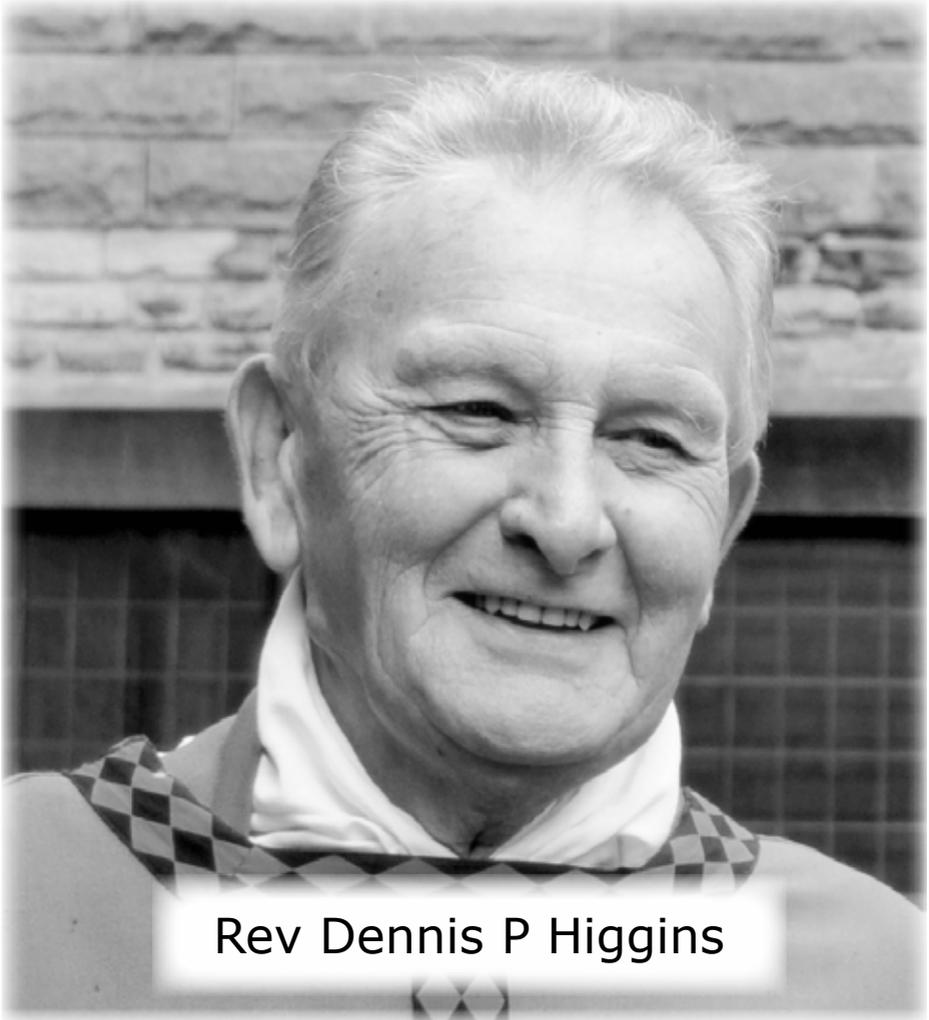


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YEAR BOOK 2012 - 2013



Rev Dennis P Higgins

Celebration of The Eucharist
Saturday 7 pm. Sunday 8.30; 11am
Holydays 10 am; 7 pm

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The purpose of the Yearbook

The yearbook is here to provide you with almost everything you need to know about St Anne's Church and activities within the church, in Buxton and beyond. It has been produced as a reference guide, and should be of value to both newcomers and old hands.

For the newcomers, it will provide information about who is who within the Parish, our activities, and how you can get involved.

For "old hands", it provides exactly the same information, reminding you about the many and varied activities taking place.

For everybody, we hope you will be inspired to join in and take part in some or all of the activities described in this yearbook.

