

**St Peter's Church, Baylham**

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

for the year ended 31 December 2010

Priest in Charge:  
Rev Canon Roger Dedman (Jan-Apr)  
Interregnum (May-Dec)

Bank:  
Barclays Bank plc.  
Market Place  
Stowmarket

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

## **St Peter's Church - Annual Report for 2010**

### **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 (Jan-Apr)  
Interregnum (May-Dec)

*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 (Jan- Jun)  
Dr FWS Webb  
+ 3 vacancies

*Lay Elder* vacant

### **Review of the year**

The Revd. Roger Dedman retired to Yorkshire to be near his family in April. During the interregnum our thanks are given to the Revd. Robin Excell for taking the services and his support over the last 8 months.

Mrs Elsie Scopes, who had been a lifelong member of the church and also a respected member of the PCC, died in the summer.

### **New Incumbent**

Just before Christmas the Bishop announced that after the recent interview he had offered the appointment of Priest in Charge to the Revd. Jennifer Seggar and was pleased to say that she had accepted. The provisional date for Revd Seggar's Licensing service is 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll is 22.

## **Church attendance and services**

The present pattern of 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 189 over 11 Sundays (the December service was cancelled because of the bad weather) giving an average attendance of just over 17, which is an increase on last year.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

4 Oct Harvest Festival – attendance 22

12 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – attendance 51

2 Funerals

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.

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.

**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 in the churchyard, but not as often as hoped as they are having difficulty with appointments of supervisors. The work they did was very much appreciated and it is hoped they will agree to come again in 2011. On 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct we organised a very successful churchyard tidy up and spring clean of the church, with over 20 people helping.

**Church Fabric** - Further discussion during the year was on the subject of providing a kitchen and toilet in the church but during the interregnum it was decided to put these plans on hold.

- Organ – it was decided to ask the Friends of Baylham Church to pay for the complete repair and retune of the organ, which they have agreed to fund.
- Flags and Flag pole – Dr Webb suggested erecting three military service flags in the church and a pole for the tower. Work started on gathering drawings and estimates.

**Roy Tricker Talk on Baylham Church**– 14 Jul

This event was very successful, raising £222.83

**Table Top Sale** - 4 Sep, amount raised £35.50

**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.

**Pampered Chef Evening** – 17 Nov, amount raised £204.83

**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. During the year some of the people on the rota decided to retire and we would like to thank them for all their hard work over many years. We have managed to recruit new members onto the rota and thanks to them for coming forward.

Also thanks to Mr Scopes for writing the rota, but he has now decided to retire from this duty.

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

Hilary M Ritchie (Churchwarden and Chair)

Date: 27 Jan 2011