

Appendix B

ELECTORAL ROLL

In February 2006 there were 232 members and in February 2007 following a complete renewal of Electoral Roll the number stands at 245.

Application forms are available in the Church Porch and new members are urged to complete them and hand them to Wardens or to myself.

Steve Cox, Acting Electoral Roll Officer

ENVELOPE SCHEME

Taking into account the additions and reduction during the year the total number of envelopes in circulation as at January 1st 2007 is 124.

The average weekly giving by envelope was £552

The average number of envelopes per week was 60

Therefore the average giving per envelope was £9.20

Again I would like to extend my thanks to all concerned, especially Rod Wood for all his support during holidays and throughout the year.

Peter Bellamy, Envelope Secretary

GIFT AID

The Gift Aid Scheme continued to be a regular source of income from the Tax Refunds, for our parish, during 2006. We were able to claim tax refunds on behalf of 120 donors, an increase of an extra 13 donors from last year.

As a result of the 'Giving in Grace' Campaign in October 2005, when most donors increased their contributions, we have received the record sum of £15,145.40 this year - an increase of £3011.44 on last year's total, approx, 25%. Once again, thank you to everyone for your continued support to our Parish, in this way.

We are always looking for new parishioners to join the scheme, so if you are a regular donor via the Envelope scheme or by Bankers Order and you pay Income Tax, please consider signing a Gift Aid Form so that we may claim the Tax Refund on your behalf – at no extra cost to yourself, but to the benefit of our Parish.

Gift Aid Forms and Information are available from us at any time.

Norman and Diana Hope, Gift Aid Secretaries

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

During 2006 the choir attended 118 services, including 9 Baptism services, and special festival services on Ash Wednesday, Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day, Harvest, the Carol Service, and the Crib and Midnight services on Christmas Eve!

We had 47 choir practices and also sang at all the 7 church weddings last year!

A non-church event was our annual carol concerts for Queenscourt Hospice when over £400 was raised!

Membership fluctuated up and down and was at 15 by the end of the year.

The main change was that of Organist and Choirmaster, with the unfortunate retirement of Goronwy Owen after nearly 15 years service.

At the time of writing this report, we continue to search for a full-time replacement, following Rita Perkins' decision not to continue in her trial period for the post.

The average attendance continues to do well, despite all the upheaval, with a figure of 8 for all services, which is great, and much appreciated!

Thanks to our entire choir for their service and dedication, as well as their support during turbulent times!!

Chris York and Paul Ellis

MUSIC GROUP

The Music group continues to lead worship at the Morning Praise service each week; this requires a lot of dedication from its members as they put in a lot of hours practising both at church and home, so I am very thankful to them for all their dedication. The music continues to follow the themes of the service allowing people to reflect on the talk, prayers and bible reading through the songs.

This year has been very steady with the same members as last year; we would however welcome anyone from Morning Praise who would like to join the music group. It is refreshing for both the congregation and the group to have new people with new ideas, to help lead the church forward to where God is calling us.

In addition to Morning Praise the Music Group continues to play at the Family Parade services and led half of the worship at the C.T.A. Service in the tent on the village green.

I feel we are very lucky to have such talented and dedicated members of our church family and I pray that for coming year we will continue to lead the worship in Morning Praise to the best of our ability to glorify of God. Yours in Christ

Vikki Howard.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union at St John's is entering its 78th year, and is still one of the largest Branches in the Deanery with 50 members.

As a Branch and as individual members we work hard to carry out our M.U. duty, by involving ourselves in numerous ways in church life – from Warden to church cleaner, P.C.C. member to supplying refreshments at various church events. Every Sunday morning you will find several members involved in the church services, particularly the Morning Praise service – welcoming and befriending the young families who attend and helping in the children's groups.

Earlier in the year, the M.U. hosted an open meeting in connection with the Deanery Mission – 'discovering what M.U. is all about', to which several visitors came from both the deanery and our own church.

This year it was St. John's turn to host the M.U. Deanery Festival Service, which all the Branches in the deanery attend, with their banners – a spectacular sight in our beautiful church.

All through the year we continue to pray for our church family and the work of the M.U. around the world.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

Personal prayer of Mary Sumner, (1928 – 1921) – Founder of the M.U. in 1876

Diana Hope – Branch Leader

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Youth Worker: Stephen Martin left St John's to take up a job at Shoreline, and continues to work with the youth. Laura Jones has since been employed as our full time Youth Worker, and continues with the outreach around the village and started the 180 Group which meets on a Thursday evening.

Fellowship Groups: The Ladies and Men's Social's continue to be well supported, with people enjoying the events organised. Come and join in at the next one – they are informal and fun – just ask those who have already been!

Morning Praise Newsletter: A monthly Morning Praise newsletter continues to be produced and is available at the service and is also accessible on-line on our church website. Thanks to Martin and Vikki Howard for co-ordinating this.

Deanery Mission: A considerable amount of work was done to ensure a successful, enjoyable and enlightening week, with posters and flyers being distributed to as many households as possible, to inform people of the large variety of events taking place during the Mission Week.

Just a reminder: Paul Ellis continues to maintain the St John's website www.stjohnsainsdale.org.uk. If you have access to the Internet and haven't visited the site – Why Not?? You will be amazed at how useful and informative it is. Many thanks to Paul for his hard work.

Churchwardens

BIBLE BUNCH

Have you ever listened to a small child pray? They simply bring their thoughts to God in a way that we as adults often shy away from. Jesus taught his disciples to let the little children come to him; when his well meaning friends thought he was too busy to be bothered by children, Jesus' reaction surprised them, as he told them to be more like children themselves. This year I have had the privilege of listening to 3 and 4 year olds pray - asking God to make their friends well again, thanking God for new baby brothers and sisters, thanking God for special times like going to the beach, and ballet class. Our quiet time at the end of a Bible Bunch session is a very special time, when our smallest children are encouraged to pray to the God who they are learning loves them very much, my prayer in these sessions is often one of gratitude to God for being part of this group of very young believers.

In Bible Bunch we have continued to follow the teaching themes from the Morning Praise Service and explore through craft activities, play and stories from the Bible how much God loves each one of us. Please pray for all our children as they grow in their understanding and in their faith, pray for protection over them and their families, pray for the leaders who teach them and most of all thank God for the way he reveals himself to us through the children.

A big thank you to all the Bible Bunch Leaders - Bev Edwards, Lyndsay Older, and Claire Simonsen, for all their hard work. Thank you too, to all the parents who join us and willingly help out with activities.

Sarah Hope, Group Leader

KFC (Kids for Christ)

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John chapter 8 v 12.

Over the past year in KFC children and leaders have spent lots of happy – and busy! – times together – finding out more about God's love for us, through the retelling of Bible stories. We have learned about ways to "walk in the Light" by having Jesus as our special, and constant, friend.

We continue to meet in the School Hall and this gives us plenty of space for our energetic games and our craft-making activities - all a valuable part of our worship time together. But we have also enjoyed quiet times for reflection. The children's spiritual insights often amaze us, with their depth of understanding about God and His creation, and remind us that we share a journey of faith with them.

Along with Morning Praise and Bible Bunch, KFC is now four years old and it is wonderful to see our group constantly being renewed – as we welcome new members from Bible Bunch and as the children bring along their friends. This past year, fourteen of our members have reached the age to move on - and up to "Impact"! We miss their familiar faces in KFC, but it is a delight to see them continue to "grow" and experience new challenges as they help to lead services in "Morning Praise".

We thank God for giving us these precious times together and would ask that you continue to hold us in your prayers - that more and more children will have the opportunity to "walk in the light" of Christ.

Linda Davies, Lynne Grice, Carol Griffiths, Maggie Hilton, Hilary Ormrod, Carol Richardson, Edwina Trim.

GUIDES

Our District has been as active as ever, with girls and leaders working, playing, serving and having fun! All units are currently full and thriving. Together we have paraded and performed, running successful stalls at the Church Fayre and the Ainsdale Show; attending Cenotaph services and taking part in the Christmas Nativity Production at Morning Praise.

We have all taken part in Division sports and craft events and challenges, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all coming runners-up in their sections. 3 of our leaders have produced bouncing babies and we have been very pleased to have the support of mums on a rota basis. Kathy has done a sterling job with the 15th Brownies and we were delighted to welcome Karen as a temporary Brown Owl. 6 Guides have gained their Baden-Powell awards. Our combined activities could fill a book!

In addition to their weekly badge-work, crafts and other activities, our Guides have enjoyed rollerblading, bowling and swimming plus water sports on the Marine Lake. They have camped at Shirdley Hill doing crafts, confectioner, cook and chocolate badges, and slept over at Scarisbrick, enjoying fireworks and fun but very little sleep. They also camped overnight at the mini-Glastonbury 'Little Gig', where they screamed support for local pop bands and collected autographs of future stars.

They, along with Brownies and Rainbows have been to the Panto and the Gang Show. They have taken part in Saturday morning work-parties, weeding and helping improve the Church gardens and planting a large number of bulbs. They also donated £200 to the Church, raised at a successful bag pack at Morrisons. 2 Young Leaders, Katy and Lauren, organised a Sponsored Wacky Walk and Guides and Brownies, in fancy dress, between them raised £417 for Children with Leukaemia.

The 15th Brownies had a brilliant evening visiting Woodvale Police Helicopter and then welcomed to a meeting police officers who talked about crime prevention and personal safety. The Brownies all got to sit in the police car, sound the siren and flash the lights! They put on body armour and carried riot shields. They have, to date, collected 94 pairs of shoes for the Blue Peter Shoebiz appeal.

Ist Ainsdale Rainbows enjoyed 2 mornings at Scarisbrick, exploring the outdoors and learning about the emergency services, police, fire and ambulance. They learnt how to bandage poorly teddies and rescue a drowning ted by throwing a life-line. They did a memorable presentation at the Giving in Faith service, with new words to the sing-along 'Amarillo'. Rainbows also enjoyed exploring the sand dunes with the 15th Brownies and the Sefton Ranger in a Mini-beast Hunt. One eagle-eyed Rainbow even spotted a tiny natterjack toad. The 3rd Ainsdale Rainbows enjoyed a sports-and-barbecue evening, went on an Easter Egg Hunt, had a series of bring-your-pet sessions and welcomed a storyteller and puppets from Serendipity in Birkdale

4 of our groups now meet in St John's Hall and we are grateful for the support of the Church and especially George, Martin and Alan M, always ready to come out in a crisis. I would like to thank all Guiders, Assistant Guiders, Unit Helpers and Young Leaders who, despite having busy lives of their own, give so generously of their time to make the various programmes work and enrich the lives of the many young girls in their care.

Maggie Hilton, District Commissioner.

BOYS' BRIGADE

At the start of the session relating to this Annual Report, our boys were all in the Anchor group but during the year some moved up to the Junior Section and we have had some new Anchor boys too. The latter group are aged from six to eight years and the Juniors are from eight to eleven/twelve years. We meet each Wednesday evening in our Church Hall from 6.00.p.m. until 7.30.p.m. and charge fifty pence weekly subscription.

During the year we have endeavoured to support our Brigade's various activities. Arron Taylor represented our company in the Bible Reading Competition in the eight year old group and he came first. This meant that he had the honour of reading from the bible at our Battalion's Annual Carol Service. Arron and Aidan Moloney also read at our own Church Carol Service and at Parade Services. They and other boys also read prayers at Parade Services too. This they all do so willingly. The boys also took part in a short presentation at the service in April, on the Bible.

As part of badgework/community spirit, Anchors and Juniors made Christmas Cards for the elderly and members of our parish. The Arts & Crafts recent competition covers our badgework too and they worked hard. Out of twelve classes we gained eight first, one second and five third places. In the company combined singing we came joint first and came third in the combined company making of an African Village. Jack McLachlan deserves special praise as he has excelled and worked the hardest for this part of badgework. The boys also made drawings of birds and flowers for the B.B. window at harvest time.

We attended the lovely and dignified Service of Remembrance on the Village Green.

We held a Christmas Fayre and as a result were able to extend our B.B. funds by £68.07. The boys enjoyed a two hour Christmas Party but we really needed an extra half hour to complete the fun and games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Irene Davis and Mr. Derek Sinnott who help me for two weeks each in the month. They are a great help. Mrs. King has moved house so she is not now able to come but I have just recently been promised extra help, which means the boys will benefit more. Thanks are extended to the people in the parish for their support in many different ways. It is very much appreciated.

Last but not least, I take this opportunity to thank our Vicar, Alan Overend for his time at St. John's. He has been very kind and inspiring with a great sense of humour and a good rapport with the children. We will all miss the lovely Parade/Family Services. Every good wish to Alan, Jean, Gillian and Edward for the future.

To end my report I leave you with a favourite Boys' Brigade prayer for officers and helpers.

God give me sympathy and sense
And help me keep my courage high
God give me calm and confidence
And please - a twinkle in the eye. Amen.

Edna Ledger, Lt. Anchor & Junior Sections

YOUTH WORKER

It has been a very busy and exciting year regarding the youth activities in St. John's.

April saw the launch of '180', a new youth group that was started after the Deanery Mission week, when we held a youth event. Many of the young people who started coming were ones that we had met while doing detached work on the streets, by chatting with them and getting to know them.

In July, Stephen Martin left the position of youth worker after three years, to take up a new role in youth work at Shoreline church, and I took over the post in September. Since then many things have happened.

'180' is continuing to go well, with a good core of young people who attend every week. These young people have had little or no contact with church so it is very exciting that they come regularly. The evening consists of various games/activities and a short talk about God.

On Sundays at Morning Praise, we have a new group for 10-13 year olds called 'Impact', a name chosen by the group themselves. They led a service in November doing pretty much everything themselves from planning, being up at the front doing the children's activity, playing/singing in the music group, setting up/clearing away the hall, to serving the teas and coffees and all the bits in-between. It is encouraging to see these young people wanting to get involved with church and come along often. Following on from that, in December, 6 young people were confirmed, with others from our cluster, at St. Peter's.

Café Refresh was launched in October, which is a joint venture between ourselves and youth leaders at the URC, with the café being run by a team of keen young people. It has been great that other people from St. John's have supported it by being helpers or making cakes.

A proportion of my time is also spent in schools, and I've especially been working in Ainsdale Hope doing assemblies, lessons, and mentoring amongst other things, to try to support the staff and pupils throughout this difficult and upsetting year. I also run the Christian Union at Greenbank and have done assemblies at several other secondary schools. I have also spent time in our school at St. John's helping with RE lessons.

To conclude, God has been at work in the lives of young people in this area, but my vision is to see many of them make real commitments to Jesus and to following him with the whole of their lives. There are other plans on the horizon of how to develop the work that has been started, but the fundamental thing that underpins all of this has to be prayer, as this is God's work and not simply our own efforts. Please continue to support the youth work in any way that you feel you can, but most importantly, please pray. So many young people know nothing of the God who loves them and gave his son for them, and so they need to be shown this truth by our love and care, in a society which is suspicious of young people and reluctant to understand where they are coming from. If you'd like any more info, please get in contact.

Laura Jones - Youth Worker

LADIES NIGHTS

“Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love.”
Hebrews 13:1 (The Message)

We have been having Ladies Nights for nearly three years now. It has proved invaluable in developing relationships with other women in the church family with whom paths may not cross otherwise. Ladies nights have shown that it doesn't matter which service you go to or how you choose to worship, but that we can spend time together having a really fun night... after all we all go to church because of the same reason... God, and God calls us to be a family and spend time together.

We hold Ladies Nights every other month and have enjoyed events like a pudding party (yummy), murder mystery evenings, fish chips & games (rain called off crazy golf!!) and a Christmas dinner. We have about twenty-five ladies who come regularly, and we have all made some new friends within our church family. If you have never been to a Ladies Night then come along and join the fun, it is not a club you have to join, simply come along when you're free, **all** ladies will be sure of a warm welcome – sorry we don't allow any men! Our next Ladies Night is Friday 11th March – look out for more details nearer the time or speak to Sarah or Vikki if you would like to join the mailing list to hear of future events.

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.”
Romans 12:10 (New Living Translation)

Sarah Hope and Vikki Howard, Ladies Night Co-ordinators

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Again it's time to review the last twelve months of the Social Committees contribution to the church functions.

In April St John's hosted the “Changing Lives” Mission students, who stayed in our company for the week, and in which we saw a lot of exciting events take place. The Committee catered for a lunch and then on the final day there was a party with a disco to celebrate the end of what was a very successful event in our church.

Summer arrived and it was time for the annual Fayre. The Committee engaged in the general workings of the Fayre as well as making the rolls and beverages for the day's sustenance.

As it was successful last year, again we had a faith lunch for the Harvest Celebration which I think everyone enjoyed.

We thought we'd have a change this year and have our Christmas party in January! Only joking. Although it was later than planned it was well supported and we all had a great time.

Coming up is the annual Parish Dinner which takes place on the 20th February this is the highlight of the social year and it's a brilliant way for everyone to get together and enjoy the fellowship that exists amongst our parishioners.

One final event that we did not want to organise was our vicar Alan's leaving celebration. I say celebration because I think we would all like to say thank you for all that he has done for the church, parish, school and community as a whole. It will also give us the opportunity to wish him, Jean, Gillian and Edward all good wishes as they leave us for pastures new.

It's also at this time that I'd like to say thank you to all the members of the committee and to everyone that helps and supports us.

Thank you and God Bless.

Sandra Whalley, Chairman, Social Committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We have once again been blessed by God with the resources, both people and finance, to maintain our church building to a high standard.

During the year many jobs have been completed including a new carpet in the committee room, an additional bench in the garden, and a new humidifier for the organ. Work has taken place on some of the church windows. The small west windows have been protected with polycarbonate, which also has the advantage of reducing some of the draughts entering the church building. Some minor cracks in some of the south windows were also repaired.

In addition to these larger jobs, literally hundreds of small jobs have been completed throughout the year, at work-parties and by individuals. Whilst most of these go un-noticed by the users of the hall and church they are essential and would soon be noticed if they were not completed e.g. changing light bulbs, refinishing hall floor, clearing drains, etc. We are very fortunate at St. John's in having many willing volunteers who see something that needs doing and get on and do it. If you haven't been along to one of our work parties before, please try to come along and help at the next one.

During the year we have spent some time working on St. John's House particularly prior to Laura moving in. The gas and electrical services have been inspected and small items replaced. The trees in the garden were cut back and the garden tidied at our last work party. A new carpet has been fitted in the hall, stairs and landing, and Laura decorated all the rooms before moving in. Many other small jobs have been completed and continue to be tackled as they arise.

Towards the end of the year Alan and Jean Mawson have managed the refurbishment of the Garden of Remembrance, which is looking great and ready for spring to arrive.

The old tables in the hall have finally been replaced, thanks to generous donations from many of the regular hall users.

Looking ahead into 2007, we still have our Quinquennial Inspection outstanding and await our church architect's inspection of the building. Due to our on going maintenance of the buildings we are not expecting huge amounts of work to be identified, however we must remember that the building is now 120 years old.

In conclusion on behalf of the property committee I would like to thank everyone who has helped in whatever way on the church property throughout the last year, and in particular the hard work of all those who spend many hours each week ensuring the buildings are maintained to the high standard we expect. Let us thank God for everything he has provided for us and trust that he will provide for our needs in the year ahead.

Martin Howard, Chairman of the Property Committee

DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod met three times over the past year.

The February 2006 meeting met at our own church of St. John's, this being the last Deanery Synod prior to the Mission it was almost entirely given over to discussion on the Changing Lives Mission and the work that still needed to be done prior to the start on 1st April 2006.

The June Synod was held at St John, Birkdale when the success of the mission was discussed. There had been 230 events over 10 days across 17 Parishes. The events throughout the Deanery were well supported.

General comments made from the floor referred to the hard work of the students. At parish and cluster level it proved we could work together and will act as a catalyst for future cooperation. Each *Wycliffe* team member was given a copy of "The Message" Bible. The Deanery must move on in learning about evangelism. Mission success will be seen in our future as a mission based Deanery.

The Area Dean had received a letter from Wycliffe giving Student Feedback on the mission. The mission had proved to be a steep but valuable learning process.

Rev Stephen Bellamy, Acting Area Dean, chaired the start of the November meeting at All Saints Church, Southport, the Area Dean Canon Colin Pope being on Study Leave.

Elections were held for Diocesan Synod places, both Clergy and Lay members.

Rev Stephen Bellamy gave a presentation on the 'Marks of a Growing Church', and Rev Richard Gibbs gave an insight into a 'Walk Thru the Old Testament' course. It was agreed the Deanery would run this course in the New Year.

Val Sinnott

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN AINSDALE

In the past twelve months C.T.A. have organised a number of Ecumenical Services that have been held in Ainsdale, they have also been responsible for a number of other Events. Once again as I type this report, the Lent Safari is about to start off on its annual travels around to each church in turn. This year the subject for discussion is entitled "Share the Feast"; we hope that these meetings will prove to be as successful as last year's talks. On Easter Sunday, despite a rather dark and dismal outlook, a number of us gathered on Ainsdale Beach to joyfully share in a brief Service celebrating Christ's Resurrection. The next Service was a Family Service held in the Marquee on the "Village Green" on July 2nd 2006 the Sunday morning after the Ainsdale Show. In November we joined with the Royal British Legion in providing the Remembrance Day Service, which was also held on the "Green". The Schools Advent Service was as usual held in St John Stone Church and led by Pastor David Naughton of Woodvale Chapel. The C.T.A. Advent Service took place in the Methodist Church; this Service was in the form of Readings and Carols, the theme of which was "looking forward to Christmas Day! On Saturday morning 23rd December, a group of members from the Ainsdale Churches gathered outside "Somersfields" to sing carols for about half an hour. Finally this year, during January 2007, there have been a series of Prayer Meetings given the title of "Christian Unity" the Meetings were again held in turn in each of the Churches. We have also held the quarterly Prayer Meetings throughout the year.

The C.T.A. organised the Dabble Den at the Ainsdale Show and our local Puppet Group proved to be a great attraction for the young children.

This year St John's Church financed a full time Youth Worker who goes out into the local community and into the local schools, and also is involved in a joint venture of running "Café Refresh" at the United Reformed Church. Discussions have been taking place about sharing the financial costs of the Youth Worker for the year ahead.

The Ministers Fellowship meet on a regular basis to discuss and plan ahead for future Services and Meetings. I am sure that both our Vicar and Andrew Scholes of the Baptist Church will be very much missed from all of our Meetings when they leave to go to their different new Posts. The C.T.A. Christmas Message and Services cards were again delivered by hand to most households in the Parish, thanks to all the Walkers concerned.

There has been a change of staff, Anne Howard of the Methodist church, having completed her allotted time of two years retired from position as Secretary. Our thanks to Anne for all her work and welcome to Paul Murphy from the Roman Catholic Churches who has taken over the position of C.T.A. Secretary.

The Octave Choir gave two performances of an "evening of Musical Memories" in St John Stone Church hall last March; their singing was warmly applauded on both nights. The choir are now busy rehearsing for a setting for the Eucharist written by Roger Smith entitled "The Torn Curtain" which will be sung on March 22nd. The Choir are also now rehearsing the Operetta "Die Fliedermaus – The Bat" written by J Strauss, which is scheduled to be performed early in June 2007.

Ken Poulton

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

Once again we would like to thank all our many friends in the church and the community for all their help and prayers throughout the year. We really appreciate everything you do for us.

We at St John's share a belief in giving everyone in our school community "wings to fly" within the context of Christian love and understanding, excellence, warmth and enthusiasm.

Our new boys and girls have settled well and we continue to welcome children from the wider community as well as those from Christian and other faith backgrounds.

The school has had another very successful and happy year. Achievements include:

- Children making good progress from Y2 – Y6 with high standards in Key Stage 2 tests.
- Increase of pupil councils. Children are enthusiastic and enjoy having a real say in all we do.
- National School Travel Award, ECO status.
- Service above Self and Community Hero awards 2006 recognising our whole school/church family's commitment to serving others.
- A brand new state of the art kitchen and ICT suite.
- www.ainsdalestjohns.com – our exciting new website.
- Strengthened partnerships with parents through workshops, accredited courses and fantastic PTA.
- Increased out of hours learning opportunities, including Spanish, judo, drama and ICT.
- Musical, artistic and sporting successes, a book week, Art Attack and an illustrator/sculptor in residence.
- Awarding of "lead school" status for our work on Social and Emotional learning.
- Chair of Governors award as the North West "Governor of the Year" in the National Teaching Awards.

We are about to launch our new prospectus and school logo which reflect the life of our school and the views of children, staff, parents, governors and the church.

We pray that our school will continue to "shine" as a place where everyone is valued, enabled and enriched.

Ruth Wake (Mrs)

Lesley Deninson (Mrs)