

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2012

Priest in Charge:
Revd. Jenny Seggar

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 Jenny Seggar

Church Warden Miss Hilary M Ritchie
Vacant

*Representative on
the Deanery Synod:* Mrs Susan Richards

Elected Members Miss Beryl Emsden *Secretary*
Mrs Wendy Lindley *Treasurer*
Mrs Susan Richards
Mrs Vivien Wilson
+ 4 vacancies
Lay Elder vacant

Review of the year

Our thanks are given to the Revd Robin Excell, Revd. Pat Wright, Revd Daniel Harrison for taking services when our Priest in Charge was unavailable and for their support during the year.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is 25.

Quota

Our share of the Group Quota was £5600; we managed to pay £4600.

Church attendance and services

The present pattern of services is one service a month - Holy Communion at 10am on the 3rd Sunday of the month; with an occasional 5th Sunday joint group service.

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 175 over 11 services giving an average attendance of 15.9.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

2 x United Group Services - 53

7 Oct Harvest Festival - 24

13 Nov Remembrance Service - 20
16 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 55
1 Funeral – 45
1 Burial of ashes – no service
Holy Communion by Extension – 8
Holy Communion by Extension at Baylham Care Centre – 45

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. 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. This year we gave our Harvest Festival produce to FIND.

Bosmere Deanery £20

Churchyard Work – We had two attempts at a churchyard tidy-up in October and November this year, and despite the weather there was a satisfactory number who came to help on both days. Thanks especially given to Mrs Wilson and Alan Emsden for their help and to Alan Seager for looking after the War Grave, (the War Graves Commission give the PCC £10 for maintaining the grave).

Church Fabric -

- The tap in the churchyard is now installed and is now in use. The total cost for this work was £9640.53, which was taken from the Fabric Fund.
- Thank you to Mr Dix for adding Revd Segger's name to the Rectors Board.
- Purchased a set of display boards

Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

In September, our church was open for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride. The PCC would like to thank Mrs Sally Wright for doing the cycle ride in aid of Baylham church who raised the grand sum of £155.00 of which half was given to the church and the other half to the historic churches fund.

Fundraising

- Jumble Sale Sep -This was a great success and a total of £188.56 was made.
- Four Voices Concert Oct - Another successful event and a total of £217 was raised.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Members of the PCC and the Village Hall Committee worked together to organise a day of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday Jun 3rd. We are grateful to Councillor Truelove for a donation from her Locality Budget and also donations from the following business in Baylham:

Sturgeon Builders Ltd, Apex Building Supplies & Joinery Ltd, Gipping Homes, Mrs V Wilson, Tutton Consultants, Mr & Mrs R Richards, Baylham Care Home and Lower Barn Classic Cars Ltd without whose help we would not have been able to hold the days events.

Money raised on the day from the sale of produce and raffle was used to purchase a bench to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, which has been place outside the village hall.

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

Mrs Sue Richards took over 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)

Date: