

ST CROSS CHURCH KNUTSFORD

DIOCESE OF CHESTER

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF
ST CROSS AND A COLLECTION OF REPORTS FROM CHURCH
ORGANISATIONS
FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2007



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This is a summary of the Annual Report & Financial Statement of St Cross to be discussed at the Annual Church Meeting on 13th April 2008. The full Report is displayed at the back of Church. It will be available at the meeting but if you would like a full copy to read before the meeting, please add your name to the list at the back of Church.

BACKGROUND

St Cross PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Rooms attached to St. Cross. The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

SUB COMMITTEES

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full PCC meetings. The main brief and composition of such committees is detailed below.

STANDING COMMITTEE comprising Vicar, Wardens and Treasurer. This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to directions given by the PCC. Decisions are usually ratified en bloc at PCC meetings.

FABRIC & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Set up to control and monitor the Finance and Fabric of the Church. A Churchwarden chairs it. Copy of the Churchwarden's report on the Fabric is contained in this report.

MINISTRY TEAM

Attends to matters relating to all aspects of worship, courses and matters of outreach. Close links have been formed with the local Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches as a result of members from both churches attending courses run by St Cross.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

During 2007 there was a revised Electoral Roll produced. The number recorded was 137. Twenty members live outside the parish.

The average Sunday morning attendance counted on four Sundays in October was 84 adults and 4 children. The All Age service is held on the first Sunday of the month. There is a said Eucharist at 9 a.m. and the main sung Eucharist at 10 a.m. There is a Celtic Eucharist on the first Sunday evening of the month, with choral evensong on the other Sundays. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month, the evening service is shared with the Methodists. During the month of August evening services are shared with the Methodists. Each Wednesday morning there is Holy Communion at 10 a.m. followed in Lent by a study group. The Easter Day services were well attended, with 200 participants, as were the Christmas services, including a Crib service on Christmas Eve. The annual Requiem service, led by the Lydian Singers, was held on 4th November and was well supported.

CHURCH GROUPS

The Sunday school and Jerusalem Journey for teenagers closed in 2006 as the number of children attending made it no longer viable. Faith at 4, for those aged 4 to 10, was started in March and is held monthly on the last Sunday so that the children can share their work at the following All Age service.

The Mothers Union has 36 members and is one of the largest in the Deanery of Knutsford.

The Sentinels Group meets monthly to provide contact for the mentally handicapped in the community.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The PCC were informed by the Vicar that for family reasons she had had to make the difficult decision to return to the Netherlands. The PCC expressed their regret and thanked her and Randy most warmly for their ministry over the past six years. The benefice became vacant at the end of November.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average attendance of eleven. The standing committee and other committees also met and the PCC received their verbal reports and discussed them where necessary. The PCC had planned a second Away Day on Saturday 24th November so this meeting was used to prepare the Parish Profile for the use of those selecting the new incumbent.

Dr. Ian McGilvray resigned as Reader Emeritus in April 2007. Michelle Goodrich completed her Reader training and was licensed to St. Wilfred's Church, Mobberley in October. Our Pastoral Worker, Julie Withers, commenced Reader training in June. Christopher Foy had taken over the organist's duties on a temporary basis in November 2006. He was appointed on a permanent basis in June as the Organist and Choirmaster of St. Cross. Liz Foy was appointed as the Parish Administrator in January.

The PCC had held an Away Day in September 2005 and its aims and purposes have been reiterated through 2006 and 2007. The outreach contact has included monthly visits by some members to the Falcon Bearer public house on Longridge. The visits were well received. The landlord asked that St. Cross lead a carol service again in December 2007. The landlord also lent equipment for use at the Summer Fair. The Vicar was a School Governor at the local junior school, Manor Park, and visited the school on a fortnightly basis, to take assemblies and meet informally with staff and children. Church members also supported the Chernobyl project, where children from that area stayed with local families for a two week holiday. The children were entertained with a parish party organised by members of the Mothers Union and attended an All Age service.

During the year the Church Rooms were refurbished. New curtains and carpeting were provided and a volunteer party repainted all the walls. The Crosstown WI uses the Rooms and gave a generous donation towards costs.

T Mobile requested the use of the tower for telecommunication apparatus and a faculty was granted and the contract was drawn up and completed.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON THE FABRIC

The damage sustained to the north roof, gutter and light in the January storm was repaired satisfactorily, as was the hole which had appeared in the entrance to the Vicarage car park.

Both the external notice boards were replaced in May with new boards in an attractive composite material with white lettering on a blue background and with ample space to attach additional notices when required. The wording on the board near the graveyard will be updated when a new Incumbent is appointed.

As mentioned above, the Church Rooms were refurbished during the summer and we are most grateful to the volunteer painters and to the Crosstown W.I. for their generous donation towards the cost of the new carpet tiles. Some, if slow, progress has been made on providing a new toilet facility for the disabled.

A Faculty for the installation of replacement telecommunications equipment in the church tower was granted, finally, by the Consistory Court of the Diocese in August. The licence between the PCC and T-Mobile (UK) Ltd. was finalised in September when we also received payment of the fee for the first twelve months. Work on the installation of the new equipment began in November and was completed satisfactorily in December. The new aerials have been painted to match the stone work and are unobtrusive.

Routine maintenance has continued throughout the year. We had two main, and several smaller, working parties and innumerable solo efforts to affect this. The Churchwardens would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the several parishioners who contributed so generously with their time and skills to this activity

FINANCE

St Cross had a surplus of £2,741 on the ordinary account in 2007. This compares with a deficit of £3,165 in 2006. The comparison is somewhat distorted by the late payment for room hire and difficulties with meter readings when the electricity supplier was changed to reduce the cost. It is estimated that £1,500 of the deficit in 2006 could reasonably have been transferred to the 2007 accounts. This means that we have only just broken even with a surplus of 1.8% on a turnover of almost £70,000 in 2007.

It is pleasing to report that the agreement for the fitting of the T-mobile aerial to the tower was completed in September 2007 after more than two years of negotiation. The annual rent of £10,000 is payable in advance but we have only taken into the general account the proportion of the rent, £3,350, which was earned in 2007.

The Parish Share assessment for 2007 was £44,791 but because of the delay in fitting the replacement aerial we regretfully had to withhold £5,000 of our liability. The assessment for 2008 is £46,359. It is estimated that it will rise to £47,982 in 2009 and £49,661 in 2010. As almost the whole of the Parish Share is used to meet the employment and housing costs of the Parish clergy it is important that we pay the full amount every year.

The Quinquennial Inspection in 2004 has drawn our attention to significant work required on the church fabric. Some of the repairs to the brickwork have been undertaken in 2005 at a cost of £19,300. However the Quinquennial Inspection report suggests that St Cross will need to spend a further £40,000 during the next five years.

During the year the notice boards advertising St Cross to the public were replaced and a refurbishment, including the replacement of the 30 year old carpet, was carried out

on the Church Rooms. We thank the Crosstown Women's Institute who gave us £1,000 towards the costs of the carpet and a congregation member who gave £500 towards the notice boards. The balance of the costs was met by the Centenary Fund.

The most significant source of our income is the regular giving, including tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme, by church members. In 2007 this increased by £2,348 (5%). It is estimated that we must increase by at least 4% during 2008 if we are to break even.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds (if possible), which equate to three months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. This would require a balance of £16,600 but the actual balance available is only £9,212.

The £21,232.79 in the ACD Castlefield FD UK Equity Charity was St Cross' share of the capital from the Lorna Cowell trust which was wound up some years ago. Whilst the trust was active St Cross received income from the trust for the general running of the church. The PCC's view is that this capital should only be spent in extreme emergencies.

The £21,200 in the Centenary fund is earmarked to meet part of the costs of essential repair work, including re roofing, which we know will be necessary in the medium term.

General Account

Receipts	2007	2006	Expenditure	2007	2006
Planned giving & collections	50363	46926	Grants to charities	70	65
Legacies & other gifts	1240	1117	Parish share	39821	39216
Letting, fees & Magazine	9674	6915	Clergy expenses etc	6749	6735
Fairs, aerial rent etc	6389	6270	Church building costs	11411	10547
Investments	994	670	Church rooms running	2217	2384
Insurance claim	607	0	Parish running costs	6257	6116
Bank balance at 1 Jan 2007	6470	9636	Balance at 31 Dec 2007	9212	6471
Total	75737	71534		75737	71534
Excess of income over expenditure				2741	-3165
					(Deficit)

Centenary fund-for the repair, maintenance & improvement of the church site & Buildings

Receipts	2007	2006	Expenditure	2007	2006
200 club, events etc	816	882	Major repair work	714	0
Gifts-room refurbishment	1500	0	Room refurbishment	2590	
Gifts from individuals	701	646	Notice board	585	
Legacies	1000	0			
Bike ride sponsorship	1040	4734			
Interest	504	998			
Balance at 1 Jan 2007	19427	12167	Balance at 31 Dec 2007	21099	19427
	24988	19427		24988	19427

THE MAGAZINE

No earth-shattering changes to report in the last year. People have continued to submit articles for inclusion every month, which is very much appreciated. I can always find articles etc to fill the pages, but it is preferable if the magazine reflects St Cross parish life. Anything will be considered!

A new section, entitled Childhood Memories, relating the early experiences of some of our more “mature” members, has recently made its appearance, and this seems to be very popular – I certainly enjoy reading them! If anyone else would like to contribute to this section – or, indeed, has any photos they would like to share – do please do so: don’t wait to be asked!

Many thanks, as always, to Sam and Hazel Smith who collect the printed magazines from the High School each month and sort them out for distribution and also to the members of the congregation who distribute them around the parish.

Liz Foy

ST CROSS MOTHERS UNION

Another busy year in the life of St Cross MU when we welcomed speakers on various topics spiritual and secular. Our Lenten reflection was led by Dr Ian McGilvray and later in the year we listened to a talk by Amjad Latiffe, a member of the Muslim community in Altrincham. Some of our members took part in the service for the Women’s World Day of Prayer and we held our own Wave of Prayer in March.

In June we paid a visit to the David Lewis centre at the invitation of their Chaplain, Rev. Sue Hawkins. We had a wonderful afternoon. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed meeting the residents and learning of their work. At the end of the afternoon we joined with them for worship. In June we joined other branches in the Deanery at a Strawberry and Wine evening at Nether Alderley. Another Deanery event was held at St Johns Church when we heard a talk by Jennie Gillies, the Diocesan Development Worker, who is co-funded by the MU and the Diocese. Evadne entertained us in November with another chapter in her interesting and eventful life. This time her talk was based on life in the Vicarage and her time spent nursing at St Thomas’s Hospital in London. The year drew to a close with the Archdeaconry Carol Service held at St Mary Magdalene, Ashton on Mersey followed two days later by our Christmas Soup Bowl. So, that’s us for another year, still happy (and hoping) to recruit new members. Will 2008 be the year you join our happy band - I hope so.

Judith Broughton - Branch Leader.

SENTINELS

We continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month and although our numbers are still small we have great fun. During the past twelve months our activities have ranged from making our Easter "stained glass window", through to producing our Nativity scene for Christmas. This was our biggest project to date and thanks must go on record to Bill Moore, one of our helpers, who works so hard putting wild ideas into practice. He spent many hours thinking how we could work on this project so that it could be a combined effort. I think the results spoke for themselves. The children who attended the Christingle service were particularly amused by the sheep! Now as we go forward into another year we feel able to welcome more 'friends' to join us, so if you know of anyone who would like to come along to our gatherings please do contact me or one of the team - Sheila Fielding, Kitty Platt, Evadne Beardsmore, Bill & Joy Moore.

Judith Broughton

THE CHURCH CHOIR

So, a year later and I am still here in post. How come, you may ask? I thought you were only going to 'do it' for a year, etc., etc. Well, let me tell you the story. I spent the year 2006-2007, charging off to Chester once a week to visit the University to take part in Chester Diocese's 'Foundations for Ministry' course, which seemed to me to be a natural extension of the 'Doorway' course that I had followed the previous year. I did it with the sole objective of trying to discover where I was being led as far as the Church was concerned. Gradually, however, as the course unwound throughout the year, I discovered that music in the Church was where I ought to be serving. Being a Reader was definitely not for me, still less a Priest – those being the usual next steps after the Foundations Course. So, right at the end of my course in July, I made the decision to accept the post of Organist and Choir Director that Alja had so kindly offered me early on in the year.

