all our Retreatants.

19. BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT – Mike Brown

Church boilers

The most unexpected item this year has been the need to replace the church boilers. As you know they were a constant cause of concern right throughout last winter. Our engineer said the main burners would have to be replaced in the next three years, £700 of repairs were carried out during the winter and our annual gas bill stood at £6000 per year. The pilot lights had large, Bunsen Burner size flames which ran continuously during the heating season. The Finance Committee took the decision to replace the boilers immediately rather than struggle on with further repairs. Two new, energy efficient boilers were installed in June and the opportunity was taken to install a further radiator in the Church Hall since there had been complaints about the slow heat up time. In addition, hot water supply was run to the wash hand basins in the vestry and sacristy. All of this work was carried out for £11,502.29. The tenderers stated that we ought to be able to save 30% a year on our church heating gas bill.

Re-pointing

Re-pointing work to the church and presbytery has now been carried out at a cost of £6,670.80.

Fence repair

The fence alongside the church hall is in very poor condition with some of the concrete posts broken and leaning against the building, including one leaning against the hall window. Tenders are due back on 10th October 2011 for repairing the fence at an estimated cost of £1,500 - £2,000.

Microphone repair

The lectern microphone has recently been repaired by Andy Hughes and we owe him thanks for the many times he voluntarily carried out this kind of work for us in the past.

Future repairs

Looking ahead, the presbytery windows need redecorating and, in some cases, replaced and rainwater goods repainted. The East side of the church (alongside the convent) needs redecorating and five sapling trees removed. The convent laundry windows and door need to be repaired and redecorated. Due to the above expenditure the restoration fund is now quite low so we need to keep up the good work of raising funds which you have done magnificently so far.

20. SENIORS CLUB

The club is now in its 5th year and the average monthly attendance is 19. This year we have had 4 new members.

We were able to buy all the members a Christmas present and they all sat down to a tea of mince pies and Christmas cake!

We started the New Year with a Mass for the club members past and present.

The St Marys School Choir came in to sing and that was very much appreciated.

In May we had a Strawberry & Cream Tea and in July we had a lunch with 24 members attending. It is hoped to have another lunch at the November meeting.

Beryl and I would like to thank all members for supporting us. Also thanks to Jim and Ian who gave us support behind the scenes.

21. SPONSORED DOG WALK

This was our second bi-annual Dog Walk and there were 7 walkers on a beautiful afternoon. Everyone completed the walk in record time and raised an incredible £505 for the parish funds.

22. CHRISTMAS CRIB RAFFLE

Last year Ian gave us a handmade Crib which was raffled over the course of several weeks and realised £103 for parish funds. Ian is making us another one this year so be sure to buy a ticket!

23. WINDOW FUND

The Stained glass Window Fund is still available and there have been several new dedications added to it since last year. So if anyone wants to sponsor a pane it's still possible – they are either £15 or £5. We have free presentation cards if they are given as a gift.

24. THE 100 CLUB

This is still being well supported although numbers were down on last year. The club now has 95 members. The amount was £1140 less the prize money of £300. Each month a winner is drawn and receives £25. £840 was paid into parish funds.

25. THE CROCK OF GOLD

The Crock of Gold has now been running for a year and the support is steady with an average of 17 tickets sold each week. So far the sum raised for the parish stands at £544.21. As we always say you have to be in it to win it!

26. SALE OF CLOTHES

Recently we have found an outlet for re-cycling used clothes, shoes, handbags and belts. Funds are paid to us on a weight basis and so far £139 has been paid into parish funds.

(Russ all the above are attributable to Pat Woolstan 814883)

27. PIETY STALL

This year the Piety Stall has widely increased its stock of religious items. Statues, rosaries etc and a wide selection of cards are now available at reasonable prices, Owing to the fact of a new supplier we can now choose from a wider range of goods. Therefore if we do not have an item that you require please ask and we will try and obtain it for you.

In the last year we have purchased a 2nd larger cupboard which enables us to stock larger statues etc.

We plan to start the sale of the Christmas items on the 29th October and we will also have a stall at the Christmas Fayre in St Mary's School

Maureen Goulden 813185

28. PINTS

The Most Revd Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, came to the Warwick Deanery in September. During his visit to our church His Grace remarked upon our PINTS Club and said how good it was for Catholic men to get together. Philosophical Investigations Into New Theological Systems, (PINTS for short) has been meeting every couple of months during the past year. So far we have held two informal Quiz Evenings at Long Itchington, birthplace of our Patron St Wulstan, and a most enjoyable day pilgrimage to Hook Norton Brewery, with lunch at The Gate Hangs High inn. In October a dozen members of PINTS gathered at The Harvester, Long Itchington when Peter Guy gave a fascinating and informative talk about his work with The Princes Trust. As with all our meetings included a welcome round of sandwiches and a chance to sample a local brew.

During the coming year the PINTS Club plans further regular meetings & guest speakers. Please watch the weekly newsheet for details.

Fr Bernard

29. ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

*Developing successful learners, inspired by the image of Christ
and the teachings of the Catholic church - this is our mission.*

Our Aims

With integrity we form the roots from which grow our values, motivation and aspirations.

With respect we equip children and families with learning and the ability to fulfil their unique human potential

With pride we celebrate diversity, by fostering strong links within our faith filled community.

St Mary's is committed to providing living and learning experiences based on strong Christian values that meet all children's needs. As a Catholic school we are part of the Church's mission, achieved through interactions with our parish church, families and the community which we serve. We are here to assist parents in the education and the religious formation of their children

The encouragement of the children's active involvement in our faith-filled community is an integral part of our life and work at St Mary's. This ranges from the Holy Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for our Catholic children to the development of strong social and moral values and virtues for all. We have created an environment where everyone is respected and highly valued. We aim for each child to thrive and to develop their unique human potential as tolerant, positive, well-rounded characters with a true sense of self worth. This enables all children to become successful individuals for a purpose greater than themselves and, in doing so, will be of value to our global community.

At St Mary's learning is challenging, stimulating and fun. From the very beginning children are encouraged to organise themselves and to develop a resilient approach to learning. Teachers use a range of effective strategies to develop learners with a zest for knowledge and an enquiring mind. As a welcoming and inclusive school we also offer each pupil an education that promotes their human growth since a vision of education inspired by Jesus Christ is one which is concerned with the development of the whole person (social, intellectual, spiritual, moral, emotional and psychological).

The School has a strong Governing Body and Parent Teacher Association. A 'Children's Club' is also attached to the school which provides a safe and happy environment for children before and after school. Further information on these, and other aspects of the school can be found at the school's website www.st-marys-southam.sch.uk or by contacting the school at admin3505@we-learn.com or by telephone on 812512.

30. THE ROLES OF THE GOVERNING BODY AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The governing body at St Mary's has two key roles within the school:

- we set the strategic direction of the school to raise standards, ensure ongoing improvement, and to secure the Catholic character of the school;
- we monitor and evaluate the school's performance providing support and challenge for standards and effectiveness as a Catholic school.

These roles are linked to the vision agreed with the headteacher and rooted in the Catholic life of the school, the Gospel values and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

In setting the **strategic direction** of the school, the governing body works with the headteacher to:

- set aims and objectives
- agree policies, for example, behaviour and discipline, admissions and child protection
- agree priorities, for example about curriculum issues, teaching and learning and child wellbeing
- agree targets, especially about performance and agrees how performance against priorities is to be measured
- agree plans for how the policies and priorities will be delivered
- monitor implementation and check actions are being completed.

In **monitoring and evaluating** the schools performance, the governing body works with the head teacher to:

- measure progress based on evidence
- evaluate impact, asking "are our children benefiting from what the school is doing and what is the evidence for this?"
- consider how well our children learning, progressing and achieving; checking standards are improving as indicated by results and observations. *This is at year or group level, for example, boys and girls, individual children are never identified.*
- review the overall personal development and well-being of our children including spiritual, religious, moral, social and cultural development; alongside enjoyment, attitudes, behaviour and attendance. *Again this is at an aggregated year or group level and individuals are never identified.*

The full governing body meets approximately four times a year; it is supported by two committees – a Resources Committees and a Performance and Standards Committee – the committees also meet about four times a year. In addition, members of the governing body or committees come together as and when necessary to support the school with specific issues or responsibilities. Governors also visit the school on a regular basis to improve their knowledge of the school – its staff, needs, priorities, strengths and weaknesses – to assist them in supporting the governing body fulfil its duties.

