

SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Sunday, February 13, 2011



Children and others on All Saints Day 2010

Our Father,
who has set restlessness in our hearts,
and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find;
forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life.
Draw us from base content, and set our eyes on far-off goals.
Keep us at tasks too hard for us, that we may be driven to You for strength.
Deliver us from fretfulness and self pity;
make us sure of the goal we cannot see, and of the hidden good in the world.
Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us,
and our hearts to the loveliness men hide from us
because we do not try enough to understand them,
Save us from ourselves, and show us a vision of a world made new.
May your Spirit of peace and illumination so enlighten our minds that all life shall glow with
new meaning and new purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our High Calling, Forward Movement, 1937

*Worshipping Christ and shining His light to the University of Colorado,
Boulder, and the world.*

Annual Report of 2010

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Annual Meeting Sunday Schedule and Agenda

One Morning Service Only at 9:07am

with Annual Meeting Address in place of Sermon.....	The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis
Membership Sign In.....	Please sign in on the directory and check your entry. <i>If we don't have a photograph of you, please email one to office@saintaidans.org ASAP.</i>
Consideration of Agenda and Declaration of Quorum	Senior Warden, Grace Pierce
Approval of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes.....	Senior Warden, Grace Pierce
Vestry Elections	The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis
Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Front Range Region	The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis
2010 Financials and 2011 Budget Presentation	Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer & Finance Committee
Acknowledgements and Awards.....	The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis
Closing Doxology followed by Prayer and Adjournment to Clean Up (everyone help please!)	

Congregational Data

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Plate & Pledge (in thousands)	220	277	299	255	241	224	278	324	269	251	263
Operating Expenses	273	386	354	343	301	310	323	362	390	359	370
Members	413	358	274	249	195	201	207	223	223	241	230*
ASA	163	167	172	157	145	154	152	154	142^	147	143
Easter Attendance	353	332	269	346	289	286	332	301	269	330	332
Marriages	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	0	4	10	3
Burials	8	8	7	8	3	5	11	15	14	10	17
Operating Outreach (in thousands)	4	2	0	13	21	6	11	0	159	107	54
Non-Operating Outreach (in thousands)	0		24	12	11	1	5	57	0	0	75

^corrected in 2010; parochial report restated *estimate, parochial report not completed

Vestry Candidates

Three nominees to serve on the Vestry have been recommended by the vestry and additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

St. Aidan's members who want to serve on the Vestry must be members of the congregation in *good standing*. Being in *good standing* is defined as: over 16 years of age, recorded as a member in the parish directory, faithful in corporate worship, and faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the kingdom. Regular attendance means for Sunday worship, and giving means that you have made an annual pledge to St. Aidan's by filling out a pledge card.

Vestry members are expected to be in attendance at all meetings, unless they are prevented for good cause, and to take responsibility for partnering in leadership with the Clergy and Wardens, including communicating with members and groups in the parish, participating in parish events and work, and advocating for our ministry in the community and in the wider church.

Vestry Candidate: Betsy Matteson

I would like to express my interest in serving on the Vestry this year. Because I have not been at St. Aidan's for a long period of time I would like to introduce myself and provide a little background. I have lived in Boulder since the early 1970's and owned a small retail business for more than twenty-five years. Over the years I have served on a number of boards including the Downtown Boulder Assoc., Boulder Mall Commission, Historic Boulder and Chautauqua, among others. I have also developed two fundraisers: Artfair for downtown Boulder and the Chautauqua Gift Cottage.

Due to the conversations we have had about the budget I know that our financial position is a matter of concern. While I don't know quite how we will address this issue I do believe that with prayer, creativity, hard work, and faith we will be able to find a solution and can look forward to the re-development and future growth of our campus. I feel strongly that this needs to be the focus of the Vestry's work for the coming year.

Finally, I have been involved with the effort to resolve 2419 Colo. Ave. and believe that we are getting close to a solution in 2011. I have enjoyed being involved with this project and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in unity,
Betsy Matteson

Vestry Candidate: Craig Autry

I would like the opportunity to serve St Aidan's as a member of the Vestry. I have been a member of the Episcopal Church for almost thirty years. My wife, Lisa, sons Brooks (25) and Taylor (23), and I have moved within the United States fifteen times over that time frame, allowing us to experience a number of different Episcopal churches and church cultures. During that time, I was on the Vestry at one church, Building Committee at another, and advisor to our EYC group at another. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to participate on St Aidan's Faith Alive Team last year. I am very much interested in 1. Successfully accomplishing the church's mission; 2. Finding effective ways to grow St Aidan's and its ministry; and 3. Actively focusing our work and fellowship with our community, University of Colorado students, and our parish family.

Thank you for your consideration,
Craig Autry

Vestry Candidate: Heather Corsentino

God has recently impressed upon my heart the desire to become more involved in a Christian community. Coincidentally, it is time for the annual meeting and the opportunity for church members to join the Vestry.

Let me share with you where my history began at St. Aidan's. My parents were already members of the church. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Aidan's. I was an active member of the youth group, assisted with many fruitcake bakes (I think I still could make and decorate them blind folded). After moving to Denver and a recent shift in my nursing career, I began coming back to St. Aidan's. The minute I came back, I felt the presence of God stronger than ever.

When I was in college I was introduced to Christ through a wonderful campus ministry. Because of this, I have such a passion for college students. St. Aidan's has so much to offer the CU campus. I feel that as part of the Vestry I can help with the vision and mission to serve CU. I realize as well that St. Aidan's is facing some concerns. As a nurse, I deal with patient and family concerns daily. I feel that my experience as an advocate, teammate and problem-solver will be an asset to the vestry in this time of growth. I deeply care for St. Aidan's, and with God's help would love to serve my church family.

In Christ,
Heather Corsentino

Rector and Chaplain Report

The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis

The year 2010 has been a difficult year personally and as your Rector and Chaplain. There have also been many—too many to number—good things that have happened this year, and the challenges we face don't discount or belittle the great ministries happening. Those great ministries form much of the content of this Annual Report, and even then, many things don't even appear here, they just happen—the hard and faithful work of so many every time we gather for three worship services almost every Sunday of the year, the joys of the group that gathers every Wednesday Morning at 7am for Eucharist and Toast, the dinner served every Sunday night that CU is in session to students and parishioners alike, and the daily joy of being a church where people stop by for all sorts of reasons—to pray, to serve, to ask for help, to buy a parking pass, or for some other reason. I am so thankful to the people who actively serve St. Aidan's volunteering to make these things happen. You do it joyfully, sacrificially, and faithfully and it humbles me.

Our staff work very hard and I am thankful for all of them—M. Kay Cook and Deacon Don Burt are excellent clergy colleagues and through all three of us there is a diversity of understanding and a great unity of practice, prayer and worship. Amanda Nuku (Office Administrator), Sara Parkinson (Organist) (both of whom became mothers in 2010—no small feat to transition into working motherhood), Connie Branton (Choir Master), John Moore (Canterbury Program Administrator), JK Melton (in the new position of Young Adult Minister jointly with St. John's), Cydney Ricker (Nursery Coordinator), Sara Paine, Buch Chi Nguyen, Stephanie Atkins, Andarla Hodge and Samantha Elliot (Nursery Caregivers). They work hard and faithfully, often with limited time and resources.

From the generous and thoughtful response to the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, which continues to be a daily aspect of my life and my husband's life, to Faith Alive, to the joys of campus ministry, to the weekly generosity of the Sister Carmen Shopping Cart and the sheltering of the homeless persons through BOHO on Monday nights, to the 9 people who were confirmed

or renewed their confirmation this year, all the way through our year of worship and the seasons and the simplicity of the Daily Offices offered most days of the week, God is glorified so many ways here. This is a great blessing and a joy to be a part of.

And we have challenges still—this fall the cash crisis and the realization of the deficit for 2010 (two separate financial problems)—are making us come to terms with the realities of our income and the effect that could have on our spending. As I've said for several months, this is not a surprise to me and I've been expecting it since I arrived here almost 6 years ago. In the church, a financial problem is never just that—this is also a problem that touches our faith and our future. What do we believe? How is that part of our lives in such a way that we come together to do God's work in the church?

Another challenge is the changing face of Campus Ministry—it's changed for us, in that we do not have the funding to provide a full-time chaplain, nor has that ministry been successful in the past 10 years when we've had a full-time chaplain. Being an active, faithful and thoughtful Christian on campus is a minority work—I'm proud of our students who are involved with Canterbury and Parish Ministries and this is some of our best and most important work. We have stability, but not growth—a handful of extraordinary students but not a place for really sharing the gospel with young people who have grown up without any context of Jesus, let alone the church. The places where students and parishioners have met on common ground are grace-filled—Keith Murdock's musicians at 5pm, for example, and John Moore serving on the Vestry. But we need more of the informal relationships that come from worship, fellowship, and ministry together. There remains an enormous divide between morning worship and evening worship—a divide crossed by few students and parishioners but by all the clergy. How might we more effectively do campus ministry as a parish? Who among us will lead an on-campus Bible study in the fall? I believe that campus ministry is vital to our identity as a parish—is our common life built around that?

So the question is—what do we do when we face challenges? What do you do? We can try to ignore them, and to keep doing the same things we've been doing in the same way, or we can rise to meet them. The financial challenges we have are shared by probably half of the Episcopal Churches in this country—how we rise to the occasion will be decided only by us. That is the work we'll be taking up in the first part of 2011—to ask for God's leading and vision for St. Aidan's Church. What is our purpose in being here as a church and how do we share that purpose with those who want to be a part of the church? How do we share ministry and also share the reason for ministry—the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I note two paragraphs from the report I wrote last year that are still very much part of my thinking:

Our attendance has stabilized but not grown. We don't have many visitors, though the visitors we have we greet warmly. What do we need to do to make our faith and the life that each of us truly finds in Christ visible to those who do not know the love of God in their lives?

I hope that in the next year we will be able to change with charity—to try new things, some of which will fail, some of which will succeed. No change will satisfy everyone, but

we individually have to be willing to accept change for the greater good of the Body of Christ. The Gospel is what satisfies, and the Gospel calls us to always expand our community, our love, and our vision of the kingdom of God.

These two things haven't changed in the year since I wrote them. I believe that among you--the people of St. Aidan's--we have a wealth of spiritual gifts beyond measure. Spiritual gifts are those things that make ministry happen for the kingdom of God. We do that in the church in order to be a light to the world. I don't know what needs to happen to find and use those gifts—I am asking God and you to help us find that vision for our future and praying for the will to follow it.

I remain faithfully and joyfully, your Rector.

Senior Warden Report

Grace Pierce

St. Aidan's has faithful parishioners who have been involved with the programs offered during 2010. God leads us to try new ministries and new beginnings.

On January 12th, we shared with M. Mary Kate and Jean Hilaire the grief and devastation they were experiencing from the Earthquake in Haiti. The Lament for Haiti Benefit Concert performed by CU College of Music students and faculty gave us a venue to help and to grieve together.

We had a Faith Alive Weekend January 29-31. Parishioners participated in a weekend dedicated to deepening our relationships and communications with each other. Several initiatives were planned as a result of the Faith Alive Weekend: A book group; A picnic or barbeque for the Fourth of July; an open-mic Christian music evening; small groups; An Introduction to the Eucharist course; a consideration of offering an open soup service to the community; and an outreach activity, perhaps with Attention Homes.

Keith Murdock has been the electric current behind six Open Mic Nights, sober social events open to all. The opening night was April 9th, and all have been well attended by many people from the community, some parishioners, and students. They have been enjoyable and fun for all, participants and audience.

The ground for the Labyrinth was consecrated on March 6, 2010; it was completed in April and represents over 400 person-hours. The design of the two outdoor labyrinths is in the Chartres pattern. The labyrinths were created as an Eagle Scout project of Jacob Wolniewicz, with the help of his Boy Scout troop, and parishioners. The labyrinth is open at all times and anyone is welcome to walk it for quiet contemplation, prayer, or meditation. There have been three candle-lit night walks lead by M. Kay Cook with an average attendance of 10-20. Jacob Wolniewicz received his Eagle Scout rank on April 30, 2010.

In June we had a block party and invited our neighbors from University Heights. It was sparsely attended by the neighbors, and they were not interested in us occupying a house at 2440 University Heights for the Canterbury Program. Since M. Mary Kate moved into the Rectory at

2700 University Heights many of the neighbors have been very friendly and have welcomed her into the neighborhood.

Deacon Don Burt introduced us to the BOHO warming center for the homeless. Parishioners have supplied over 120 blankets, many socks, fruit and breakfast bars for our guests. There is a team of dedicated people who assist with the preparation every Monday evening and Tuesday morning. There are five other Churches participating as warming centers. We are thankful to Boulder Cleaners for laundering the blankets at \$1 per blanket with pick-up and delivery service. Anyone may volunteer to assist with the Monday evening or Tuesday morning activity.

The Murielle Sibell Wolle Art Gallery has presented shows by parishioners – Carlen Penfold and Gwen Bowers, Photographs of the Navajo People, and four by the students from the Art Department at CU – Love of Wisdom, Memory, Reflections I and Reflections II.

We have had two Parent’s Night Out for young families and their friends. This was a trial, and the response from both the families and children has been very encouraging. We plan to have more in 2011.

As I reviewed the year, there came the realization that we are blessed in so many ways. We have shared these blessings with our faith community, CU, Boulder and the World.

Junior Warden

Matt Clark

I would like to thank everyone who contributed time, effort and money to improve the church campus and facilities. St. Aidan's mission is: *Worshipping Christ and shining His light to the University of Colorado, Boulder, and the world.* The congregation addressed the mission by maintaining and improving St. Aidan's campus and facilities.

I am grateful for the help and assistance of the church staff: Mother Mary Kate Réjouis, Mother Kay Cook and Amanda Nuku. They managed and assisted with repairs, contracts, custodial concerns and basically kept the facilities operational. As a volunteer groundskeeper and facilities manager, Bill Sweeney was instrumental in both campus improvements and facilities maintenance and upgrades, especially keeping the HVAC system and plumbing running properly. Through everyone's hard work we are continuing to maintain our buildings and grounds well and we have very few significant items of deferred maintenance.

The most visible project from 2010 was the construction of the labyrinth on Lindesfarne Green, with a huge number of volunteers turning out on multiple winter weekends to help Jacob Wolniewicz with his Eagle Scout project. We moved over 30 tons of soil, painstakingly placed over 20 tons of rock and laid down hundreds of pounds of grass seed. The completed labyrinth stands now as a testament to all the hard work of Jacob and the many volunteers - there are too many to list in this space. Thank you to everyone who helped - we now have a beautiful outdoor worship space.

We also had significant work done to the roof of the church building, with new roofing material

and water control systems allowing us to maintain much better drainage on the flat roof above the fireplace lounge and offices of the church. There were some repairs to the sidewalk and driveway at 2419 Colorado and repairs to our parking lot where there was water damage to the pavement. We also removed the asbestos tile from the meeting rooms and replaced it with new red tile.

We had a number of successful workdays, with lots of cleaning (indoors and out) and many small projects taken care of. With the assistance of all the members of the church we have made great progress in organizing and cleaning our facilities.

The 2419 Demolition Committee has made great progress in the process of removing the building at 2419 - we are in the process now of obtaining the permit for demolition. I would like to thank everyone who serves on that committee especially, as an incredible amount of work went into the research for the application to demolish and we have made great progress!

Although it is owned by Canterbury Colorado, St. Aidan's is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of 2700 University Heights, where M. Mary Kate and Jean-Hilaire live. When they moved in this summer, significant work was done to update the electrical infrastructure and the kitchen and bathrooms.

With everyone's help the church and the grounds are continuing to improve. A special thanks to all those who helped with the parish work days!

Clerk's Report

Karen DeSousa

The St. Aidan's vestry met in 13 regular meeting last year, including a dinner at the rectory in October. Vestry activity summaries have been published regularly in the Aidan Comfort and are online at www.saintaidans.org/vestryindex.html The mission and vision of our work together are:

MISSION: Worshipping Christ and shining His light to the University of Colorado, Boulder, and the World.

VISION: By the 2017, St. Aidan's will become a "beacon" to the University of Colorado, Boulder, and the world, a presence marked by activity seemingly all day and all night: lights always on and doors always open. St. Aidan's would appear to be a place of "blessed chaos": many concurrent ministries of outreach, service, conversation, fellowship and learning, surrounding and supported by a core of Eucharistically-centered worship, pastoring and prayer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of serving you as clerk.

Priest Associate Report

The Rev. Dr. Kay K. Cook

Adult Christian Formation classes in 2010 met between our two Sunday Services. With an average attendance of around 10-15 people, we explored a variety of topics that examine how our lives are defined as Christians. Our sessions are grounded in scripture, which is the starting

point for all our presentations and discussions. Classes are led both by clergy and by lay people. Below is an outline of 2010 series.

Winter & Spring 2010

- January 2010: “Carnal Lusts,” led by Carol Rasmussen (based on the prayer in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer): “... being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- February: From “Carnal Lusts” to Being One in the Body of God
- March: Agony in the Garden: From Suffering to Acceptance, led by the Rev. Kay Cook
- April: Straight Talk About the Church: A Series of Reflection on M. Mary Kate Réjouis’ Sermons During Lent, led by M. Mary Kate

Fall 2010: “Living with Sacred Purpose”

- September:
 - Blessings: of people, things, and animals, Led by M. Kay Cook
 - Putting the Testament in Your Last Will & Testament, Led by M. Kay Cook
- October: Mental Illness Awareness Month, led by Sheryl Bain
- November: Being a Christian in the 21st Century, led by the Rev. Don Burt
- Advent 2010: Images of Christianity Throughout the Ages:
 - The Annunciation, led by Doug Burger
 - The Nativity, led by Doug Burger
 - Madonna & Child, led by The Rev. Kay Cook
 - Doubting Thomas, led by The Rev. Mary Kate Réjouis

Lenten Soup Suppers 2010: Four Tuesdays in Lent focused on Christian Compassion and Christian Service.

- Christian Compassion, The Homeless, and St. Aidan’s, led by the Rev. Don Burt
- “Give Me Chocolate”: Christian Compassion and the Dignity of the Poor, led by the Rev. Kay Cook
- Christian Service: Mission to the Dominican Republic, led by Anne Doyle and Courtney Chapman
- Christian Compassion, Mental Illness, and the Saint Aidan's Community, Led by Jennifer Carr

Christos Lectures in 2010 were offered on campus 2-3 times a semester and included:

Deacon Report	The Rev. Deacon Don V. Burt
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A deacon is charged with two distinct roles in the Episcopal Church. One is to assist in worship and the sacraments, participating as a clergy representative in the life and worship of the parish. The second is to share in Christ's service by making his redemptive life know by word and example, interpreting to the church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world, and showing that serving the helpless is service to Christ himself. This report represents an assessment of my efforts to serve St. Aidan's in both of these ways.

Assisting in the Sacraments

In my liturgical role as clergy, it has been my delight to have participated in at least three services on most weeks, many of the special parish services, such as holy week and red letter days, and about half of the time have done so in the role assigned to a deacon by the rubrics. I also attend most of the Vestry meetings, liturgy meetings, and staff meetings of St. Aidan's.

Beyond St. Aidan's, I represent both you and myself in participating in the annual Deaconal Retreat, the Bishop's Day with the Deacons, the Diocesan Convention, the Chrismal Mass, quarterly Clericus meetings, biweekly Clergy Wellness meetings, and other events of the Diocese.

Sharing in Christ's Service

As convener and adviser to the Mission Support team, formerly the Outreach Committee, I have participated with those faithful representatives in the disbursement of outreach funds for 2010. I have a goal, as we enter 2011, of encouraging Mission Support to be more directly engaged in the outreach activities of the parish, especially in providing coordination, publicity, and recruitment for the outreach efforts of our parishioners. It is also my goal to encourage a progression from a passive contribution of funds to more participation in events, and ultimately, modeling the love of Christ, into relationships with those we serve. I see evidence that many of you share that goal, and I want you to know that you are a blessing to me.

I have had oversight responsibility for the Lay Eucharistic Visitors, including training sessions last year, and scheduling and coordination, with the gracious help of Barbara Williams over much of 2010. I offer a special thank you to those of you who quietly and regularly carry out this loving ministry.

I have participated as my work schedule permits in Canterbury activities, including most of the Sunday evening dinners, the great Halloween "trick or treat for non-perishables", and the work day at Cathedral Ridge. It has been great to be able to share these times with our group of exceptional Canterbury students.

Finally, I am delighted to be your coordinator for the BOHO outreach this year. For about four months now we have been hosting an average of initially sixty, but now nearly 100 people, for twelve hours every Monday night. This is neither an invisible nor a trouble free ministry. It usually requires 8 to 12 volunteers to support each day of warming center operation, and there have been costs, both monetary and in terms of stress. But to this point all the problems have been relatively minor, and the blessings have been great. We have offered those with no other refuge from the cold our hospitality, along with morning snacks, OTC medications, supplies for foot care, warm socks, a night of entertainment with The Drifters Band, Ecclesia worship services in the mornings at 6:30, and always a handful of caring parishioners to engage with them. And it is my experience that they have been a blessing to our parish, affirming that the most precious thing in the world is love, which grows all the greater when given away. Thanks be to God.

Ministry Reports

Altar Guild—Sidney Goodwin

Serving the Lord by preparing the Altar, Sanctuary, elements, linens and vestments for all worship services.

The Altar Guild will continue to provide elements, candles, as well as, care of the linens, silver/brass and vestments for all worship services. One of our major goals for 2011 is to increase membership.

Being an Altar Guild member brings a spiritual joy of knowing that you are serving God by learning and participating in the care and setting of the Lord's table. We are hopeful to attract new members in 2011. Perhaps a church Ministry Fair, as has been held in the past, could help us to share opportunities in the Altar Guild to members of the congregation. We will also be available after services on Sundays to talk to people who might be interested in more information about our mission. We will also continue to encourage current members to follow up with parishioners who may have expressed an interest in joining.

Who are the people in this ministry: Diane Arnold, Gillian Brown, Jennie Carr, Anne Doyle, Harriet Fluent, Sidney Goodwin, Carol Kent, Mollie Lee, Nicholas Lee, Peggy Lewis, Michelle Niemann, and Carlen Penfold.

Pastoral Care—M. Kay Cook

Chair, Louise Alderson.

Members: Virginia Patterson, Cathy Miller, Carlen Penfold, Molly Lee

The Pastoral Care Committee met monthly in 2010 to review pastoral care needs among our older parishioners, especially those who are unable to attend services. The committee also organized a Memorial Day Sunday that brought our shut-ins to St. Aidan's. We advertised the event in local retirement communities and nursing homes and offered taxi services for those without a way to get to St. Aidan's.

Because of professional commitments, Louise Alderson resigned as chair in fall 2010. We thank her for her generous service, guidance, and support as she led this committee in keeping up to date with our shut-ins and organizing events and programs, such as our series of talks on The Greatest Generation, the World War II memories of parishioners and Boulderites, an invaluable resource for all of us.

As we seek to extend our understanding of pastoral care as a parish wide ministry, the pastoral care committee no longer schedules meetings.

Music and Choir Report—Connie Branton

The choir of St. Aidan's has grown in number in the past year. We have welcomed several new members and some returning members into our ministry. The choir has continued to provide a varied repertoire of music for the 10:15 a.m. service including ethnic music from many countries in many languages, as well as traditional music. The choir performed two larger works during the year, Schubert's "Mass in G" and Vivaldi's "Magnificat", both by accompanied by small orchestras of CU students. Children of the church sang several times and summer music offerings were made by many singers in the choir. Summer Pickup Choir has been successful and is planned to continue in summer 2011.

Thanks to the dedicated members of St. Aidan's choir who provide music week after week. Thank you to Mother Mary Kate, Sara Parkinson, the staff of St. Aidan's, and the congregation for their continued support for the music ministry.

Men's Group—Jim Paine

The Men's Group meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month, in the Parish Hall, from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, for Christian fellowship and Bible study over breakfast (which is provided). It is lay-led but clergy are occasionally in attendance. Men of all ages (including students) are welcome, as are guests from outside the parish. Bible study focuses on discussion of the lectionary readings for that Sunday's service. Attendance ranges from 5 to 10 members. For more information contact Jim Paine (303-883-5496), or send Jim you email address to receive meeting announcements (jamespaine@att.net).

Wednesday Book Discussion Group—Jim Paine

The St. Aidan's Book Discussion Group meets to informally discuss Christian-themed works, or to discuss works from a Christian perspective. The group meets Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the St. Aidan's Fireplace Library Lounge. All are welcome and one does not need to be a member of St. Aidan's to participate. (Currently, one-third of our members are from outside the congregation). Although we do not restrict ourselves, we have in recent times read and discussed mostly works of fiction, with considerable breadth, including Turgenev's *Fathers and Sons*, the poems and plays of T.S. Eliot, Chekhov's short stories, Hamlet, Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, the stories of Flannery O'Connor, *Don Quixote*, and Dostoevsky's *Brothers Karamazov*. We number among our members more than one retired professor, but many of our members are not schooled in literature, so no one need feel intimidated, and one is invited to participate in one book and not another. Attendance is generally from 8 to 12 members. Nicholas Lee leads the group, with communications assistance from Jim Paine, and one can see either for information, or email to jamespaine@att.net to receive email announcements. Updated information can also be found at www.calendarwiz.com/saintaidans for the Wednesday date and time. (Group does not meet over the summer).

Sunday School—Gillian Brown

We have had a good year with Sunday School. The number of children is growing with up to ten children, most attending regularly. We have a new Episcopal on-line curriculum called “Weaving God’s Promises” which seems to be working well. We also have several new teachers, three of which are mothers of the children. Three of our teenagers have been paid to assist with Sunday School. The children have sung in church several times over the year under the leadership of Connie Branton, and the Christmas pageant was enjoyed by all.

As always, success in this ministry comes from God not us. We plant the seeds, faithfully offer the best programs available and turn the results over to God. We would pray that the Sunday school lessons of today lead to fulfilling lives in Christ in the future.

Regular Teachers:

Gillian Brown, Karen De Sousa, Michelle Niemann, Stephanie Sokolov, Mindy Zarske,

Occasional teachers:

Carol Rasmussen, Kandace Einbeck, Gail Trenberth.

Regular helpers:

Gail Trenberth, Dan Sokolov, Betsy Noecker, Lindy Noecker, Katie Zak.

Hospitality—Gillian Brown

Hospitality is an on-going ministry which encompasses everyone. The vision is to shine the light of Christ on everyone who walks through the door of St. Aidan’s. This is done every Sunday by welcoming people with coffee and snacks after the morning services in an attractive setting. It is also done for special occasions with larger receptions. This year we seem to have had an exceptional number of funeral receptions.

The success of the ministry is seen by the number of people participating, and the growth of community in both numbers and proximity. It seems that the Sunday coffee hours keep on growing in both length of time and the number of people participating. Eating together goes hand in hand with worshipping together to build a strong and vibrant Christian community. It is also an aid in communicating with one another.

This is a ministry that involves EVERYONE. It can be as simple as bringing a box of doughnuts to church, or as complicated as organizing a meal for a hundred people. There are endless opportunities to help. Suggestions are to unload the dishwasher when full, sign up for the Sunday coffee hours, tidy and clean the kitchen as needed, help prepare food for a reception, move tables and chairs when required, wash the contents of the dirty linen basket in the kitchen, offer to bring food to the church, and invite people to sit down and eat with you.

There are far too many people involved in hospitality to mention individually. However, I would like to give a special mention to Karen De Sousa who stepped in when I was sick, Bill Sweeney who always gave unstinting help when needed, and Sheryl Bain and Cathy Miller who have taken much of the responsibility for the 8 a.m. Sunday coffee hours.

Natterers—Gillian Brown

Natterers is a group of women (not that men would not be welcome) who do handwork and socialize. The vision of this group has evolved from being mainly social to supporting those in the parish with gifts of love – making prayer quilts for the sick, baby quilts for the newborn, baptismal wall hangings for the newly baptized and sewn gifts for use at the altar. Prayer quilts are quilts which are tied together; each person who ties a knot says a prayer for the sick person. The blanket can then be wrapped around that person so that they are literally surrounded by prayer. Outside of the parish, sweaters have been knitted for children in need and hats for newborn babies.

We have met on Tuesday mornings throughout the year and completed more projects than can be enumerated here. Diane Perry has graciously offered her home and hospitality for many of those Tuesday mornings. We have also occasionally met on Saturday mornings at the church.

Ushers—Walt Lewis

Ushers greet and welcome the congregation and are available to assist with any problems that might arise. During the service they carry forward the elements and collect the offering. At the Eucharist they release the pews and assist the people to the altar rail. After the service they count and record the offering, record attendance, straighten the pews, turn out the lights and lock the doors.

Our faithful and regular ushers are Edgar Smith, Rudy Joenk, Don Pierce, Ellie and Harry Poehlmann, Dick and Donna Meckley, Walt and Peggy Lewis, John Moore, Buck Frye, Girdo Baker, Heather Corsentino, Joe and Karen DeSousa, Sam Maphis, Craig and Lisa Autry and Sidney Goodwin.

We could use additional ushers to more fully cover some services and to provide subs as needed.

Worship (LEMs, Lectors, Acolytes, Vergers)—Greta Frohbieter

This ministry offers the direct participation of lay people, including children and youth, alongside the clergy in our liturgies. We strive to have lay people serving in several different roles at each service, and in special roles such as thurifer, banner bearer, etc. for special Holy Days. We are doing our jobs well when you experience a liturgy that is flowing smoothly with a focus on Christ and the Holy Eucharist.

Lectors read scriptures and prayers; Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) serve the chalice and most also serve as lectors. Acolytes carry the cross, torches, and other worship implements, and assist the celebrant at the altar. Vergers coordinate and lead our larger liturgies, including our regular 10:15 Sunday service and other special services.

New members in any of these ministries are always joyfully welcomed! Children and youth age 7 and up are especially encouraged to join the acolyte ranks. Lectors can be high-school age or above, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers, who serve the chalice, must be at least 16 years of age. Those with experience in other worship ministries can train as Vergers. Training can be arranged according to your schedule and conducted at St. Aidan's.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these roles, please contact Greta Frohbieter: gretajill@comcast.net or 303-494-6874.

Thanks to all those who served in Worship ministries in 2010:

Acolytes: Diane Arnold, Jennie Carr, Ian Fraser, Sonia Fraser, Chris Miller, Betsy Noecker, Lindy Noecker, Walker Prieb, Michael Sibley, Anna Sophia Wolniewicz, Linnea Wolniewicz, Katie Zak.

Lectors: Sheryl Bain, Kandace Einbeck, Bronwyn Fraser, Ian Fraser, Cathy Miller, Betsy Noecker, Lindy Noecker, Walker Prieb, Carol Rasmussen, Rebecca Riedeman, Bill Sweeney, Dorian Wilson.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: John Alderson, Harvey Burkett, Jennie Carr, Matt Clark, Elin Deeb, Joe DeSousa, Anne Doyle, Heidi Huff, Cheryl Johannan, Bill Kaempfer, Nicholas Lee, Jim Paine, Grace Pierce, Rob Sibley, Courtney Chapman. (Most LEMs are also lectors, and several serve as acolytes.)

Vergers: Harvey Burkett, Jennie Carr, Greta Frohbieter, Jim Paine.

Sound Ministry—Charley Noecker

The sound ministry aims to make it easy to hear during church services, and makes recordings for the benefit of those who can't attend. Our volunteers are Cameron Trussell, Chris Wilderman, Diane Perry, Bill Perry Jr, and sometimes Jacob Wolniewicz. Each week, one of them manages the mixer board and the digital recorder during the 10:15am service. Peg Harper helps from home by managing the schedule and sending reminders. We thank them all for their devotion to this important ministry, particularly Bill Perry Jr, who has learned to help with all phases of it. If you'd like to help, particularly if you notice you have difficulty hearing parts of the 8am or 5pm services, contact me at 303-443-0251 or sound@saintaidans.org.

The Endowment Fund—John Alderson, Chairperson

The mission of the Endowment Fund Committee is to manage and grow the St. Aidan's Endowment Fund in a prudent and responsible manner. We met several times during 2010 both in person and by email and the members contributed many hours to the cause outside of the meetings.

Members of the 2010 committee were John Alderson, Chairperson; Phil Zak, Treasurer; Grace Pierce; Gene Shaw, Vice-chairperson; and Bill Kaempfer. All were active participants during the year. Phil Zak did a great job of managing and tracking our Endowment Fund assets and working with the parish Treasurer to incorporate the Endowment Fund financials into the parish financials.

We had a very successful year in 2010, accomplishing all of our goals, which were to:

- Control and maximize the return on our investments
- Responsibly manage the fund
- Incorporate the Endowment Fund assets into the parish financial reports

Our investments did well in 2010; we returned \$9,704 to the Vestry in 2010 as the 3 year rolling average distribution of 2007-2009 earnings, and expect to have approximately \$17,222 in 2008-2010 earnings available for distribution to the parish in the first quarter of 2011. The Endowment Fund is mandated to distribute realized income and interest earned by the Fund investments to the parish Vestry on an annual basis, provided the Vestry requests the money. In 2010, we were asked by the parish Treasurer to distribute the monies directly from the Endowment Fund checking account to ministries as directed by the Vestry, and we complied. We also increased the loan to the parish by \$40,000 and changed the loan terms to help alleviate a parish cash flow problem in 4Q 2010. Our external Fund Manager, Merrill Lynch, is exceeding our expectations of return on our investments.

The Endowment Fund Committee and Finance Committee will continue to work together to ensure that all of St. Aidan's investments are safe, properly invested, and accurately managed. Four Endowment Fund Committee members are appointed by the Vestry, with one member either replaced or renewed each year to serve a four year term. The current Sr. Warden is automatically a member of the Committee. The Chairman and Treasurer of the Endowment Fund Committee also serve on the Finance Committee.

The Aidan Legacy has 30 members and room for more. Just ask any member of the Endowment Fund Committee about how to join.

Our goals for 2011 are the same as those for 2010, with the addition of looking at ways to grow the fund.

Minutes of February 21, 2010 Annual Meeting

Mother Mary Kate Réjouis called the sixty-second annual meeting St. Aidan's Episcopal Church to order at 11:05 AM and quipped that the meeting might last longer than sixty seconds, but that she hoped to keep it short. The agenda was reviewed and a quorum was declared to be present.

Six people were attending their first annual meeting and two people were attending their sixty second annual meeting. Mother Mary Kate introduced the vestry and thanked them for their year of diligent service. She also introduced the parish's members of Board of Stewards.

- Mother Mary Kate introduced the staff:
- Mother Kay Cook, Priest Associate;
- Deacon Don Burt;
- Amanda Nuku, Parish Administrator;
- Connie Branton, Music;
- Sara Parkinson, Organ and Piano;
- Courtney Chapman, Peer minister;
- Mike Sharpe, Canterbury Administrator; and

- The members of the nursery staff.

Mother Mary Kate thanked the cooks for the annual meeting luncheon: Gillian Brown, Sidney Goodwin, Karen DeSousa, Diane Arnold, Kathleen Harrach, Brenda Croce, Bill Sweeney, and Mollie Lee.

Annual Reports were distributed and Mother Mary Kate reviewed the parochial attendance numbers. In lieu of ministry reports in the Annual Report, Mother Mary Kate asked for the leaders or representatives of the following parish ministries to briefly describe their ministries and recognize their members:

- Adult Christian Formation—Kay Cook
- Altar Guild—Sidney Goodwin (spoken by Mother Mary Kate Réjouis)
- Art, History, Memorials, Columbarium—Grace Pierce
- Buildings and Grounds—Bill Sweeney
- Canterbury (dinners and Board of Stewards)—Amy Paine
- Canterbury Music Team—Courtney Chapman
- Choir—Connie Branton
- Daily Parking – Joe DeSousa
- Endowment Committee--John Alderson
- Faith Alive Follow Up—Anne Doyle
- Finance Committee—Bill Sweeney
- Football Parking – Bal Patterson
- Fruitcake Bake—Grace Pierce
- Healing Ministry (including Healing Eucharist) – Mother Kay Cook
- Hospitality—Gillian Brown
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors—Barb Williams
- Liturgy Support (Daily Office, Sunday morning Liturgy Ministries)—Greta Frobieter
- Men's Breakfast and Bible Study—Jim Paine
- Mission Support—Deacon Don Burt (including African Team Ministries, Sister Carmen Center, Colorado Haiti Project, and other outreach projects and missions)
- Natterers and Quilters—Karen DeSousa
- NavajoLand Mission – Carol Rasmussen
- Parish Workdays – Matt Clark
- Pastoral Care—Louise Alderson
- Prayer Chain—Mollie Lee
- Sound System—Charley Noecker
- Sunday School—Gillian Brown
- Ushers—Walt Lewis (introduced as the new Usher Wrangler)
- Wednesday Bible Study—Gillian Brown
- Wednesday Book Group—Nicolas Lee
- Wednesday Morning Toast Players – Mother Kay Cook
- Worship Committee – Greta Frobieter

Anne Doyle reported on the recent Faith Alive weekend and the work of the follow-up committee. The committee has recommended several initiatives for this year, and sign-up sheets were available at the meeting:

- A book group to begin with a reading of *The Shack*
- A picnic or barbeque for the Fourth of July
- An open mike Christian music coffee house evening on Friday, April 9
- Small groups
- An Introduction to the Eucharist course to be taught by Mother Mary Kate
- A sharing our journeys group
- A consideration of offering an open soup service to the community
- An outreach activity, perhaps with Attention Homes

Mother Mary Kate asked for nominations for vestry members, there being four positions available. Keith Murdock, Grace Pierce, Stephanie Sokolov, and Barbara Williams were duly nominated to serve on the vestry. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Keith Murdock, Grace Pierce, Stephanie Sokolov, and Barbara Williams shall be and hereby are elected to serve as members of the vestry

Mother Mary Kate nominated Grace Pierce to serve as Senior Warden and Matt Clark was nominated to serve as Junior Warden. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Grace Pierce shall be and hereby is elected to serve as Senior Warden and that Matt Clark shall be and hereby is elected to serve as Junior Warden.

