

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2013

Priest in Charge:
Revd. Jenny Seggar

Bank:
Barclays Bank plc.
Market Place
Stowmarket

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

the Deanery Synod:

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 and 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 29.

Quota Our share of the Group Quota was £5000; we managed to pay £4000.

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 114 over 10 services giving an average attendance of 11.4.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

2 x United Group Services – 60

Ascension Day service - 12

6 Oct Harvest Festival – 29

10 Nov Remembrance Service - 17

15 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 80

There was also one wedding

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.

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 Ipswich Community Resource centre.

Bosmere Deanery £20

Churchyard Work – We engaged the services of the Community Payback, Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust to cut the grass in October. Thanks especially given to Alan Seager for looking after the War Grave, (the War Graves Commission gives the PCC £10 for maintaining the grave).

Church Fabric – Kitchen and Toilet still ongoing

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 and raised £57.50 for the church.

Fundraising

- Talks:

We started a series of talks in the village hall. We obtained a grant from Councillor Julia Truelove locality budget of £225 towards the cost of a screen and speakers fees for a series of talks to be held in the village hall. We also purchased glasses and wine. We raised £180.27 from entry tickets and a raffle.

- Jumble Sale £106.35.
- Sale of produce £14.75
- Harvest and Christmas Cards

Mr Dix very generously put on an exhibition of two of his paintings in the church during October and made some cards of the paintings. He gave all the money to the church funds. He also made cards of another two of his paintings and these were sold as Christmas Cards. A total of over £80 was raised from the sale of the cards.

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: