

**St Peter's Church, Baylham**

**Annual Report  
and  
Financial statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2017

Priest in Charge:  
Revd Jenny Seggar  
Assistant Curate:  
Reverend Julian Fennell

Bank:  
Barclays Bank plc.  
Market Place  
Stowmarket

Independent Examiner:  
Mrs J. Dyes  
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Baylham  
Ipswich

## St Peter's Church - Annual Report for 2017

### Aims and Objectives

St Peter's PCC works with the Priest-in-Charge in maintaining regular worship and a Christian presence in the parish and in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for maintaining the church fabric and churchyard.

### Membership

During the year the following served on the PCC

*Priest in Charge & Chairman:*     Revd Jenny Seggar

*Assistant Curate:*                 Revd Julian Fennell

*Church Warden*                     Miss Hilary M Ritchie  
Vacant

*Representative on  
the Deanery Synod:*                 vacant

<i>Elected Members</i>	Miss Beryl Emsden	<i>Secretary</i>
	Mrs Susan Richards	<i>Treasurer</i>
	Mrs Vivien Wilson	<i>Vice Chair</i>
	+ 5 vacancies	

*Lay Elder*                             vacant

### Review of the year

Our thanks are given to the Revd Robin Excell, for taking services when our Priest in Charge or Assistant Curate were unavailable and for his support during the year.

After over three and half years with us Revd Julian Fennell left to take up a post at the Ipswich South West Benefice. We thanked him for all his work with us and wished him success in his future ministry.

Unfortunately, the attendances at our normal services has slightly dropped this year, but the numbers for the all the special services have risen.

The work to install the kitchen and toilet restarted in June and is just about complete.

The PCC has not been able to carry out any fundraising events this year, due to the on-going work in the Church.

The Village Web-site <http://baylham.onesuffolk.net/> was taken down last year as Suffolk County Council had transferred the running of the OneSuffolk site to Community Action Suffolk and the hosting of the service would no longer

be free of charge. The Village Hall, PCC and Friends of the St Peter's Church Committee all agreed to pay a third of the fee of £30 plus VAT.

**Electoral Roll** The Electoral Roll is 28.

**Quota** We paid £4700 towards the Group Quota this year.

### **Church attendance and services**

We hold two regular monthly services and the present pattern of services are  
- Holy Communion at 10am on the third Sunday of the month and Evening Song the first Sunday of the month at 18.00.

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 175 over 17 services giving an average attendance of 10.29.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

5 Oct Harvest Festival – 18

9 Nov Remembrance Service - 10

14 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 54

24 Dec Crib Service - 41

There was also 1 wedding, 3 baptisms, 1 memorial service, 1 burial (no service) and 1 burial of ashes, (no service).

The Ministry Team continued with a monthly service at Baylham Care Centre for its residents.

### **PCC Meetings**

The PCC met five times during the year.

Miss Emsden were re-elected as Secretary, Mrs Richards was elected as Treasurer and the remaining PCC member were re-elected at the APCM. Miss Hilary M Ritchie was re-elected as Churchwarden, in the absence of any other volunteers.

**Charitable giving** from the church comprised:

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust £15.

Harvest Festival produce given to FIND.

Remembrance Sunday of £54 given to the British Legion.

Bosmere Deanery £20

### **Churchyard Work**

- There is only one space left for burials in the Northern side of the churchyard. After investigation, it was decided to recommence burials on the southside of the church away from existing memorials.

- We again engaged the services of the Community Payback, Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust to cut the grass this year, there was no charge this year for this.
- Our thanks are given to Mrs Wilson for cutting the paths and carpark throughout the year.
- Thanks especially given to Alan Seager for looking after the War Grave, (the War Graves Commission gives the PCC £10p.a. for maintaining the grave).

## Church Fabric

- Quinquennial Report. PRIORITY 'A' items completed:
  - Electricity overhead mains bracket renewal
  - Decorate and gild the weathervane.
  - South transept ironmongery reordering (using like parts from the bolts). Completed by Heronbuild new lock and keys
  - Clean condensation mould from glass using mild detergent. North Transept windows and some Nave windows completed.
- Kitchen and Toilet –
  - The PCC managed to secure funds from grants, donations and fundraising projects:
 

▪ Asda	£50
▪ Alfred Williams	£5,500
▪ Allchurches Trust	£1,500
▪ Foyle Foundation	£5,000
▪ Friends of Baylham Church	£20,000
▪ Ganzoni Trust	£2,000
▪ Garfield Weston	£7,500
▪ National Churches Trust	£5,000
▪ Mid Suffolk District Council	£500
▪ Suffolk Historic Churches	£3,000
▪ Viridor	£23,122
▪ Fundraising	£935
▪ Donations	£250

After the discovery of the crypt under the north Transept the Architect prepared new drawings to reverse the original drawings and putting the toilet on the west and the kitchenette on the east on a raised platform above the burial 'ovens'.

The work finally restarted in June and is complete apart from the outside drains and some 'snagging' work.

The church remained locked during the year, but was opened for Christmas.

## Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

In September, the Church was open for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride. Adrian Foley once again this year rode for the church this year and he raised over £600, half of which is given to the church. Many thanks Adrian.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to carry out any fundraising activities in the church this year, but we did once again attend the Bramford Summer Fete and supplied a cake stall, raising £210.75

### **Friends of Baylham Church**

The PCC is grateful for their continued support and successful fundraising events. The events organised by the Friends are usually well attended. The Churchwarden was invited to join the Friends Committee as a representative of the PCC.

### **Cleaning and flowers**

Mrs Sue Richards is organising the cleaning and flower arranging rota. We thank all those who are kind enough to help with the flowers and cleaning.

Lastly we thank Jan Dyes for examining our annual report and financial statement.

Revd J M Seggar (Chair)

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