

**St Peter's Church, Baylham**

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

for the year ended 31 December 2014

Priest in Charge:  
Revd Jenny Seggar  
Assistant Curate:  
Reverend Julian Fennell

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 2014

### 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:*     Revd Jenny Seggar

Assistant Curate:                     Revd Julian Fennell

*Church Warden*                         Miss Hilary M Ritchie  
Vacant

*Representative on  
the Deanery Synod:*

vacant

*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

We were very pleased to welcome Revd Julian Fennell as Assistant Curate in the summer; we look forward to working with him over the next three years.

Our thanks are given to the Revd Robin Excell, Revd Daniel Harrison and Mr John Chenery, for taking services when our Priest in Charge or Assistant Curate were unavailable and for their support during the year.

**Electoral Roll** The Electoral Roll is 29

**Quota** Our share of the Group Quota was £6,800; we managed to pay £5000.

### Church attendance and services

We were pleased to increase the number of regular services this year so the present pattern of services are two services a month - Holy Communion at 10am on the third Sunday of the month and Evensong the first Sunday of the month at 18.30; with an occasional 5th Sunday joint group service.

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 206 over 16 services giving an average attendance of 12.9.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

1 x United Group Services – 21

29 May Ascension Day Service -15

5 Oct Harvest Festival – 16

9 Nov Remembrance Service - 15

14 Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 66

There was also one wedding blessing

The Ministry Team have introduced a monthly service at Baylham Care Centre for its residents.

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.

### **Fundraising**

- Cookery Book: Mrs Richards collected family favourite recipes from parishioners and made them into a lovely cookery book which was sold for £5 each.
- Talks: A series of talks were arranged again this year
- Cards: Mr Dix very generously donated cards to be sold in aid of the church

### **Friends of Baylham Church**

The PCC is grateful for their continued support and successful fundraising events. The events organised by the Friends are usually well attended.

### **Cleaning and flowers**

Mrs Sue Richards is producing 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: