

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council  
of  
St. Nicholas, Slaughterford  
2014/5

Priest in Charge: Rev Jonathan Philpott  
Team Vicar: Rev Sarah Evans  
Assisted by: Rev Velma Oxley (assistant curate)  
Rev Gillian Parkin (assistant curate)  
Lay ministers: Alison Flint  
Diane Ross-Smith  
Len Scott  
Mary Pope  
Mike King

Members of the PCC:

Rev Sarah Evans  
Merope Sylvester, churchwarden and PCC  
secretary  
Chris Stephens, churchwarden  
Marjorie Perkins  
Karen Crawford, treasurer  
Simon Bennett  
Rachel de Fossard  
Nicolas de Fossard  
Janet Jones  
Adrian Webb  
Alison Butler

Services continue to be held on a monthly basis with a BCP Communion Service on the second Sunday of each month in addition to the rural services of: lambing, rogation and harvest and the patronal service in December. It is noteworthy that despite the numerous changes both in the village and in the Church of England as a whole Slaughterford continues to maintain the same attendance level as in the 1860s.

At the beginning of 2015 the Benefice structure was changed and a clustering approach was introduced. Slaughterford sits within the middle cluster from a geographical perspective and is grouped with both Castle Combe and Grittleton. Following this change our first cluster service was held with all three parishes for Palm Sunday at Castle Combe which enabled us to enjoy sharing our worship across all age groups.

The clergy officiated at 2 burials and the baptism of Simon Bennett in addition to our normal services mentioned above.

The church received a generous donation from the Perkins family when Mrs Perkins, a churchwarden for 60 years finally left the Parish. The village fayre in September contributed a donation of £1,500 to the church for which we wish to thank all the villagers and the broader community. This will support the church in building a fund to repair the chancel roof.

Our 2014 quinquennial survey highlighted a number of issues which will need to be addressed in the near future including repairs to the roof of the chancel and the cross above the porch. Quotes are being obtained to take this forward but it is clear that to undertake all the proposed repairs included in the report a medium term financial plan will need to be agreed.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gus Ericsson and Barry Forsyth for maintaining the churchyard and all those who have given their time and effort in decorating the church with flowers throughout the year.