

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2007

Priest in Charge:
Rev Canon Roger Dedman

Bank:
Barclays Bank plc.
Market Place
Stowmarket

Independent Examiner:
Mrs J. Dyes
East Farthing, Upper Street
Baylham
Ipswich

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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: Rev Canon Roger Dedman

Church Warden Bill Webb

*Representative on
the Deanery Synod:* vacant

Elected Members: Mr Derek Beaumont
Miss Beryl Emsden *Secretary*
Miss Jill Grosvenor
Mrs Wendy Lindley *Treasurer*
Mrs Elsie Scopes

Lay Elder Miss Jill Grosvenor

Review of the year

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is now 28 people.

Two members on the Roll live outside the Parish.

Church attendance and services

The regular pattern of weekly services was adjusted with the 8 a.m. Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday being deleted through lack of attendance. Thus Rev Canon Roger Dedman took the Eucharistic service on the 4th Sunday. Mr Richard Miller, a Reader from Stowmarket, and our Lay Elder, Miss Jill Grosvenor led a Morning Prayer service covering the remaining two Sundays of each month.

On Several Sundays there was no congregation!

However, with the resignation of the Lay Elder in November and the lack of a congregation for the Reader from Stowmarket in November Canon Dedman wrote to the members of the Electoral Roll informing them that, with immediate effect, there would be only one service a month viz. Holy Communion at 11 a.m. on the 4th Sunday, with the exception in December of the Carol Service on 16th.

In 2006 asbestos was discovered in the organ blower box. The box was immediately sealed and arrangements were put in hand for its suitable disposal. The effect was that the organ could not be played. Mark Bailey kindly lent us a keyboard. We have been grateful to Mrs. Sylvia Webb for playing for our services when she has been available.

In September we received a report, from the asbestos removal contractor, on the whole of the church and the decision was taken that the church had to be closed. Services were held in the Village Hall in November and December. We are grateful to the Village Hall Committee for only charging us for the electricity we used.

The Diocese arranged for an Independent Examiner to visit the church. His report was received in December, that there is no asbestos to be concerned about in the church and issued a certificate to this effect. The significance was to be discussed at a joint meeting of the PCC and the Friends of Baylham Church on January 9th 2008.

In November the Church Warden resigned on health grounds. This means that there is now no Church Warden and the Archdeacon has to step in. He has called a Public Meeting on Tuesday March 4th to discuss “the viability of your Parish and Church as an independent unit”

The PCC met five times during the year.

The remaining 5 existing PCC members were re-elected. It was decided by the Annual Parish Church Meeting to opt for electing 8 members annually to the PCC when new regulations came into effect in 2005.

Our Church Elder and Warden continued to meet with other Church Wardens from the group (Bramford, Little Blakenham and Nettlestead) but not in November. In this way we keep informed, share ideas and plan services.

Health & Safety Issues: Nil of note.

Charitable giving from the church comprised £15 to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, £5 Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Churchyard Work

Church Fabric

A wire guard has been fixed to the outside of the East Window, with help from the **Friends of Baylham Church** to whom the PCC is most grateful for their continued support.

Musical Evening

Mrs Wendy Lindley, with the support of the PCC and The Friends, kindly organised a most successful evening held in the church in xxxx. The enjoyable music was provided by the xxxxx. The evening raised xxxx Positive feedback abounded and we hope to hold a similar Event next year.

In September, our church was open for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride, with Jill Grosvenor taking part. She raised the magnificent sum of £ 78.00 for our church. This year we welcomed visitors,.

Cleaning and flowers

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.

Rev. Canon Roger Dedman (Chairman)

Date: 23.01.08