The Governing Body comprises a maximum of 13 people:

- 7 Foundation Governors appointed by the Archbishop
- 2 Parent Governors elected by the parents and carers of the children attending the school
- 2 Staff Governors – 1 teaching and 1 non-teaching – elected by the staff of the school
- 1 Local Authority Governor appointed by Warwickshire County Council
- 1 Headteacher

The current membership of the Governing Body is:

Chair: Andrew Lambe (Foundation Governor)
Vice Chair: Kate Sullivan (Parent Governor)

Foundation Governors

Father Bernard Garratt
Clare Sleight
Mike Smith
Sue Woo
Vacancy
Vacancy

Other Governors

Headteacher: *Vacancy (Claire Walsh as Acting Headteacher)*
LA Governor: *Vacancy*
Non-teaching Governor: Wendy Griffin
Parent Governor: Simon Belcher
Staff Governor: Marian Braddish

Clerk to the Governors: Sue Roderick

St Mary's is seeking further volunteers to join the Governing Body. Becoming a governor can be very rewarding; it gives an opportunity to serve the local community and make a real difference to how the school runs. We are keen to attract people in the community who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas.

31. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	5 November at Southam Cricket Club	Bonfire Building from 8:00am Fire lit at 7:00pm Fireworks at 7:30pm
Thursday	1 December	School Christmas Bazaar 3:30pm
Friday	2 December order	Christmas Bingo (at school) Eyes down 7:45
Saturday	3 December	Senior citizens lunch
Sunday	18 December	Carols in the court Yard 6pm Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Saturday	Happy Christmas 1 January	New Years Day Mass 11 am Followed by Lunch
Thursday	19 January	Feast of St Wulstan 7:00pm Mass followed by refreshments

32. THE 'PERCY THROWER' OF OUR PARISH

It felt a bit daunting taking over from Jim and Beryl in the spring after they had done such a good job for almost twenty years, but in the end, the flowers that were put out bloomed nicely for the first communions, confirmations, baptisms, weddings and mass-going. Father Bernard added some geraniums and Bernie and Deacon Terry kept things watered when I was away. Hopefully, we shall manage some colour this winter.

Rex Savin

33. LEAMINGTON NIGHT SHELTER

The Leamington Night Shelter has been operating for nearly 3 years. In that time over 280 different individuals have been to the Shelter, some just for a meal and company and advice, some to stay all night. We also do outreach work accompanying clients to Council Offices, Hospital, GP's, Court etc when requested. We are blessed with a wonderful team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers. A large proportion of our funding has come from the parish of Our Lady & St Wulstan, and from individual parishioners. Margaret and I and all our volunteers are deeply grateful for your tremendous support. Please remember us all in your prayers.

Chris Johnson

34. Financial Extracts From The Parish Accounts

The Restoration Fund currently stands at **£4,291** and this is after payments have been made this year for £11,502. See below **Restoration Work**

The Parish Bank Account as at 31st August stood at **£23,301.28** which includes the Restoration Fund

Parish events to raise money over the past few years:

2006	£7,321	2007	£5,160	2008	£6,327	2009	£5,012	2010	£7,125	2011	£5,548
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9 Months Only

Parish Collections (not including second collections)

2006	£21,301	2007	£21,677	2008	£21,005	2009	£22,304	2010	£21,710	2011	£17,789
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Diocesan Second Collections (mandatory)

2006	£1,176	2007	£1,135	2008	£718	2009	£1,575	2010	£1,007	2011	£527
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Charitable Giving

2006	£3,205	2007	£3,146	2008	£3,765	2009	£1,818	2010	£2,099	2011	£1,842
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Tax Refunds

2006	£3,502	2007	£3,428	2008	£3,358	2009	£4,251	2010	£6,544	2011	£3,732
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Sundry Income of the Parish

includes donations, votive candles, newspapers, repository, bank interest, and hall income:

2006	£4,845	2007	£5,927	2008	£5,419	2009	£5,421	2010	£4,404	2011	£2,347
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PAYMENTS

Church & Hall

2006	£9,473	2007	£13,323	2008	£10,224	2009	£11,159	2010	£12,698	2011	£7,270
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House

2005	£5,889	2007	£8,012	2008	£9,969	2009	£10,459	2010	£5,959	2011	£3,741
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Restoration Work

2008	£1,927	2009	£23,420	2010	£11,268	2011	£11,502
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Other Expenses

includes salary and expenses, supply, office expenses, repository and papers, Diocesan Levies, parish donations, miscellaneous:

2006	£17,563	2007	£17,119	2008	£17,259	2009	£16,891	2010	£18,989	2011	£12,440
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Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.
We hope that this has given you an insight into the clubs and groups running within your parish.



Each Sunday after the 10am Mass, tea, coffee, soft drinks for the children and biscuits are served in the parish hall.
All parishioners and visitors are most welcome to come along.