

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2011

Priest in Charge:
Interregnum (Jan-May)
Revd. Jenny Seggar (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 2011

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: Interregnum (Jan-May)
Rev Jenny Seggar (May-Dec)

Church Warden Miss Hilary M Ritchie
Vacant

*Representative on
the Deanery Synod:* Mrs Susan Richards

Elected Members Mr Derek Beaumont (Jan-Aug)
Miss Beryl Emsden *Secretary*
Mrs Wendy Lindley *Treasurer*
Mrs Susan Richards
Mrs Vivien Wilson (Jul-Dec)
+ 4 vacancies

Lay Elder vacant

Review of the year

During the interregnum our thanks are given to the Revd. Robin Excell and Revd. Pat Wright for taking the services and their support during the first 5 months of the year.

Dr Bill Webb and Mr Derek Beaumont, who had been a lifelong member of the church, and both respected members of the PCC died this year.

New Incumbent

We welcomed our new Priest in Charge the Revd. Jennifer Seggar and her family, after her licensing service on 26th May and look forward to working with her.

Baylham Care Centre

Baylham Care Centre opened this summer on Lower Street and offers care from respite to long term nursing, from rehabilitation and physiotherapy to Dementia and holistic End of Life care. This will impact the incumbent's mission and the Revd. Seggar has started to take services in the centre as required and also officiates at funerals, if asked.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is 22.

Church attendance and services

The present pattern of services is one service a month - Holy Communion at 11am on the 3rd Sunday of the month; with an occasional 5th Sunday joint group service. The time for this service was changed to 10am from October.

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 168 over 13 services giving an average attendance of nearly 13.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

4 Oct Harvest Festival – 24

13 Nov Remembrance Service - 14

12 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 63

24 Dec Christmas Eve - 36

1 Marriage Blessing - 73

5 Funerals - 460

We have been grateful to Mrs. Sylvia Webb for playing at our services this year.

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 APCM. Mrs Wilson was elected a member at the PCC meeting in July. Miss Hilary M Ritchie was re-elected as Churchwarden, in the absence of any other volunteers.

Our Churchwarden meets with other Churchwardens and lay readers from the group (Bramford, Little Blakenham and Nettlestead) during the year. 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 give our Harvest Festival produce to the Salvation Army in Stowmarket.

Churchyard Work – On 24th Sep we organised a churchyard tidy up and spring clean of the church, with only 10 people helping, however they did a wonderful job. Also thanks to Alex Richards for carrying out work in the car park. A representative from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust paid a visit to talk about caring for the churchyard.

Church Fabric -

- 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.

- A Temporary Re-ordering Licence was granted by the Archdeacon to:
Temporarily remove 4 moveable pews at the front of church.
They are to be dry-stored by a local farmer in a barn.
The licence ends on 31 July 2012
- Faculties for the following were sent into the DAC
 - Wall brackets for three Flags - faculty requires amending
 - To have a tap installed in the churchyard – this had been granted and hopefully work will start in the New Year.

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.

Fundraising

- **Christmas Card Competition**

We organised a photographic competition to find two images suitable for Christmas Cards. We received 19 entries. They were displayed in the church and we asked visitors to vote for their favourite. The two winning entries were taken by Suzanne Blackwell and Anneke Borrett. Sale of the cards has covered the initial outlay and profit of over £40 has been made to date.

- **Concert of music and song 3 Nov 2011**

This was a well attended event and raised over £200

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.

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.

Revd J M Seggar (Chair)

Date: