

St Andrew, Isleham

Annual Report 2017/8



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE P.C.C. OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ISLEHAM
2017/18.

During the past year the PCC. has met regularly to discuss all matters relating to the Church & Parish. It has been an eventful year.

Following Revd Mike's departure at the end of April 2017, much time was spent discussing matters relating to the ensuing "interregnum". These discussions included possible changes to the format of some of our Church Services & the need to find "locum" members of Clergy to cover some of those Services.

Whilst the search for a new Rector for the "Three Rivers Group" was on-going, the PCC was informed that the "Quinquennial inspection" of the Church building by the architect was due. As our previous architect, Mr Limentani, had retired the PCC needed to appoint a replacement for him.

In July, following much research, Revd Sue & several PCC members met with 3 architects, all approved by the Diocese, who had expressed their willingness to take on the care of St Andrew's Church. As a result of these meetings the PCC appointed Mr Nigel Walter of "Archangel Architects". His inspection of the Church took place in October.)

Church finances are discussed at each PCC meeting. As in previous years our fundraising events have been very successful. Both the August Bank holiday "Quilts exhibition" & the "Festival of Light" in December were well-supported. The Social Centre Tuesday "coffee mornings" are an excellent means of "outreach" to the wider village community, as well as contributing greatly to Church funds. The "newspaper" business has also been successful. Thanks are due to all those involved.

Much of the income received goes into the Church "Restoration fund" to be spent on the repair & maintenance of the Church building. However, we are still able to support both local & overseas charities. A substantial donation has been given to our village school recently, to support its fundraising for a new swimming pool "liner." We also continue to support the Soham "foodbank", & still send donations via the "Linkylea Trust" to an orphanage & school in India.

New methods of donating to church funds have been discussed. The PCC has agreed to join the "Parish Giving scheme," which promotes regular donations to Church funds by "direct debit" rather than by the weekly envelopes.

The PCC has also discussed how St Andrew's might become an "Eco" Church.

We continue to work closely together with the other Churches in our group. Our Churchwardens & some PCC members from throughout the group were closely involved in the selection process for a new Rector. We were all delighted when Revd David was appointed. His "Licensing" Service at Fordham, in October was a joyous occasion with representatives from all our Churches in attendance.

Other group activities include the monthly "Messy Church" & the annual "Holiday Club" held in July for children from 5-11 yrs.

In September, together with PCC members from the other Churches in the group we agreed to fund Mel Takac as our "Pioneer Partner". Mel will work with our Ministry Team over the next 3 years whilst she explores her vocation. She was commissioned here in Isleham on December 3rd & has already made a great contribution to ministry in both our Church & the village school.

We continue to encourage & support our links with the other 2 village Churches. Once again members of High St Church helped organise the "Women's World day of Prayer" Service on Friday March 2nd. Despite the very cold weather members from both Churches attended & we look forward to working together again next year.

This year all 3 village Churches joined together at Pound Lane Free Church for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service.

We now look forward to working closely with Revd David, with the goal of becoming a "Missional" Church, exploring new ways of "outreach" to the wider village community.

Please continue to keep the Ministry Team & the PCC in your prayers.

Gill Savage.

Isleham Bell Ringers

Isleham bellringers have rung regularly over the last year for services, weddings and special events as well as holding our regular weekly practice. Since the turn of the year three new recruits have started learning and our numbers have been further augmented by two trained ringers returning to the 'exercise'. Our band now numbers 13 ringers, which is probably the most healthy position we have been in for decades (if ever). Although our technical expertise does not as yet match our enthusiasm, our fellow villagers clearly appreciate our efforts with regular favourable comments posted on the village website after events such as quarter peals.

Coffee Morning Report

A BIG THANKYOU to everyone who helped raise the magnificent sum of £ 3501 .20 at the coffee mornings for church funds.

The bacon rolls are very popular, and thanks to John for doing the cooking whatever the weather. Many people turn up each week, either they sit outside under the verandah, or enjoy them with a cuppa and a chat in the social centre.

Also thank you to all the ladies who help serve the refreshments.
God Bless you all. from coffee morning ladies.

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Receipts and payments

	2017	2016
Receipts		
<i>Planned giving</i>		
Gift Aid - Bank	£ 5,240.00	£ 5,700.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes	£ 3,054.31	£ 3,356.65
Other planned giving	£ 920.00	£ 964.20
<i>Collections and other giving</i>		
Loose plate collections	£ 6,983.02	£ 4,879.45
One-off Gift Aid gifts	£ 101.00	£ 118.50
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>		
Giving through church boxes	£ 11.30	£ 55.82
Church Chest	£ 645.22	£ 568.37
Donations appeals etc	£ 156.00	£ 1,354.62
Sundry Donations	£ 240.69	£ 378.97
Recurring grants	£ 47.00	£ 58.00
Non Recurring One Off grants	£ -	£ 2,850.00
<i>Gift Aid recovered</i>		
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (includes GASDS)	£ 3,805.31	£ 4,562.53
<i>Other receipts</i>		
Other funds generated	£ 1,530.28	£ 650.61
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
Rummage sales etc	£ 4,571.04	£ 3,201.48
Coffee Mornings	£ 3,501.20	£ 2,737.27
Bookstall sales - fund raising	£ 20.00	£ 25.74
Church hall lettings - fund raising	£ 785.00	£ 750.00
Social Centre Rent	£ 540.00	£ 3,260.00
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>		
Fees for weddings and funerals	£ 1,486.60	£ 1,694.00
Total Receipts	£ 33,637.97	£ 37,166.21
Payments		
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>		
Costs of stewardship campaign	£ 188.08	£ 174.36
Costs of fetes & other events	£ 575.23	£ 120.00
Bookstall costs		£ 249.82
<i>Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		
Giving - relief and development agencies	£ 365.67	£ 556.13
Home mission	£ 554.90	£ 705.30
Secular charities	£ 1,076.80	£ 319.32
<i>Parish Share</i>		
Ministry parish share etc	£ 18,704.97	£ 17,841.34
<i>Clergy & Staffing costs</i>		
Three Rivers Expenses	£ 1,800.00	£ 2,100.00
Visiting speakers	£ 20.00	
<i>Church Running Expenses</i>		
Church running - insurance	£ 4,458.89	£ 4,416.22
Organ / piano tuning	£ 176.00	£ 80.00
Church maintenance	£ 2,010.18	£ 1,614.72
Upkeep of services	£ 457.06	£ 379.22
Administration	£ 104.50	£ 150.00
Church running - electricity	£ 836.87	£ 1,006.47
Cleaning		
<i>Hall Running Costs</i>		
Hall running - electricity	£ 1,037.72	£ 1,209.85
Hall running - insurance	£ 518.88	£ 511.53
Hall running - maintenance & Decorating	£ 151.33	£ 979.47
Hall running - Telephone/Broadband	£ 503.51	£ 440.89
<i>Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>		
Church interior and exterior repairs		£ 920.60
Total Payments	£ 33,540.59	£ 33,775.24
Excess of Receipts over Payments	97.38	3,390.97
Brought forward balance	£ 9,043.48	£ 5,932.51
Transfers to Flower Fund	(£ 120.00)	(£ 280.00)
Carried forward balance	£ 9,020.86	£ 9,043.48

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Restoration General (Restricted) Fund		
Receipts		
Regular gift days	£ 2,441.25	£ 1,464.99
Grand Draw	£ 527.00	£ 480.80
Legacies	£ -	£ 2,000.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£ 574.77	£ 257.13
Bank and building society interest	£ 0.33	£ 0.54
Total Receipts	£ 3,543.35	£ 4,203.46
Payments		
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 3,543.35	£ 4,203.46
Brought forward balance	£ 23,718.52	£ 19,515.06
Carried forward balance	£ 27,261.87	£ 23,718.52
Schoolhouse - Education (Restricted) Fund		
Receipts		
Bank and building society interest	£ 0.86	£ 1.43
Rent from lands or buildings	£ 104.00	£ 104.00
Total Receipts	£ 104.86	£ 105.43
Payments		
Education	£ -	£ -
Total Payments	£ -	£ -
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 104.86	£ 105.43
Brought forward balance	£ 3,586.77	£ 3,481.34
Carried forward balance	£ 3,691.63	£ 3,586.77
Social Centre - GW (Restricted) Fund		
Receipts		
Payments		
Hall running - maintenance	£ 563.97	£ 570.00
Total Payments	£ 563.97	£ 570.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(£ 563.97)	(£ 570.00)
Brought forward balance	£ 1,757.71	£ 2,327.71
Carried forward balance	£ 1,193.74	£ 1,757.71
Tower (Restricted) Fund		
Receipts		
Sundry Donations	£ 151.01	£ 219.00
Fees for weddings and funerals	£ 310.00	£ 100.00
Total Receipts	£ 461.01	£ 319.00
Payments		
Education	£ 47.00	£ 27.36
Payments to ringers	£ 160.00	£ 100.00
Ely DA fees	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
Total Payments	£ 287.00	£ 207.36
Excess of Receipts over Payments	174.01	111.64
Brought forward balance	£ 1,086.08	£ 974.44
Carried forward balance	£ 1,260.09	£ 1,086.08
Tower Screen (Restricted) Fund		
Brought forward balance	£ 204.50	£ 204.50
Carried forward balance	£ 204.50	£ 204.50

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Angel Head (Restricted) Fund					
Brought forward balance		£	986.58	£	986.58
Carried forward balance		£	986.58	£	986.58
Audio Equipment (Restricted) Fund					
Brought forward balance		£	30.00	£	30.00
Carried forward balance		£	30.00	£	30.00
Bellringers - Fletcher treats (Restricted) Fund					
Receipts					
Recurring grants		£	30.00	£	29.00
Total Receipts		£	30.00	£	29.00
Payments					
Ringers treats		£	23.70		
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£	6.30	£	29.00
Brought forward balance		£	215.66	£	186.66
Carried forward balance		£	221.96	£	215.66
Bernard Tombs (Restricted) Fund					
Receipts					
Bank and building society interest		£	1.48	£	2.45
Total Receipts		£	1.48	£	2.45
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£	1.48	£	2.45
Brought forward balance		£	522.32	£	519.87
Carried forward balance		£	523.80	£	522.32
Flower (Restricted) Fund					
Receipts					
Transfers from General Fund		£	120.00	£	280.00
Total Receipts		£	120.00	£	280.00
Payments					
Upkeep of Services	XXXXXXX			£	290.50
Total Payments				£	290.50
Excess of Receipts over Payments			120.00	(£	10.50)
Brought forward balance		£	25.00	£	35.50
Carried forward balance		£	145.00	£	25.00
Heating (Restricted) Fund					
Receipts					
Recurring grants					
Total Receipts					
Brought forward balance		£	6,327.31	£	6,327.31
Carried forward balance		£	6,327.31	£	6,327.31
Peyton Chapel (Restricted) Fund					
Receipts					
Sundry Donations		£	1.00		
Bank and building society interest		£	22.91	£	38.05
Total Receipts		£	23.91	£	38.05
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£	23.91	£	38.05
Brought forward balance		£	5,002.62	£	4,964.57
Carried forward balance		£	5,026.53	£	5,002.62

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