So, what have we done over the past year? Well, we have kept going, which is the main thing; and, although we have lost Kara Redfern, for whom it was all a bit too much, we have gained Anne Parker – a very welcome addition to the soprano section. It is not easy being a chorister in such a small choir, as they have both discovered! Choir practices once a week, regular attendance at services, being on display all the time – and then there are all the activities around Easter and Christmas. There is quite a lot to do. However, I made the decision to allow others to join us on an occasional basis and, to this end, we have welcomed in Nigel and Chris Lightbown, who augment our numbers every first Sunday of the month for the family service. We have also had Gordon Fielding join us for the Carol Service, which was a welcome addition to our Tenor Section.

It has been an interesting year for both the choir and myself. We have not had any insurmountable problems during services yet, although there have been one or two near misses. Musicians are 'show-people' enough to overcome most problems in public and the congregation never knows how near to disaster we have occasionally come.

Let me take this opportunity of thanking our small, but very musical, choir for their faithful attendance and wonderful singing this year. I cannot do this job on my own

and they are a super team to work with. If any member of the congregation would like to consider joining us, either as a regular Sunday singer or as a part-timer, we would welcome you.

Christopher Foy

ANNUAL REPORT HEAD SERVER AND SACRISTAN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Serving Team for their dedication and for the help and support they give me personally, it can be a bit tricky at times juggling duties as Server and Warden but they are a great team and help me tremendously!

Feedback from the visiting clergy, who have been kindly helping us cover our services at St Cross, is that having Servers is a joy as it takes a lot of pressure off them. They say that they like coming to St Cross “as we are so organised and do things so nicely!” So the Servers are invaluable in helping our services run smoothly during our interregnum.

I would also like to thank our “Laundry Fairy” who helps me out with the large altar cloths. Sometimes I just can’t manage to get around to ironing them!

On a sad note, as Alja left so did Randy. Randy was a very important part of our team. We miss his wit and gentleness.

On a happier note, we have welcomed two new servers to our team, Chris and Nigel Lightbown and they, along with Gillian McGilvray, who has been helping us at “Candles” for a number of years, have now been formally admitted as Servers. Their training is an ongoing process and they are a very important part of the team as are the “Golden Oldies”!

We are a cheery bunch and work well together. We meet on a Wednesday night at about 7.30pm for “Candles”, where we prepare for the coming week’s services. Then we usually have a cuppa (and sometimes cake!) and a chat together. Have you ever wondered what we do? Why not come along and see, you would be very welcome.

The team and I await with anticipation the appointment of our new vicar and, in the meantime, we continue serving our Lord in the particular ministry of the Servants of the Sanctuary. (servers) If you would like to join us you would be most welcome.

Alice Brown

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Once again, the volunteers on the rota have provided the customary drink following the 10 am Sunday service. This is a valuable part of the fellowship of the parish and their efforts are hereby acknowledged. As well as this, a number of evening events have been covered, for example the joint services with the Methodists, and more extensive hospitality was given at the time of the Confirmation/Patronal Festival and of Alja’s final service with us in November,

We do have a problem, however. A number of people who have been doing this service for some time are no longer able to do so, for various reasons, and we do need some more volunteers to top up the ranks. Please note that gentlemen are welcome as well as the ladies.

From the amounts placed in the saucer we were able to donate £100 to the Africa appeal of the Disasters Emergency Committee, £200 to their Bangladesh Cyclone appeal and £350 to the funds of the PCC. We still have some more available and are able make a further contribution at this Meeting.

Pam Maddocks

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE

The coffee morning is still enjoyed by the people who attend after the service. The money that is given by the people who attend enables me to give to several charities and also to the church whenever it is necessary. They enjoy the goodies I provide and of course, a good chat with one another. The Coffee Morning has still been carrying on each week while I have been indisposed. We have a good team of helpers.

