

## Church Wardens Report 2010

We give thanks to God for all that he has done over the past year. We have seen many changes with the internal re-ordering of St Mary's, with the provision of more flexible accommodation for small services and the prayer corner. Also the development of the Audio-visual, whilst presenting a challenge, opens new opportunities for us as a church.

We are delighted when we see our church filled with God's love and Holy Spirit and to see His love reflected in church family members old and new. Our heartfelt thanks go to James and Robin for guiding us through the past 12 months with the support of Lucy and Pam. Special thanks are due to Robin for taking on the responsibilities while James was on Sabbatical for three months during the summer.

We are grateful to the vergers for their practical assistance. Michael Rice, Wally Hope, Michael and Sue Richards, Charlotte Mitchell, Clive Williams, Mary Duncan and Gina Gaymer-Dearham have all helped to share some of the burden thus ensuring the smooth running of the various services. This is a tremendous help to the Wardens, thank you all.

We would also like to thank all those other people who give of their time and energy which together help us to operate as a church family. We are grateful to the musicians – Graham and Jacquie Tomsett, Mim Austin, Rosemary Brown, Eunice Parke and Pam Cottingham for their faithful contribution to the worship.

Whilst we cannot name everyone, we would like to thank PCC members, chalice bearers, sides-people, bell ringers, flower arrangers, cleaners, brass cleaners, Conker Room cleaners, coffee rota members, children's/young persons organisers, lockers and unlockers of the buildings, gift aiders, collection counters and bankers, sound desk and visual operators, pastoral carers, working party members, magazine photocopiers, editors and distributors, Barcombe News contributors, accountants, examiners, readers and

speakers, facility bookers, bakers, cooks and linen cleaners. The list goes on and we value the gifts and talents you bring to serve the Lord.

Our former church wardens Eb Cottingham and Andy Lamont deserve a special vote of thanks for their tireless work in maintaining the churchyard in such excellent condition. Also we appreciate their willingness to take on extra duties over the past few months to relieve Heather.

A highlight of the past year was the PCC away-day in October which has led to the development of a new 5-year vision for the church in Barcombe, which we look forward to seeing unfold.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve our Lord, James and you all at St Mary's and St Francis.

Yours in Christ,

Heather and Olaf,  
*April 2011*