

Annual Report of the Parochial Church
Council of
St Mary the Virgin Grittleton
2014
Worshipping Growing Sharing

Priest in Charge. Revd Jonathan Philpott
Team Vicar. Revd Sarah Evans
Assisted by. Revd Velma Oxley (assistant curate)
Revd Gillian Parkin (assistant curate)
Lay ministers. Alison Flint
Diane Ross-Smith
Len Scott
Mary Pope
Mike King
Members of the PCC
Rev Sarah Evans
Mr John Wilding Lay Chair
Mr Douglas King Church Warden
Mrs Rindi Runacres Church Warden
Ms Lisa Gregory Secretary
Mr Andrew Hole Jones Treasurer
Mrs Audrey Grandison
Mrs Margaret Greening Deanery Synod Rep
Mr Matthew Shipp
Mr Richard Wallis
Mr Simon Madge
Mrs Sue Newman
Mr Nathan Dawes Co - Opted

Worship.

The normal pattern of services continued with Evensong on the first Sunday of each month , Holy Communion on the second , 4 o'clock service on the third and a Benefice service on the fourth.

On months with five Sundays we held a BCP Holy Communion Service at 11.00 am

At the beginning of this year the Benefice changed when Parishes grouped together into three clusters. Grittleton is in the Middle cluster with Castle Combe and Slaughterford under the care of Revd Sarah Evans. This has meant changing the time of our Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the Month to 9.30 am.

The choir still sing at Evensong and Festivals and we had a visit from the choristers St Andrew's Church Chippenham in October. New books have been purchased for the choir by the PCC. The clergy officiated at 3 christenings, 5 weddings and 3 funerals.

The Bell-ringers continue to enhance our worship.

Finance .

Bank balance was fairly healthy, slightly down on 2013 due to a drop in planned giving and no village fete in 2014. The church had received a generous donation following a funeral and another donation from the War Memorial Bench fundraising committee.

Fund - raising.

The Harvest Lunch raised £600.00.

A new venture a Bazaar raised £200.00.

The Christmas Card amnesty raised £ 700.00.

Community Links.

Diane Ross- Smith continues her links with Grittleton House School on a termly basis and the school hold services in the church at Easter, Harvest and Christmas

The church is OPEN each day which is much appreciated by visitors.

The Fabric of the Church requires regular maintenance but is in good order.

We had one cyclist riding in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride.

Our Harvest gifts were donated to Doorway in Chippenham, Carol Service collection to the Ebola Crisis Fund and the Remembrance Day collection to the Poppy Appeal. The churchyard is kept mowed and tidy by volunteers