Edna Drye

ST CROSS SOCIAL GROUP

As usual the summer and Christmas fairs were the main fund raising events of the year and both raised well over £1,000 towards church funds as a result of a lot of hard work and support.

In late spring an American Evening provided an opportunity to enjoy American style food and drink, a topical quiz and the challenge to make a model of the Empire State Building – models of windmills had been a popular task at the Dutch Evening the previous year! A celebration of Burns Night and a hot pot supper for harvest also featured in the year's social gatherings.

At the beginning of November a party was arranged as a farewell to Alja and Randy and the opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks for their time with us at St. Cross, and to wish them well and God's blessings for the future. Our honoured guests and all present were treated to a splendid meal followed by a programme of entertainment for which Monica had drawn on the varied talents of our congregation to provide us with a feast of music and song, comedy sketches and cameo performances. This concluded a very enjoyable and memorable evening for us all and a good 'send off' for Alja and Randy on their return home to the Netherlands.

Lynda Carrasco

ST CROSS 200 CLUB 2006-2007

This is the annual report of the St Cross 200 Club and relates how the profit that the

Club made was generated during the year 2006-2007. This last year, we sold 64 tickets, at £20 per ticket, which gave us an income of £1,280.00. Thus, we sold 3 fewer tickets this year than 2005-2006, which is disappointing because it means that our income from this source fell by £60.00. It will come as no surprise, therefore, to learn that the interest paid by the Britannia Building Society, which holds our funds, is down on last year at £16.46, from £21.80.

Our total income this year was £1,396.46, which, because it includes a generous return of prize money, is nearly £20.00 up on last year's total. This means that with the expenditure this year on prizes remaining the same as last year, at £810.00, the total surplus transferred to the Centenary Fund last December was £586.46, compared with only £566.80 of the year 2005-2006.

I say the same thing in slightly different ways every year but it always needs saying. The Centenary Fund is the one that pays for the maintenance of our buildings and, being the large, Victorian building that it is, it costs a fortune to keep it in reasonable shape. We are constantly striving to find new ways to encourage our rather small congregation to part with its cash and one realises that there is a limit to what all of us can afford. The 200 Club is just one of the many ways in which money can be raised to boost this fund and we need as many people as possible taking part in it. I would, therefore, appeal to any who are not yet members and who are looking for yet another way to spend their spare cash, to join us. You never know - you may win and possibly redeem your outlay!

Christopher Foy

REPORT FROM DEANERY SYNOD

Three meetings were held this year in July, November and January. The next meeting of the Synod will be the first of the new 3 year term that elected representatives serve.

As the number of elected representatives a parish can have is dependent on the number of people on the electoral roll, it is clear to see why it is important to keep these numbers up. More reps = more of a voice at Deanery Synod.

The Rural Dean is keen to encourage attendance at Synod by making the meetings as interesting as possible, so whilst there is a certain amount of business to be attended to, we have also been privileged to hear from Dr John Reader, the new vicar of Chelford and Diocesan Rural Officer about his role and rural issues in the Diocese, Richard Burton, the Parish Mission Development Officer for the Diocese about mission and ministry including Fresh Expressions and, at the last meeting, the Venerable Donald Allister, Archdeacon of Chester and member of General Synod about a motion put to General Synod through Diocesan Synod which came from a Deanery Synod.

Donald explained the workings of General Synod and how motions put to Synod by Dioceses are heard (one per session). He gave the background to the motion put by Chester. It had come from a Deanery on the Wirral who had felt that secularism was attacking Christianity. (it should be noted that it is not other faiths that are attacking Christianity.) The problem/issue seems to be more with larger boroughs and councils

e.g. Metropolitan or County Council level, rather than national government or at the very local level.

The motion originally presented to Diocesan Synod was:

“Discrimination against the Christian Faith – This Synod expresses concern at the increasing belittling of the Christian Church and Faith by Public Institutes and Bodies amounting to discrimination against that faith“. However, under guidance and advice, the wording was amended to:

“Voice of the Church in Public Life – That this Synod, mindful of the questions raised in public debate about the role of the Church in civic society, invites the Divisions of the Archbishop’s Council to report to the General Synod, before the end of the quinquennium, on their work;

a) to foster clearer understanding of the Christian faith among the institutions and organisations of society; and

b) to reinforce the claims of the Church to take its place in public life in Britain”.

This was to request positive action within the Church of England, yet still allow the views and concerns of the Diocese to be heard through the presentation of the motion to General Synod and in the debate that will follow.

Donald went through the wording of the motion explaining how it asks the Divisions of the Archbishops Council (their committees) what the church bodies at a national level are doing to share/teach our belief nationally, how they are telling the nation what Christianity is about. It also asks how these bodies communicate nationally the importance of the Church and of Christians taking an active part in the life of the nation. Inviting the Council to report back to General Synod is a way of getting them to look at the issue in detail and when they report back, further action may be requested.

Donald gave a very interesting insight into the workings of the government of the Church of England and showed where Deaneries fit into the grand scheme of things.

Julie Withers

CHESTER DIOCESAN SYNOD

In 2007, the Synod held the usual three Meetings, in March, June and November.

In the March Meeting we examined the work of the Bishop's Council, received our own Annual Report etc and then heard from Lois Haslam a comprehensive report on the February sessions of General Synod. One of the main interests from the Synod's activities for most Church members is the Marriage Measure which will make it far easier for a couple to be married in the Church of their choice. It will not be "open house" as there will be a need to show connections with the chosen Church in one of several defined ways, but it will meet a real need.

We were, as usual, somewhat overwhelmed to realise the extent of the activities in the Diocese as given in the reports of the Committees for Mission and Ministry, for Social Responsibility and for Education.

One highlight of this particular Synod Meeting was the motion from the Wirral South Deanery that "This Synod expresses concern at the increasing belittling of the Christian Church and Faith by Public Institutes and bodies amounting to discrimination against that Faith". It was intended that the motion be submitted to General Synod for debate and, hopefully, action. Those who know how General Synod works asked that a different form of words be used and the motion spent the rest of the year being polished up.

In the June Meeting, held at Northwich, we first sat as the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Board is, in fact, a very large charity, one of the top 200 in the country with income for the year of £14 million and assets of £25 million. This kind of information causes people to think that the C of E is rich and does not need our sacrificial giving but is only one side of the equation. The largest item of expenditure was £7 million, being the stipends etc of 270 paid clergy - and they are very far from being overpaid. Indeed, without the significant numbers of non-paid clergy as well as Readers, Parish Workers etc, parish life as we know it could not be sustained. Training and parish development were well supported, including the new Regional Training Partnership.

We had a report on the Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land last Easter time. 200 people were able to go. It was good to hear that all the places we know of from scripture could be visited. People there, especially in Bethlehem, are desperate for visitors to come. Not all Palestinians are Moslems. Quite a number are Christians and they do not want other Christians to leave them isolated. After all, it's not long since we were singing "...O come ye to Bethlehem". Bishop Peter felt that the Pilgrimage had done all that was hoped for and would like it to be repeated in, say, three years time.

At the November Meeting we were told that the name of the new Bishop of Stockport would be announced on 11 February. He will be consecrated on 25 April at York Minster and installed the following day.

The report on the July sessions of General Synod reported that the Marriage Measure referred to above has been agreed but its implementation has still to be endorsed by Parliament. The right to be married in a Parish Church is extended to those who have been baptised or confirmed in the Parish or who have resided or worshipped there for at least six months or whose parents have been similarly resident or have worshipped.

The three yearly term for representatives to Deanery Synods begins on 1 June this year. The number per individual Parish is determined by the number on the Electoral Roll. Synod agreed the following numbers:

Less than 50	1
51 -150	2
151-250	3
251-400	4
401 - 750	5
751 or more	6

The second half of this Meeting comprised an interactive presentation by Canon Dr Judy Hunt on training. Readers now train with Ordinands on the new course Learning for Mission and Ministry. The Foundations for Ministry course continues for Pastoral Workers and those undertaking independent training.

Colin Maddocks