

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2009

Priest in Charge:
Rev Canon Roger Dedman

Bank:
Barclays Bank plc.
Market Place
Stowmarket

Independent Examiner:
Mrs J. Dyes
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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 Miss Hilary M Ritchie

*Representative on
the Deanery Synod:* vacant

Elected Members: Mr Derek Beaumont
Miss Beryl Emsden *Secretary*
Mrs Wendy Lindley *Treasurer*
Mrs S Richards
Mrs Elsie Scopes
Dr FWS Webb
+ two vacancies

Lay Elder vacant

Review of the year

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is now 28 people.

Church attendance and services

The regular pattern of weekly services is one service a month - Holy Communion at 11 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 123 over 12 Sundays giving an average attendance of 10.25. This represents a reduction in attendance of a third from last year.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

6 Oct Harvest Festival – attendance 35

13 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – attendance 60

25 Dec Christmas Day, Holy Communion all four parishes - attendance 70

We have been grateful to Mrs. Sylvia Webb for playing at our services when she has been available.

PCC Meetings

The PCC met five times during the year.

Mr Bailey has left the village and resigned from the PCC. Mrs Lindley and Miss Emsden were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The remaining 4 existing PCC members were re-elected at the AGM. Hilary M Ritchie was re-elected as Churchwarden.

Our Churchwarden meets with other Churchwardens from the group (Bramford, Little Blakenham and Nettlestead) over the year with one joint Churchwardens and PCCs meeting in the summer. In this way we keep informed, share ideas and plan services. The Churchwardens have been preparing the Parish Profile.

Charitable giving from the church comprised £15 to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, £5 Historic Churches Preservation Trust. We gave our Harvest Festival produce to the Salvation Army in Stowmarket.

Churchyard Work – The Probation Service continued to cut the grass and hedge in the churchyard. The work they did was very much appreciated and it is hoped they will agree to come again in 2010.

Church Fabric – As a result of the Quinquennial Report of Sep 2006 woodworm was found in many of the pews and they have been sprayed. A replacement blower and box have been installed in the organ and it is now working. However, some of the pedals are not working correctly and the organ still needs more work.

Further discussion during the year was on the subject of providing a kitchen and toilet in the church. It is hoped to make progress on this next year. Architect David Whymark visited.

Four Voices Concert – 10 Jun

This event was very successful, due in the main to the organisation and hard work by Mrs Lindsey. Majority of people came from outside the village.

Open Churches Week - 14-20 Jul

Flower Festival

28 people signed the visitor's book and there was £5 in the collection box. We had some negative comments this year, including no refreshments available and no guides on duty.

We held two events during Open Churches Week, a Musical Evening and we invited a speaker to talk about Fuchsias. Unfortunately both were very poorly attended and we did not make much money.

Bar-b-que - 16 Aug

We changed the time of the usually August Benefice service (10 a.m.) to the time of our normal service in the hope that would attract more people. This was partly successful as more people came to the bar-be-cue than were at the service. This event made a profit of £51.

Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

In September, our church was open for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride. This year we welcomed 12 visitors.

Friends of Baylham Church

The PCC is grateful for their continued support and successful fundraising events. The events organised by the Friends are always well attended, but mainly by people from outside the village.

Cleaning and flowers

We thank all those who are kind enough to help with the flowers and cleaning. Also to Mr Scopes for writing the rota.

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

Rev. Canon Roger Dedman (Chairman)

Date: Jan 2010