Keeping In Touch

There are a number of ways in which you can find out about what is happening in St Anne's, including

The weekly Newsletter – available in church every Saturday and Sunday

Notice Boards inside and outside the church – maintained and updated by Robert Aldous and Fr. Dennis

**The St Anne's Website – www.stannes.org.uk
contact Robert Aldous**

On the website you will find everything you need to know about the Parish of St Anne's. On the website at www.stannes.org.uk amongst other news, the Website includes:

- The weekly readings in English, Spanish, Italian and Polish.
- A News Page, highlighting forthcoming events, and with links to various Parish rotas.
- Posting of the Weekly Bulletin, giving details of service times and special celebrations.
- The minutes from every Pastoral Parish Council meeting on the Parish Council page.
- Information about our schools with links to their websites.
- Pictures and stories from parishioners doing good works around the world.
- Pictures and stories closer to home from our many Parish Groups.

If there is something missing let us know by clicking on the contact page and email your pictures and stories.



Mission and Vision

Our Parish VISION is

“That St. Anne’s be an open church such that we might spread the Good News and all work together in the way Jesus taught us.”

This is summarised as the easily remembered:

“Making our church an open church”

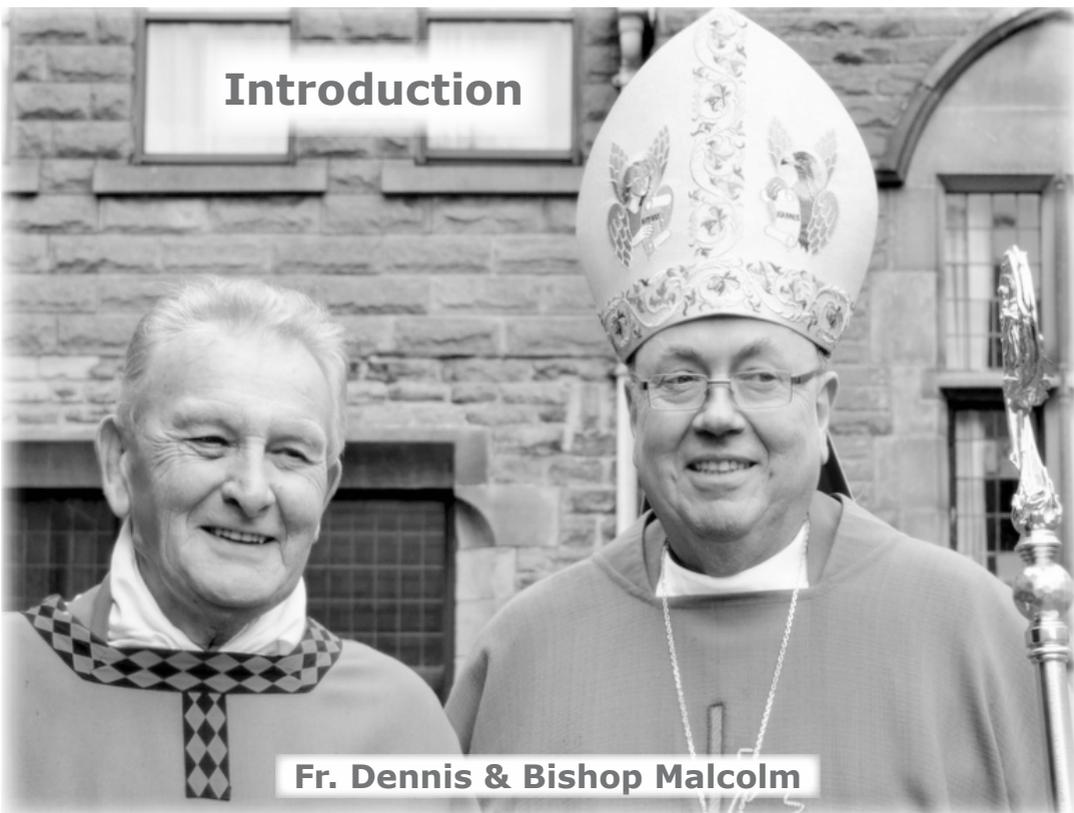
Our Parish MISSION or confirmation of WHAT we need to do to achieve our Vision and HOW we intend to go about it, is summarised in our Mission Statement:

“To learn about God’s love and to share it.”

This will be achieved through:

- 1. Providing meaningful and uplifting celebration and prayer.**
- 2. Increasing our understanding of the Word of God and having the courage to face the new challenges of putting our faith into practice.**
- 3. Welcoming all and creating opportunities for everyone to be involved in parish life.**
- 4. Offering love, care and support to the wider community.**

Introduction



Fr. Dennis & Bishop Malcolm

This year as I compose my introduction to the Parish Year Book, I am looking forward to the month of October. By then I will have been at St Anne's for twenty-five years.

Within a couple of years there were some who wished they had never set eyes on me. This stressed me resulting in a supposed heart attack. I still do not believe this, however my doctor insists it is in my records. Anyway, after three months off I came back to be greeted with, "Thank God you are back, we don't want to go back to those days again." A new beginning was the result, and many things happened.

Where to begin?

Well, for a few years now we have been blessed with a Parish Pastoral Council. A new one was affirmed at our Annual General Meeting of the Parish. Such a Council will be invaluable in the next few years because of the forthcoming shortage of resident priests over the diocese. The local Council will have the responsibilities of various needs of the Parish. Hence previous experience is vital.

We are also blessed with a Catechist Team for the celebration of Confirmation. Their acclaim is broadcast over the diocese. Our Children's liturgy parents bring further blessings to our Parish. This year Bishop Malcolm will come to celebrate Confirmation with us – to see how good we really are.

Our next blessing is by our Garden Team. They endeavour to come each Wednesday morning to keep the garden looking tidy. Anyone can join them. It is lovely sitting in the sun enjoying "half-time" coffee. Bring your own though, and biscuits.

Our Hall is a blessing in itself even for the wider community. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, along with the children's choir, music examinations and pre-school children all find a base.

Then for adults there is sewing, bridge playing, bingo meetings, support groups, philatelists and even more. The premises are self financing by and large, which in itself is a blessing.

We are also blessed with two magnificent schools. Each is led by a dedicated Head teacher leading their teaching staff to maintain the highest standards on behalf of all pupils.

I ask myself do our schools get the publicity they deserve. Pupils leave eventually to go to university to become doctors, veterinary surgeons, musicians, and teachers. I know of one barrister, bank officials, police officers, nurses, excellent parents and many other needed professions.

In one way, more important than this, is the ability to understand that the life of all people is important, especially their own. This is the essence of the catholic/Christian basis of our schools.

Finally, we are blessed with the generosity we find towards our parish. It does cost a lot of money - £35,000 to £40,000 annually. Our parishioners provide all of this, as well as supporting various charities.

Then this financial year we were donated £5,000 on behalf of a former parishioner. This provided for the purchase of a new piano for the church.

There are lots of others who fulfil our needs. Each and every action, little or large is a "**brick**" in God's Kingdom here on earth. It is the Spirit of God inspiring.

Pastoral Parish Council

The purpose of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) is to give leadership, inspiration, guidance and support to the Parish in carrying out its Mission. As part of this role, it coordinates the activities of the groups within the parish.

The PPC meets approximately every two months. The people currently on the PPC are shown in the photographs above, and their specific responsibilities are listed. Please feel free to approach any one of them with comments, ideas or suggestions – they don't bite!



Aileen O'Connell
Secretary



Aileen Warneford
Youth & Children



Andy Etchells
Finance



Anne Cleary
Justice & Peace



Cora Plant
Outreach



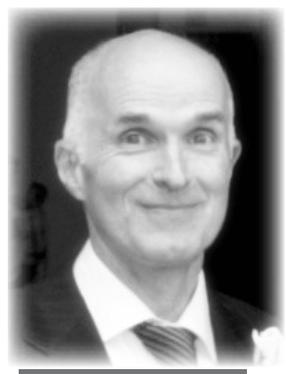
Fr Dennis Higgins
Parish Priest



Mary Rooney
Vice Chair



Mike Reynolds
Adult Education



Rob Aldous
Chair



Sue Hardman
Music



Trish Bothamley
Social



Zoe Salmon
Youth

Parish Assembly (Annual General Meeting)

The purpose of the meeting is to present to the Parish a report of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) / Parish activities and to receive comments and suggestions from any Parish member.

The Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will be held in the autumn of 2012, and is the meeting at which members of the PPC are elected to serve for a period of two years. Anybody over the age of 14 can stand for election.

It provides a good opportunity to meet other parishioners and also to take / share ideas with the people on the PPC. All Parish members are invited to attend this meeting.



Our Church Who's Who

Responsibilities and Contact details

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
100 Club & Gift Aid	John O'Meara Jr.	Finance/Funds	78001
Gift Aid	Andy Etchells	Finance/Funds	24836
Brownies	Aileen Warneford	Youth/Children	25768
Children's liturgy	Lesley Crowther	Liturgy	70315
Churches Together	J & J Pocock	Outreach	
Cleaners	Cath Etchells	Church Property	24836
Confirmation	Margaret Swift	Youth/Children	23527
C.R.B.	Andrew Payne	Communications	27931
Deanery Meetings	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Adult Education	23777
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Robinson	Communications	22117
Flowers	Phyllis Bailey	Church Property	
Gardening	Mary Rooney	Church Property	71991
Guides	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
Justice and Peace	Mike Monaghan	Adult Education	
Music Group	Sue Hardman	Music	78955
Newletter	Angela Duffy	Communications	25340
Yearbook	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Parish Hall Bookings	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Church Property	23777
Polish Community	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
Presentation Assoc	Angela Sexton	Outreach	26943
Rainbows	Aileen Warneford	Youth/Children	25768
Readers	Rose Gould	Liturgy	77298
Repository	Cath Hobday	Church Property	77746
Rosary Group	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
Rotas (Readers etc)	Joe Brown	Communications	70922
Senior Cit's Party	Esther King	Social	23834
St Anne's Pre-School	Gill Della Cioppa	Youth/Children	
St Anne's School	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
St Thomas More Sch	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Youth/Children	23167
Suggestion Box	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Visiting/Housebound	Marie Lewis	Outreach	25467
Website	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Welcoming Comm	Cath Cassidy	Outreach	24663
Youth Rep	Zoe Salmon	Youth/Children	

Parish Groups

St. Anne's has a number of interest groups responsible for the growth and development of our church, our faith and ourselves. All the groups are self-managing. Representatives from every group attend Parish Assembly Meetings to improve communication and foster community within the parish. The membership of all groups is open to all and you will be welcomed with open arms. A list of the groups with a named contact can be found on a poster at the back of the church, and on the website. Newcomers and tourists to the parish are most welcome to "*sample the water*" and visit any of the groups to see if it is suitable for their needs and talents. A brief overview of each of the groups, with key contact people is provided here.

Adult Education

I am hoping to arrange an informal event where the youth of our parish can interact with the 'older' parishioners initially to explore areas of both 'common ground' and different views of the same Catholic faith we all aspire to. Beforehand, I've already had 'fact finding' meetings with relevant senior staff at St Thomas More, the Catholic chaplain in 'The Dome' and Aquinas 6th Form College to establish what is current practice. I'm also planning to meet Fr Robbie Callaghan, Director at 'The Briars' for his thoughts, against the recently published 'Living Stones' document.

I'm hopeful that after these activities, I'll be able to arrange the right forum where initial plans can be developed to '*Build the kingdom of peace, compassion and fairness*' here and now. **Mike Reynolds, April 2012.**



The Eucharistic Ministry

At the present time we have several Eucharistic Ministers, in our Parish, led by Margaret Robinson. These men and women help to distribute Holy Communion at the weekend celebrations of the Eucharist, and also visit the sick and housebound of the Parish with Holy Communion. If any parishioner wishes to have Holy Communion brought to them, they, or a friend or relative, should contact Fr Higgins for this to be arranged. Any parishioner who is interested in joining the team of Eucharistic Ministers is invited to contact Fr Higgins. Full training is given for this rewarding task, including a weekend at The Briars in Crich, followed by Commissioning at the Cathedral in Nottingham. At present we have two ministers in training.

Justice, Peace and the Care of Creation



Note: This past year activities in this area in the parish have been somewhat reduced. Ann Cleary who took over responsibilities from Mike Monaghan on the PPC became ill quite soon afterwards; Mike resumed the role but was unable to give it the time and energy it merits. It is hoped we can do more this coming year.

A Task For Us All

Notions of justice, peace & creation care, sound rather grand or even a little obscure. What have they got to do with me many might ask?

But as Fr Dennis often reminds us being a Christian is not about something abstract. It is about something very concrete. It involves us all in doing what we can in our specific circumstances to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth now. And this above all means we should care for the poor and the deprived and lonely and about the injustices in our world which lead to so much suffering.

We already do respond generously both as a parish and as individuals -eg Cafod collections, Kaoma boxes, visiting the housebound, events for the elderly, use of Fairtrade products, fund raising for Hospice Africa, support for the Buxton Nightstop etc - but given the scale and urgency of the problems can we not do more?

2012 – A Year of Challenge

In 2012 there has been much to challenge us. The economic crisis has hit the poor both in our country and especially in the developing world far more than the rich. There continue to be serious concerns about the deterioration in the state of environment - eg the effect of climate change on the serious floods & droughts affecting many parts of the world-which impact directly on people's wellbeing. And conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and more recently in Syria are causing untold suffering.

The problems seem so vast and beyond us that we can easily feel there is nothing we can do. As Christians we cannot just shrug our shoulders and pass by on the other side. True we can personally do very little but we can all do something. One of the roles of the PPC is to make it a little easier for us all to **"do our bit"**.



Our bit can include prayer, giving money to for example Cafod and taking some actions eg signing petitions and finally learning more about the needs of the world and how Christians are responding to them.

Some thoughts for the Future ... Below are some possible additional actions offered for discussion initially by the PPC, but any member of the parish is very welcome to comment or suggest alternative ideas.

CAFOD/Fairtrade

We will try to publicise better the two fast days during the year

We will involve the parish in one of the Cafod campaigns

We will see if we can increase use of Fairtrade products in the parish

Poverty in the UK

We will publicise the work of Church Action on Poverty and support their campaigns eg the "Close the Gap" campaign about reducing inequality in the UK

We will push support for Buxton Nightstop which is giving help locally to those in desperate need

Peace

Pax Christi the national Christian peace organisation has special events during the year – we will seek to involve our parish in one of these

Environment

Christian Ecology Link brings together churches in the UK to work and reflect on the environment- we will renew our parish membership and publicise their work.

Parish Newsletter

One way to keep the issues in all our minds is by regularly putting brief items in the Newsletter –we will aim to do this offering help, inspiration and ideas.

Mike Monaghan

Acting member of the PPC for Justice, Peace & Environment

Music

St. Anne's Music Group has been playing and singing together since 1997. We are a friendly and informal group of approximately 12 singers and 2 – 3 instrumentalists under the musical direction



of our conductor Clare O'Neill. We usually sing at the 11.00 Eucharist on the last Sunday of the month, meeting for a practice immediately before that at 10.00 in the Parish Centre.

We are very sad at the sudden death of Ken Gould, one of our most faithful and talented members. He had a beautiful voice, and had recently started to sing solos. He also had a very special sense of humour. **We really miss him.**

This year has been busy. In September 2011 the choir, together with Mad Hatter's Youth choirs' sang in the Pavilion Arts theatre as part of the 150 anniversary concert. We sang "**Requiem**" with a small band of musicians, and the result was exhilarating. In January 2012 we sang at Fr. Dennis's 80th birthday party, and although Fr. Dennis definitely stole the show, our performance was well received.

In June 2012 we sang at the Hawthorns for the residents. They enjoyed hearing the old time songs, and some of them joined in. This was the last concert Ken did with us. In July 2012 we sang at a concert which Clare organised in aid of the Thai Village Project. The concert was a great success, and £250 was sent to help sponsor children in Thailand to go to school. In addition to these activities we have sung at Confirmation, and a Churches Together Service held in our church.

Clare provides an interesting and varied repertoire for us to learn. Its great fun and you don't have to read music as CDs are provided to help learn the music. Any enthusiastic singer wishing to join should contact Sue Hardman, Clare O'Neill or a member of the choir.



Youth and Children

Youth and children are the future of our parish. By making our Church a fun, exciting and happy place, we can encourage our young people to become involved in our community.



Children's liturgy

We meet during the first half of the Sunday 11am Eucharist, rejoining family and friends for the remainder of the service including Communion. It is open to children of all ages. The children are invited to attend the children's session from the body of the church at the beginning of the Eucharist and leave as a group. They are then returned safely to church by their leaders. The children explore the Gospel reading for that week in a fun way that is accessible for all ages.

We use games, crafts and role play to enable the children to access the theme for that week at an appropriate level to them in a friendly, fun way.

St Anne's Guides and Rangers

Guides meet on a Wednesday evening 7pm -8.30pm in the Parish Centre, during term time. We are a very busy group who go camping; we have been to Paris as well as many activity centres in England. We do lots of outdoor activities from canoeing to climbing as well as cycling.

We have great fun every week doing activities that range from the chocolate badge, the cooking badge to games, crafts, outdoor ventures as well as caring for and taking responsibility for our community and environment. We have close links with the East Cheshire Hospice whom we adopted as our charity, and with the Mayoral charities. We have a growing Senior Section who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. These girls take on more responsibility for their programme working more and more in the community. The girls have great fun, gain confidence and self-esteem as well as helping others!

It is run by Lesley Crowther who you can contact on 0129870315 or 07837086578 or e-mail at lesleycrowther@hotmail.com



Parish Child Protection Representative

Members of groups that come into contact with children or vulnerable adults (e.g. Children's liturgy members and Eucharistic ministers) need to have a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check carried out. This is a simple and confidential procedure and Andrew will complete all the necessary paperwork for you. Once the check has been completed a copy of the result will be sent to you from the agency concerned. To put everyone's mind at rest, on this occasion it doesn't matter how many points you have on your driving licence!

Andrew Payne holds this post for St. Anne's Parish and ensures that we comply with the appropriate legislation.



Rainbows and Brownies

The 5th Buxton Rainbows and Brownies meet on separate evenings in the Parish Centre. Rainbows assemble on Tuesday from 4.30 to 5.30 and Brownies on Thursday from 5.30 to 7.15. The purpose of both groups is FUN, confidence building, teamwork, sharing and learning new skills. Help with fundraising is always welcome, and if you have any skills or talents, e.g. artistic skills, game skills, first aid, music etc. please contact us; you will be very welcome to join our group. **For more details contact Aileen Warneford 25768**

The Rosary Group

The Rosary Group began in Buxton in 1981 and has been praying together ever since. Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as follows.

On Tuesdays, we meet at 6 Spencer Grove at 8pm to pray the Rosary, St. Anthony's Novena and reading the gospels. On Wednesday, we meet at Mrs Attwood's house (tel 71569) at 2pm. The Rosary is also prayed in church on Sunday at 10.30am before the 11am Eucharist, and before every weekday Service at 9.40am.

New members are always welcome to come and share the experience of the peaceful atmosphere of prayer. Remember the promise of Our Lady to St. Dominic "***Whatever you ask through the Rosary shall be granted***"

Presentation Associates



We are a small group, belonging to St. Anne's, who are part of a worldwide Association, linked to the Presentation Sisters, following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Presentation Sisters. She dedicated her life to helping the poor, neglected children of her time, in the city of Cork. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month, after the 10.00am mass, to pray, reflect on the Scriptures and plan how to take action, in ways such as visiting our elderly and housebound parishioners and providing them with Christmas and Easter presents. For the last few years, the children from St. Anne's School have made lovely Easter Cards to go with the presents. These are very much appreciated by our elderly parishioners! We have become increasingly aware of and therefore more involved in local, national and global issues, especially those concerning Justice and Peace. We have written many times, to our local MP and to Government Ministers on moral issues, which concern us. We have followed programmes encouraging us to support Fair Trade and to take practical measures in order to care for our Planet Earth.

However our main objective is to support the Sisters' Mission in Zambia, where in their orphanage they care for the poor neglected children of our time, the babies whose parents have died from Aids and other diseases. We began raising money to support the orphanage by organizing coffee mornings, which were always well supported. As the years have gone by the children who have survived aids and other diseases, and have out grown the orphanage where they were raised, needed new buildings to provide food, shelter and training in life skills. To help raise money for this developing project, nine years ago, all the Presentation Associate Groups around the country were invited to take part in the Kaoma Box scheme. This has been a wonderful success, due to the generosity of our parishioners and others like you in parishes all over the country. The total amount raised across the country this year 2011-2012, from Kaoma Boxes plus donations and the Christmas gift envelopes was the wonderful sum of £7044.49. The Grand Total since the project started, which has been sent to Kaoma is £62,000.

We are very grateful to Fr Higgins for providing a donation of £1,000.00 from the Parish funds, for each of the last five years, to the Sisters' Mission in Zambia, £500.00 of which goes towards the Kaoma Box Scheme and £500.00 towards the Orphanage. In the year 2011-2012 we have collected a total of £1,617.22 from the Kaoma Boxes and other contributions including one from the Christmas Tree Tag Scheme.

We would welcome anyone who might be interested in sharing in our activities to come to one of our meetings. **For more details Lynn Collins 01298 24695 or Angela Sexton 01298 26943.**

Spirituality and Outreach

St. John's Gospel tells us that Jesus was the Word of God made flesh. We are favoured indeed if at any time we actually experience the awesome majesty of God through Jesus. How much stronger must have been the experience of those sharing his life on earth.

And yet ... Jesus spent his life reaching out to the second-class citizens of his society, the downtrodden and disadvantaged. He treated them with dignity and gave them back their self-respect. Jesus taught us that in God's Kingdom on Earth, everybody is a valued member, regardless of status in society, or the circumstances we find ourselves in. He taught us how to love and honour God and each other. Jesus taught us how to live. Some of the activities undertaken within the Parish to reach out to each other and beyond are described below.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound

At the present time thirteen housebound parishioners are visited. Five of these are in nursing homes and eight are still living in their homes. There are seven volunteer visitors in the parish.

Visiting doesn't take place on a random basis, as it is felt that it is important to build up a 1-1 relationship wherever possible. The visitors bring the Parish Newsletters to those whom they are visiting so that the housebound still feel part of the parish.

At Christmas and Easter the Presentation Associates deliver gifts to the housebound and the children from St. Anne's school make cards for them.

There is a liaison between the Eucharistic Ministers and the Visiting Group. It is essential that Fr. Dennis or Marie Lewis are informed by relatives or other parishioners of anyone who has become housebound and wishes to be visited so that we may be of service.

Going into Hospital

Under the present Data Protection Act, the staff in N.H.S., Private Hospitals, and Nursing Homes are not allowed to give names of patients and residents to Church Ministers, nor Chaplains. Patients or their next of kin must give written permission. A form may be obtained on entry to the hospital. Hence, if you, a relative or friend is going into hospital, please let Fr. Higgins know using a written note. Please remember though, that the appointed Chaplains are responsible for our local major hospitals – Macclesfield, Stockport, Chesterfield, etc.



Confirmation

The starting point for this year's programme was a weekend retreat for the catechists at The Briars. Being at the Briars allows us to concentrate our thoughts and efforts in an environment that is both supportive and spiritual and we gain much from the guidance and advice from Fr. Robbie and the team. The whole experience allows us time to reflect on our own faith, preparing us for the journey ahead and identify how we can improve the programme, not only for the candidates but also for us as catechists. We also enjoy meeting other groups and many an interesting discussion has been had over a glass of wine (or two) late into the night!

