

St Peter's Church, Baylham

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

for the year ended 31 December 2018

Priest in Charge:
Revd Jenny Seggar

Bank:
Barclays Bank plc.
Market Place
Stowmarket

Independent Examiner:
Mrs J. Dyes
East Farthing, Upper Street
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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: Revd Jenny Seggar

Church Wardens Miss Hilary M Ritchie
Mrs Vivien Wilson

*Representative on
the Deanery Synod:* vacant

Elected Members Miss Beryl Emsden *Secretary*
Mrs Susan Richards *Treasurer*
+ 5 vacancies

Lay Elder vacant

Review of the year

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

The attendances at our ordinary services has slightly risen this year, but the numbers for the all the special services have remained steady.

The work to install the kitchen and toilet was completed this year.

The PCC has carried out a few fundraising events this year, including a Heritage Day to mark the completion of the reordering in the church and a concert held in the church. We have also contacted walking and cycling groups, and local WI's and Local History Groups to advertise the new facilities, the crypt and the history of the church to see if they would be interested in visits. We had two walking groups visit and 4 other groups booked for next year. They give a donation towards the visit. The PCC attended a local car boot sale and collected scrap metal.

Electoral Roll The Electoral Roll is 28.

Quota We paid £4000 towards the Group Quota this year.

Church attendance and services

We hold two regular monthly services and the present pattern of services are - Holy Communion at 10am on the third Sunday of the month and Evening Song the first Sunday of the month at 18.00. From November the 10am service was changed to 11am

Ordinary Sunday Attendances during the year were 218 over 20 services giving an average attendance of 10.9.

Additional services and attendance numbers:

Oct Harvest Festival – 16

Nov Remembrance Service - 23

Dec Candle Light Carol Service – 55

24 Dec Crib Service - 37

There were also 2 baptisms, (at one service).

The Ministry Team continued with a monthly service at Baylham Care Centre for its residents.

PCC Meetings

The PCC met five times during the year.

Miss Emsden were re-elected as Secretary, Mrs Richards was elected as Treasurer and the remaining PCC member were re-elected at the APCM. Miss Hilary M Ritchie was re-elected as Churchwarden, and we are very pleased to that Mrs Vivien Wilson volunteered to be the second Churchwarden.

Charitable giving from the church comprised:

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust £15.

Harvest Festival produce given to FIND.

Remembrance Sunday £60 given to the British Legion.

Bosmere Deanery £20

Churchyard Work

- We again engaged the services of the Community Payback, Norfolk & Suffolk Probation Trust to cut the grass this year, there was no charge again this year.
- Our thanks are given to Mrs Wilson for cutting the paths and carpark throughout the year.
- Thanks especially given to Alan Seager for looking after the War Grave, (the War Graves Commission gives the PCC £10p.a. for maintaining the grave

Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

In September, the Church was open for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride.

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. The Churchwarden is a representative of the PCC on the Friends Committee.

Cleaning and flowers

Mrs Sue Richards is organising the cleaning and flower arranging rota. We thank all those who are kind enough to help with the flowers and cleaning.

Also thanks to Mrs Webb for playing the organ and lastly we thank Jan Dyes for examining our annual report and financial statement.

Revd J Seggar (Chair)
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