

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LITTLETON DREW

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014



PRIEST IN CHARGE

Jonathan Philpott

ASSISTANT CURATE

Gillian Parkin

LICENSED LAY MINISTER

Diane Ross-Smith



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1. COMPOSITION OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2013-2014

- Revd Jonathan Philpott (Priest-in-Charge)
 - Gareth Cook (Chairman)
 - Stephen Kinch (Secretary)
 - David Steele (Treasurer)
 - Caroline Cook (Churchwarden)
 - Lin Peek
 - Nikki Wright
 - Rob Coombs
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- Jeff Batty (Appointed Auditor)

2. BYBROOK MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd. Jonathan Philpott

ASSISTANT CURATES – Revd. Velma Oxley, Revd. Gillian Parkin

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS – Alison Flint, Len Scott, Margaret Greening, Mike King, Mary Pope, Diane Ross-Smith, Pam Tayler, Tim Woodward

3. ALL SAINTS' GOALS

All Saints' supports the Bybrook Benefice Vision and Mission stated below in addition to our specific goals which are:

- ❖ To be a welcoming church to all
- ❖ To be an integral part of the community in Littleton Drew & The Gibb
- ❖ To maintain the fabric of the church for current and future generations
- ❖ To provide services which are inclusive and supportive of all

4. BYBROOK BENEFICE VALUES AND MISSION STATEMENT

At the end of 2014, a new Vision Statement was launched by the Ministry Team and Team Council, to help us to understand our calling as Christians. Based on Matthew 28:16-20, the statement is:

Worshipping * Growing * Sharing

As a group of churches, our desire is:

- ❖ To love, serve and worship God
- ❖ To love and serve one another, our local community, and the wider world
- ❖ To live and share with others the good news of Jesus Christ

Because we know that we are loved by God

In our Mission, we aim:

- ❖ To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- ❖ To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- ❖ To respond to human need by loving service
- ❖ To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- ❖ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth

5. CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

My report covers three overlapping and intertwining aspects, namely

- 5.1 The fabric of the church
- 5.2 The services
- 5.3 The role of the church in the wider community

5.1 The Fabric of the Church

Following the enormous efforts of the last few years to rescue and reinvigorate the church which have included roof and window repairs, replacement of heating, re-ordering to create a community space at the rear of the church and complete internal re-decoration, the transformation of All Saints' from a neglected, cold, damp and dingy place into a warm(er), light, airy and inviting space for both worship and community, continued with repairs to the South Chancel window. This final window repair completed phase 3 of our major project , ***'Bringing All Saints' back to the Heart of the Community'*** which commenced in 2011 and so 2014 was a year to enjoy our renewed and reinvigorated church and be grateful for what we have achieved whilst re-grouping financially.

We are now opening the church every day from Easter to mid October and then every weekend through the winter. Takings from donations in our collection box in the church have been small but every little helps. Our treasurer, David Steele has recently put a mention of us on the Macmillan Way website which we hope may boost visitor numbers and donations

We have our Quinquennial Inspection next year and for the first time in many years hope to have removed a large number of items on the "essential repairs" list! Phase 4 of our project which includes external maintenance and essential repairs to the tower steps will hopefully take place in the New Year.

5.2 The Services

Our Licensed Lay Minister Diane Ross-Smith has provided lovely Family Services throughout the year in which she has managed to engage with all members of the congregation both old and young (not an easy task!).

We had a very busy time at Christmas at both Carol and Crib Services.

At the end of the year, the ByBrook Benefice re-organised itself into three Clusters

with a minister responsible for each. Gillian Parkin was appointed leader of the Western Cluster of the Benefice which encompasses ourselves, Nettleton & Burton, North Wraxall and West Kington. Gillian's first formal duty was to lead the Crib Service on Christmas Eve which she did splendidly despite the distractions of the dressed-up congregation including a very large Donkey!

Numbers have been encouraging and we were particularly pleased to welcome a new family who have now become regular members of the congregation, Charlotte, Peter and little Nellie Rose Sykes who was baptised in a packed church in March. Charlotte used to visit All Saints' as a child with her aunt Jan Palmer and it has been lovely to welcome her back.

Our trusty village organist, Louise Hooper continues to play for us at most services which saves us quite a bit in visiting organist fees.

5.3 The Role of the church in the wider community

As a PCC we feel the future of the church as a viable concern is directly dependant on reaching out to and involving as many of the residents of Littleton Drew as possible in the life of the church. Indeed the name of our fundraising project was, ***'Bringing All Saints' back to the heart of the community'***. This means accepting that there will always be people who do not wish to attend services but would like to help out with upkeep etc. A great deal of the motivation behind our project was to bring the church back to the centre of the community and to this end, now that we have an appropriate space we have begun to arrange community events in the church. In September we held our first village quiz night which was very well attended and a great night. This was swiftly followed in early October with a Harvest Supper which was also a great success. Both of these events attracted villagers who had never set foot inside the church before so we hope that they enjoyed themselves sufficiently to venture across the threshold again!

The Littleton Drew annual Sloe Gin competition was as ever a great evening and raised £285.

We continue to support the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust annual Ride & Stride event, ensuring our church is manned and welcoming throughout the day. Our intrepid nominated village cyclist Oliver Hooper, visited more churches than ever before raising an extremely impressive £470

6. Financial matters and accounts

After many years of dire financial straits at All Saints, I am pleased to report that we are finally on a more secure financial footing, we certainly don't have much spare cash but at least we are covering our bills. This is mainly due to a few loyal villagers committing to a monthly standing order commitment but we also rely heavily on village fundraising events such as the Sloe Gin Competition etc. tasting evenings and the quiz.

We need to carry out essential maintenance repairs to the exterior of the building and the Tower Door steps which will most likely deplete the rest of our surplus funds after

which we may have to once again consider applying for grants if we wish to make the tower floors safe and repair the bells.

The last of the funds provided by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust was spent on the repairs to the Chancel Window

The accounts are attached hereto on the following page:

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLETON DREW					
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2014					
	2014	2013		2014	2013
	£	£		£	£
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
Receipts			Payments		
Church Collections and Donations	1357.81	941.38	Quota	200.00	200.00
Gift Aid - regular donations	1720.00	1490.00	Ministry Expenses - YK Group	350.00	300.00
Donation from Grittleton Church fete	0.00	0.00	Insurance	602.17	597.80
Fees	127.00	142.00	Heating, Lighting and Water	299.49	178.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	Architects / Faculty Fee	0.00	0.00
Dividends	1.82	1.82	Fire Appliance Servicing	0.00	52.62
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	542.50	427.50	Donation - National Churches Trust	0.00	70.00
Grittleton Parish Council	250.00	0.00	Organist Fees	45.00	45.00
Wiltshire Churches Cycle Ride	235.00	202.50	Chippenham Deanery	0.00	15.00
List Places of Worship VAT refund	728.00	2279.80	Architects Fees re: roof and tower repairs	0.00	0.00
Village Calendar Sale	0.00	225.00	Roof and tower repairs	0.00	0.00
Village Sloe Gin Event	285.00	0.00	Donation - Southmead Hospital	243.10	0.00
Village May Festival	0.00	0.00	General maintenance etc.	1300.07	4650.59
Wiltshire Historic Churches Donation	0.00	3000.00	Chancel Repair Liability	0.00	80.00
Village Wine Tasting	40.00	0.00	Service Sheets	57.00	
Village Quiz Night	95.00	0.00			
Sale Of Paintings	125.00	0.00			
Total Receipts	5507.13	8710.00	Total Payments	3096.83	6189.01
Excess of Payments over Receipts	0.00	-2520.99	Excess of Receipts over Payments	2410.30	0.00

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLETON DREW		2014		
SUMMARY				
		£	£	
Excess of Receipts over Payments		2410.30	Excess of Payments over Receipts	0.00
Balances at Bank 31/12/13	3561.06	3576.06	Balances at Bank 31/12/14	
	* 15.00		General fund	5949.77
			Roof Repair Fund	3.59
			Heating Fund	33.00
		5986.36		5986.36

There will be a further amount of tax to be recovered from the Inland Revenue 'Gift Aid' donations received between the 5th April 2014 and the year end.

The DBF as custodian trustees holds £52.57 in 3.5% War Stock (market value £42.34 at 31/12/14) as a Parochial Trust, the income from which, £1.82, is to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard.

Notes: -

As we pay for electricity by monthly direct debit we are currently in debit to the sum of £27.67

* Balance at bank for 31/12/13 was incorrect by £15 due to accounting error and has been corrected on this version.