Mother Mary Kate asked for nominations for delegates and alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Courtney Chapman, Robert Pomeroy, Barbara Williams, Dowell Williams, Karen DeSousa, Nicholas Lee, and Bill Sweeney were duly nominated. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Courtney Chapman, Robert Pomeroy, Barbara Williams, Dowell Williams, Karen DeSousa, Nicholas Lee, and Bill Sweeney shall be and hereby are elected serve as Diocesan Convention delegates and alternate delegates, as the Rector shall determine.

Mother Mary Kate asked the prior wardens in attendance, Bill Kaempfer, Dick Meckley, Bal Patterson, Virginia Patterson, and Karen DeSousa, to stand and asked them to support Grace Pierce in her role as Senior Warden with their wisdom and experience.

Reynolds Crawford presented the 2009 financial reports which had been approved by the vestry and the 2010 budget which had been adopted by the vestry. Summary information was available in the Annual report and detailed information was available in hard copies and from the website. Mother Mary Kate asked to congregation to adopt by acclamation a memorial that they agreed with the 2010 budget and the memorial was adopted unanimously.

Mother Mary Kate acknowledged the vestry members whose terms had ended with gifts of icon paintings and with these kind words: Carol Rasmussen thanked for her faith and the inspiring love and knowledge of Paul's epistles that she brings to our life; Sue Sassano for her loyal service; and Bill Sweeney for his knowledge and wisdom.

Mother Mary Kate then thanked Karen DeSousa at length for her service as senior warden, and for her prayers, her faith-filled performance of her office, her joy, and said that she would remember especially their greeting of students at UMC on behalf of Canterbury and Karen's tireless, energetic outreach to seemingly everyone who passed by. The congregation thanked Karen with a standing ovation and Mother Mary Kate presented her with an icon painting.

Mother Mary Kate then announced an award for outstanding lay leadership to Gillian Brown, citing her more than 20 years of Sunday School teaching, her leadership of the Wednesday bible study, and her leadership of the hospitality function (including the organization of the wedding reception for Mother Mary Kate and Jean Hilaire). Gillian received a standing ovation and a gift.

Mother Mary Kate asked Connie Branton to lead us in the singing of the Doxology

Mother Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Amy Paine

Amy Paine and Donna Colville assumed the treasury responsibilities in November 2010. Donna will oversee the accounting and bookkeeping and has the title of assistant treasurer. Amy is responsible for reporting and financial planning and has the title of treasurer. Karen DeSousa also is appointed assistant treasurer to assist with deposits and check signing.

It is our belief that the overall finances of St. Aidan's are sound. In 2010 St. Aidan's ran short of cash and borrowed from the endowment to meet its cash needs. It is important to note that this was a bookkeeping issue.

We are in the process of learning the appropriate accounting policies and how transactions should be recorded. Our intention is to switch from using Shelby as the accounting system to using Quickbooks. Shelby will be retained to track revenue and pledges.

The deficit for 2010 was \$19,272 exclusive of \$16,994 owed the Diocese and Front Range for the unpaid portion of St. Aidan's 2010 pledge. Restated the deficit would be \$36,267. The projected deficit for 2011 is \$35,636 but includes paying the \$16,994 pledge owed the diocese for 2010 – restated it would be \$18,642. The primary reasons for the improvement in 2011 is the increase in revenue from pledges, increased endowment income and the restructure of the endowment loan.

No increases in expenses are planned - no staff member will receive an increase in 2011.

Financial Reports

Explanatory Notes for Financials and Budget

This report includes the 2010 Year End Balance Sheet, the 2010 Special Columnar Income and Expense Statement and the 2011 Budget.

Please note that the deficit for 2010 includes \$15,750 paid to the Endowment Fund (also a fund of St. Aidan's) for principal and interest.

Detailed copies of the year-end financials are available in print in the Church Office, or on line at:

- <http://www.saintaidans.org/vestryonlydocs/2010FinancialswithBudget.pdf> for Income and Expense with budget, segregated by category of Worship, CU, Boulder and World.
- <http://www.saintaidans.org/vestryonlydocs/2010IncomeExpenseDetail.pdf> for Income and Expense according to our Mission Statement (Worship, CU, Boulder and World), without 2010 budget.

The categories of Worship, CU, Boulder and World, used 2008-1010 in our budgeting, have been changed for the 2011 budget and now appear as Worship, CU, Outreach and Designated or Other on the detailed budget (not included in this report). The detailed 2011 Budget can be found at:

- <http://www.saintaidans.org/vestryonlydocs/2011Budget.pdf>

Endowment Disbursements

In 2010, \$9,704 was available for distribution from the Endowment Fund. It was distributed as follows, with recommendations made by the Mission Support Committee to the Vestry:

Joycare Infant and Toddler Daycare	\$2,000
St. Benedict Ministry for Health and Healing	\$1,300
Attention Homes for at-risk youth	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000
Echo House (Church World United)	\$ 25
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$ 850
Kenyan Childrens Fund	\$ 850
Canterbury Colorado Episcopal Campus Ministry	\$2,679

The Finance Committee meets regularly and works to coordinate the finances of the parish, the Endowment Committee and Canterbury Colorado, which is a separate organization in name but is integrated into St. Aidan's for finances and ministry. We are in need of a Chairperson to coordinate the Finance Committee who is not one of the currently serving treasurers.

Membership in 2010 included the Rector, Amy Paine, Donna Colville, Grace Pierce, John Alderson, Bill Kaempfer, Dick Meckley, Bill Sweeney, and Phil Zak.