

St Andrew's, Alwalton



Annual Report *January - December 2018*



St. Andrew's, Alwalton
learning, loving & living for Christ

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 10 April 2018 at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting

Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the previous APCM (18 April 2018)

Matters arising

The Reports

- Electoral Roll
- Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2018
- A report on the fabric of the church
- Deanery Synod report
- Report of Parish Activities

Elections and appointments:

- Members for the P.C.C.
- [Deanery Synod vacancy]
- Sidepeople
- The independent examiner

Any other business:

Please notify the chair at least 24 hours before the meeting

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Appointments:

- P.C.C. Secretary
- Treasurer
- Electoral Roll officer

Closing prayers

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St. Andrew's Church,
Alwalton, held on Wednesday, 18th April, 2018**

Present: 13 Parishioners and Rev Malcolm Ingham as Chairman.

The meeting opened with a reading from Ephesians 4 v 1-16 – Unity and Maturity in the body of Christ. We are to build each other up, helping and supporting to achieve maturity in the faith. Prayer followed.

Annual Parish Meeting

Election of Churchwardens: Mr David Neate was proposed by Mr Stephen Knowles and seconded by Mr Colin Leary. Mr Michael Page was proposed by Mr Barry Charman and seconded by Mr David New. Mr Neate and Mr Page were duly elected Churchwardens unopposed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies for absence – Betty, and Jono Chambers, Steve and Marina Swift, Ian Kirkpatrick, Dawn Alvey, Liz Ingham, Michael Schneider, Roger Wilson-Hinds.

Minutes: Mr Stephen Knowles proposed and Mrs Suzanne Knowles seconded that the minutes of the APCM held on Wednesday 26th April, 2017 and contained in the Annual Report were a true record. All who were present at that meeting agreed and Rev Ingham signed them.

Matters Arising: None

The Reports

Electoral Roll: There are 84 on the Electoral Roll

Financial Statement: The Treasurer's report was accepted and is included with the Annual Report.

Fabric Report: As in the Annual Report. The architect examined cracks on the South side of the church on 9th April 2018. This was an old crack and no further action is required.

Deanery Synod Report: Covered in the Annual Report. There have been more informal and sharing meetings recently.

Report of Parish Activities: Included in the Secretary's Report. Rev Ingham shared ideas for the way forward after several PCC Vision for the Church meetings. Who we are, what we do and how we do it. Learning, loving and living for Christ. Study, loving Christ more, hearts on fire for Jesus, love one another. Plans to have a regular meal together, 5th Sunday, involve Tiddlywinks in a service. A Ministry Team to be formed.

Elections and Appointments: The following have been nominated to serve on the PCC for the coming year:

	Proposed	Seconded
David Alvey	Stephen Knowles	Ian Kirkpatrick
Betty Chambers	Colin Leary	Christine Leary
Jonathon Chambers	Sheila Curoopen	Larisa Walker
Andrea Kirkpatrick	Dawn Alvey	Christine Leary
Stephen Knowles	Michael Page	Barry Charman
Dilys Page	Barry Charman	Stephen Knowles
Michael Schneider	Andrea Kirkpatrick	Dawn Alvey

All were elected and Rev Ingham expressed his thanks to those willing to serve.

Deanery Synod Rep vacancy: no candidate.

Election of Sidespeople: Mr Stephen and Mrs Suzanne Knowles, Mr Colin Leary, Mrs Dilys Page, Mr Peter Smith, Mr David Neate, Mr Ian Kirkpatrick, Mr David and Mrs Dawn Alvey. All were elected and thanked for being willing to serve.

Election of the Independent Examiner: Mr Knowles proposed and Mr Alvey seconded that Mr Brookes be asked to act as examiner of the church accounts this year.

PCC Meeting

PCC Secretary: Rev Ingham proposed and Mr Knowles seconded that Mrs Page be elected as PCC Secretary. Mrs Page was elected.

Treasurer: Mrs Page proposed and Mr Alvey seconded that Mr Knowles be elected Church Treasurer. Mr Knowles was elected.

Electoral Roll Officer: Deferred to the May PCC meeting.

A.O.B.: none

The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th May, 2018.

The meeting closed in prayer at 20:15.

Rector's Report 2018

2018 was a year of hot and cold – highs and lows.

St. Michael's had electrical work carried out and the heating replaced, something that means that although the church building can't quite be described as "toastie" we should be fairly OK if the Beast from the East that hit in early spring should ever return.

St. Michael's once again ran a series of successful coffee mornings and also experimented with a new (non Prayer Book) Harvest Festival service which was put together by members of the congregation. Just to restore equilibrium the Prayer Book Society were invited to hold one of their services at St. Michael's and although poorly attended by PBS members it was an interesting and positive exercise for us.

St. Andrew's enjoyed a Big Brekkie in support of Christian Aid and also a Coffee Morning supporting The Leprosy Mission during the Heritage Open Days as well as having our brains boggled at the Big Quiz for Tear Fund. On the other hand the Fellowship meal at The Cuckoo simply involved good food and good fellowship and no tasking questions other than who paid for what.

A few of the Men attended the London Men's Convention and some of our women likewise went to the Winter Glory day.

Sadly not everything was as sunny as the weather was during the holidays. Although there was a lot of discussion about our support for Hope into Action and we were visited a number of times by Rachel Patterson from the charity our support for a house never materialised after a PCC vote not to proceed. Likewise there were no takers for the Christianity Explored course last year and after the summer we had to put Tiddlywinks, our preschool group, on hold because of a lack of helpers.

We also need to remember with thanks the life of Yvonne Wright who has gone to be with her Lord. Yvonne did much for our churches as well as being a kind and loving friend to so many people and she is sorely missed.

Last year in our services we looked at Jesus' "I am" sayings, Galatians, what the various things we call events round Easter actually mean, we finished off our series on Acts, delved into the Psalms, explored the hope we have in heaven and investigated some of the reasons why Jesus came at Christmas. In addition, St. Andrew's PCC looked at who and what we are as a church and reached the following conclusion, that we are; Learning, Loving and Living for Christ.

Now, we just have to apply that in 2019.

Malcolm Ingham

Secretary's Report, 2018

Electoral Roll – The number on the revised Electoral Roll is 79.

APCM – This was held in St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday 18th April, 2018.

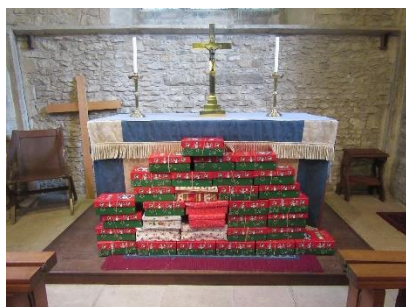
The PCC have met monthly with the exception of August, October and December. General business has been conducted, the following covers most of the year's activities.

SERVICES – The average attendance is 45.

ACTIVITIES – We welcomed a Peterborough U3A group in January for a talk on the church history. In March we hosted a Lent lunch and there was an Easter craft afternoon. The Cuckoo was the venue for an enjoyable meal together in June. The church was opened to welcome Rolls Royce Enthusiasm Club members. September saw a busy Saturday when we were pleased to see folk for the Heritage Open Day, the Ride, Drive and Stride and provided lunch to raise funds for The Leprosy Mission. The Light Party was held in October. The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal saw 34 boxes collected. In November we held a Tear Fund Quiz.

Once again thank you to all at St. Andrew's who give their time and use their talents to enable the smooth running of the services and the upkeep of the church and grounds.

Dilys Page



Fabric Report for year ending December 30th 2018

As I come to the end of my six year term as churchwarden, I want to thank all of you who have helped in so many practical activities. I hope to remain on the PCC and co-ordinate fabric works as I am able. Despite the frustrations the Lord builds His house in many ways, and it has been a great privilege to serve you in this way, ably supported by Dilys.

This year has been dominated by work on the trees in the churchyard, which started in June and only completed at the end of February 2019. This was due to delays by the tree officer in Huntingdon and procrastination by the Diocese. In the event the large Beech tree next to Nevern house was pruned rather than felled, together with the other Beech tree, and removal of dead wood in the Lime trees by Church St. This clears us for the next five years.

At the last APCM we discussed updating the lighting in the chancel and N. transept, in particular the possibility of lowering the height of the two high lamps to obviate the need for a high rise or tower in the future. There is also a need for emergency lighting near the door, all under the heading of Health and Safety! This is still under discussion. We have started a change over to LED lighting as the 'candle' style lamps in the chandeliers are no longer available locally.

I can report that there have been no changes to goods and ornaments in the current year. All the records are up to date, with the exception of the Health and Safety Policy, which is currently being reviewed by David Alvey and the PCC.

The church building is in good order generally, with some cracks in mortar in some places, as per several 5 yearly reports. These are being monitored, particularly around the sedillia, which shows signs of slight movement, the adjacent Lime tree being the prime suspect.

Action is in hand to repair the notice board at the front of the church after Easter and to tackle some of the minor works through the year. We hope to get advice on the repair to the window adjacent to the organ which has been in the quinquennial reports for the last 35 years!

A work list is on display near the coffee table; if any one can help, please let me know. My thanks to all of you who have helped this year to maintain the building and grounds in whatever capacity.

Michael Page



Yaxley Deanery Synod 2018

During the year, the Deanery Pastoral Committee was working on a Deanery Pastoral Plan, there were updates

In January, Bishop Stephen (Ely) visited the deanery, and spent the day at Christ the Servant King (CSK), Hampton, with clergy, licensed lay ministers (LLM) and authorised lay ministers (ALM).

The February meeting was at Yaxley, where the guest speaker was Rev. Olivia Coles, Diocesan Baptism Plus Co-ordinator.

In May, there was a Deanery Pentecost Praise service at CSK Hampton, following the nine days of prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.

The Archdeacon's Visitation was at Christ Church Orton Goldhay (CCOG) in May.

In June, the Deanery Confirmation service was at St Peter's, Yaxley, and was conducted by Bishop Donald (Peterborough).

The summer synod was postponed until September, and met at All Saints, Elton, where the topic was Authorised Lay Ministry. The speakers were Lisa Tulfer (Bishop's Officer for Lay Learning), Debbie Hill (Diocesan Children's Advisor), and Rev. Olivia Coles (Baptism Plus Co-ordinator).

In September, Rev. Jon Randall left Yaxley, to move to Huntingdon. Jon had also been co-rural dean with Rev. Sarah Gower (Orton Goldhay).

In November, there was a synod meeting at St Margaret's, Fletton, where there was an update on the Deanery Pastoral Plan.

In December, Rev. Imogen Falvey was licensed at St Mary's Orton Waterville to the parishes of Orton Waterville and Orton Longueville.

The deanery paid the requested ministry share in full (£280,343). The target for 2019 is £288,753.

David Neate



Monday Fellowship Group Report

We started the year completing our Advent York course 'So what are you waiting for'. Lent saw us in Johns' gospel, followed by studies in the pastoral epistles, Timothy and Titus.

Later in the year we turned to the Bible society and their 'Lyfe' series. These were available online (and free!) In Advent we followed the Ely course, and in the New Year have just completed a series in Colossians from the Scottish Bible Society. Our new Lent course is also by them. We meet at 7.45pm at Colin and Christine's, 9 Oundle Road. Why not join us – kilts are optional!

Michael Page

Thursday Fellowship Group

We currently have 7 regular members. We work through study books slowly, usually using one study chapter across two weeks, and finish with a time of prayer. At the start of 2018 we took on the task of working through the book of Job, using a study guide by Mark A. Copeland (from The Executable Outlines Series); this was supplemented by Christopher Ash's book on Job, entitled Out of the Storm. We moved on to complete two studies from the Good Book Guide series: 2 Corinthians 1-7 and Esther. We have also had at least two fellowship evening meals together. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact David Alvey or Ian Kirkpatrick.

David Alvey

Church Cleaning

I would like to thank all those who have kept our Church neat and tidy over the past year.

Our volunteer number has declined for the coming year so I shall be pleased to add new volunteers to the Rota at any time.

Christine Leary

Children's Church Annual report 2018/2019

Children's church is currently run by Jo Ruff, Fiona Schneider, Suzanne Knowles and Alice Briant and is for primary school aged children. We have 6-8 children who attend throughout the year, although not always at the same time.

The Scripture Union Mosaic Course is used to structure the sessions. During 2018-2019, we have been looking at prayer, Jeremiah and John Chapter 4. We have also incorporated seasonal or liturgical activities e.g. Palm Sunday and Christmas.

Many of the children from Children's Church participated in the annual Christmas Nativity Play. This year it focussed on Luke's account of the angels visiting the shepherds. We also ran our annual Family Easter Craft Afternoon, which was attended by children from Children's Church, as well as children and families from the local area.

During the year, the Children's church team has continued to meet regularly. We discuss Children's Church and work through the book 'Starting out in Children's Ministry' by Alison Mitchell under the guidance of Rev. Malcolm Ingham.

Finally, the team would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Dawn Alvey, who stepped down from her role in Children's Church in July 2018. Her support in running Children's Church was greatly appreciated.

Fiona Schneider

April 2019

Men's Breakfasts

We didn't have any men's breakfasts in 2018. We had one in November 2017 and the next one was in January 2019.

The breakfasts take place at Alwalton Post Office/Tea Rooms, where we enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast, and then listen to a guest speaker.

Ian Kirkpatrick

Christian Aid

At this time of year, we begin to think of Christian Aid week which we support at St. Andrew's in May each year.

Our collection in 2018 was £1340.00 plus our big brekkie held before our Sunday service. Christian Aid are looking for ways of raising funds each year other than house to house as they realise that it is getting more difficult each year to get collectors. The need for funds is never ending as we have seen recently with cyclone Idai. People have been left without homes, health facilities and road networks, there has been damage to water and sanitation infrastructure means there is a growing risk of water – borne diseases.

What more can we do as a church ...

Recently I attended a campaign briefing by Christian Aid, on how climate change is already having a devastating impact on some of the poorest communities. We visited HSBC bank in Peterborough to hand

A letter of protest of still funding new coal projects in Bangladesh, Vietnam and Indonesia despite having stated its commitment

To tackling climate change. We could all look at our own finances - do we pay our energy bills to green energy suppliers? Are we using low energy lighting?, Are our investments and savings being invested in these in companies?

What more can we do? Apart from attending our breakfast you are all welcome, you could collect in our parish to increase our witness.

Colin Leaves

The Children's Society

The scarf group our committee for raising funds have held two events during 2018, our afternoon tea in June raised £530.00 at this event we collected in our collection boxes a total of £653.74. The craft sale held in December raised £250.00 and our Christingle candles raised a further £86.00 a grand total of £1519.74. We would like to thank our supporters for their support and our helpers for their super efforts in providing the craft for sale.

Thanks to you, we can continue to fight poverty, abuse and neglect across the U.K. and ensure that children's voices are heard.

If you do not already have a collection box for the children's society and would like to have one, please contact me.

Chris Leaves

Charitable Activities

St Andrew's has continued to support a number of Christian Charities during the year. Details of their activities can be found on their websites.

The Christian Aid collections take place during May each year, thanks to Colin Leaves for co-ordinating this in the parish. Please see Colin if you can help with delivering/collecting envelopes.

St Andrew's has also continued to support the Peterborough Foodbank, and some of the congregation volunteer at the distribution centre each week.

<http://barnabasfund.org/>

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

www.cms-uk.org

<http://hopeintoaction.org.uk/>

www.tearfund.org

www.leprosymission.org.uk

www.christianaid.org.uk/

<http://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/>

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/