The programme began with a *"getting to know you"* afternoon with the theme of *"One World"* and how we can achieve more by working together. The day culminated at the evening Celebration of the Eucharist at which the candidates were officially enrolled by Fr. Dennis for Confirmation. During the programme we encourage the candidates to reflect upon their image of God the Father; on the person of Jesus Christ; their perception of the Holy Spirit in their lives; what it means to belong to the Church and what it means to be Church in today's world.

One of the highlights of the programme was our Pre-Confirmation weekend away at The Briars. Our activities centred specifically on the names the candidates could choose and this proved to be very interesting, coming up with some Saints' names we had never even heard of! The programme was further enhanced this year by a special visit from Bishop Malcolm who came to talk to the group about Confirmation and their choice of names. This was followed by a lively Q&A session with Bishop Malcolm in the hot seat!

Finally the day of Confirmation arrived. The ceremony was both lively and inspirational and fully involved all the candidates starting with a moving candlelit procession. During the ceremony, the candidates stood before Bishop Malcolm and Fr. Dennis confirming their faith and commitment as adult Christians in today's world.

We pray that our candidates can go forward to face the prospect of living out their Christian life day by day, sustained and strengthened by their faith, by the knowledge of their importance in our community and by the grace of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them in this Sacrament of Confirmation.

Margaret Swift



The Briars 2012



Social Activities

This year has been a busy and very interesting one for the social Committee. Last July we organised the Hog Roast and the amazing 150 cup cake display [thanks to parishioners and friends] for the 150 years celebration. Everyone enjoyed the day despite the bad weather. Our two fundraising race evenings were very successful. We raised a large sum of money for Flame and Hospice Uganda. Both evenings were enjoyed by our very generous parishioners.

The Spring lunch was well attended by the senior members of our parish where Ken provided tasty food. Everyone had a sing-along with the choir and bingo with Trish. And last but not least with the combined efforts of the PPC and social comm. Fr Dennis's 40th year as a priest and 25 years as parish Priest of St Anne's was celebrated in style with St Thomas More's jazz band, a Hog Roast, cup cakes, strawberries/cream and biggest surprise of all sunshine.

contact Esther King



PS Don't forget, it is possible to book St Anne's Parish Hall for your own events / activities.

contact Fr. Dennis





Schools

There are two schools providing Catholic education in Buxton, St Anne's Primary School, and St Thomas More Catholic Science College. The buildings are on adjoining sites and it is presumed that children will progress through the Key Stages with the same peers, developing the same values as the schools share the same vision.

St Anne's is an above average size primary school with 330 pupils ranging from four to 11 years in age. The last Ofsted report confirmed that the school was good and reflects its mission statement well 'to lead our children to be like Jesus, wise, honest and fair, today and every day.' It is effective because staff, governors, pupils and parents contribute enthusiastically to the life of the school. The head teacher, Clare Sierotko (tel 01298 23589), provides very good leadership and is well supported by a conscientious team of staff and governors ensuring the school continues to improve.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Science College is a small comprehensive school with fewer than four hundred pupils up to the age of sixteen. Having the status of 'Science College', a main objective is to extend links with the local community and form education partnerships. Although it prides itself on excellent examination results, its primary role is to provide for the care and educational needs of all its pupils within a Christian environment as exemplified within its Mission Statement. **Contact: Brendan Hickey 23167**

Both schools have their own web-sites:
www.st-annesrc.derbyshire.sch.uk
www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk

St. Anne's Parish boundary



Communications & Suggestions

If you have an idea for improving our Church, if there is something that you want our church to do for you or your Group that it doesn't at the moment, or if there is something that you want to bring to the attention of the Pastoral Parish Council, please post your suggestion, idea, solution in the suggestion box or email your suggestion (info@stannes.org.uk). Name and contact details are not essential but may assist in bringing an idea to life. The box will be regularly reviewed so get thinking. We want to know how you think St. Anne's can become even better. **Contact Robert Aldous 78387**

With grateful thanks to everyone who have contributed to The Open News & Year Books thus far ... you know who you are.



Gardening

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep the church garden tidy. Ideally we will meet for two hours on Wednesdays at 10.00am. If you can spare some time.

Please contact Mary Rooney on 01298 71991.