

St Andrew's, Alwalton



Annual Report January - December 2019



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learning, loving & living for Christ

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting

Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the previous APCM (10 April 2019)

Matters arising

The Reports

- Electoral Roll
- Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2019
- 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 10th April, 2019.**

Present: 12 Parishioners and Rev Malcolm Ingham as Chairman.

Rev Ingham read Matthew 9 vv 36-38. Five things to pray about to encourage one another. 1. Good news for everyone. 2. Pray for more of Christ's compassion. 3. Pray to know the Good Shepherd, unreached come to understand. 4. Pray for a plentiful harvest. 5. Send out more workers, ask the Lord of the harvest.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Election of Churchwardens: Thanks were expressed to Michael Page for his six years as a Churchwarden. Mr David Neate was proposed by Mrs Suzanne Knowles and seconded by Mr David Alvey. Professor Jonathon Chambers was proposed by Mr Stephen Knowles and seconded by Mr Michael Page. Mr Neate and Professor Chambers were duly elected Churchwardens unopposed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Apologies: Ian Kirkpatrick, Roger and Margaret Wilson-Hinds, Liz Ingham, Suzanne Knowles, Colin and Christine Leary, Dawn Alvey.

Minutes of the last APCM

Mr Stephen Knowles proposed and Mr David Alvey seconded that the minutes of the APCM on Wednesday 18th April, 2018 and contained in the Annual Report were a true record. All who were at that meeting agreed and Rev Ingham signed them.

Matters arising: None

The Reports

Electoral Roll: There are 79 on the revised Electoral Roll.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer's report was accepted and is included with the Annual Report. It shows an overall loss of £2,000.

Fabric Report: As in the Annual Report

Deanery Synod Report: covered in the Annual Report

Report of Parish Activities: Covered in the reports. Rev Ingham shared concern about areas of church life decreasing, e.g. Tiddlywinks. Plans for a Ministry Team are ongoing.

Elections and appointments:

David Alvey was thanked as he stands down from the PCC.

| | Proposed | Seconded |
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| Betty Chambers | Michael Page | Suzanne Knowles |
| Sheila Curoopen | Dilys Page | Dawn Alvey |
| Andrea Kirkpatrick | Barry Charman | Dawn Alvey |
| Stephen Knowles | Dilys Page | Ian Kirkpatrick |
| Dilys Page | Christine Leaves | Sheila Curoopen |
| Michael Page | Jonathon Chambers | Stephen Knowles |
| Michael Schneider | Stephen Knowles | David Alvey |

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

Deanery Synod Rep Vacancy: no candidate.

Election of Sidepeople: Mr Stephen and Mrs Suzanne Knowles, Mr Colin Leary, Mrs Dilys Page, Mr Colin and Mrs Christine Leaves, Mr Ian Kirkpatrick, Mr David and Mrs Dawn Alvey.

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

PCC MEETING

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

Treasurer: Mr Schneider proposed and Mrs Kirkpatrick seconded that Mr Knowles be elected Church Treasurer. Mr Knowles was elected.

Electoral Roll Officers: Mr Page proposed and Mr Schneider seconded that Mrs Chambers and Professor Chambers be elected as Electoral Roll Officers. Mrs Chambers and Professor Chambers were elected.

A.O.B.: None

The next PCC Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May, 2019.

The meeting closed in prayer at 20:20.

Rector's Report 2019

Regrets? I have a few, but then again, too few to mention...

Don't worry, I'm not going to burst into song (the line above is from "My way" if you're wracking your brain), but this is my sixteenth and last annual report as Rector of Alwalton, Orton Wistow, Orton Northgate, Orton Southgate and Chesterton.

Admittedly, when I first started writing these reports they were "Team Vicar" reports and I suppose that reflects the changes that have taken place. St. Andrew's and St. Michael's were part of a larger team that was already in the process of disbanding when we arrived, then we joined together with three other local churches before eventually going back to being stand-alone parishes. In the most recent months we have become virtual churches meeting online through Zoom and Youtube. What an odd, exciting, ever changing church we are part of.

And now another change for you and for us – our family is moving over the border into Peterborough diocese and joining a group of parishes on the other side of Northampton so, in the not too distant future, another name will be added to the lists here of incumbents hanging in both churches – just for the sake of clarity, it's the lists that are hanging in the churches, not the incumbents!

So, the reign of Ingham is coming to an end? Well I hope not, because I hope that it hasn't been my "reign", rather I have always sought to be under the authority of Scripture and the sovereignty of God. Over the years it has been a privilege and an honour to serve as the incumbent of both parishes, to know you all and count you as my friends. To be a friend in return and to share our lives with you. To be partners together in the Gospel, serving God, following Christ, keeping in step with the Spirit.

So, do I have regrets? Well, yes, a few, but too few to mention because over the last sixteen years I have tried not to do things my way – I've tried to prayerfully do them God's way. Sometimes I've succeeded and sometimes my own rebellious sinful nature has meant I haven't and those instances have been my regrets, but I hope that in general we have been churches that have been learning about Christ, loving Christ and living for Christ.

There is much still to do here in our communities as well as in our own hearts before Jesus returns, but the good news is that in his strength anything and everything is possible.

So what will your Rector's report look like next year. Different, but I hope the same. A different name, a different style, but the same because my hope and prayer is that your next Rector will be committed to serving God and these communities, that they will be open to God's Spirit and grounded in their love of God's Word. That they will be passionate about sharing it with you and introducing Jesus to those who don't know him. Prayerfully seek such a person out. But then, how they work all those things out with you in daily terms – well, that's the wonderful and exciting unknown. Enjoy the adventure.

Malcolm Ingham

Secretary's Report 2019

Electoral Roll – The number on the Electoral Roll is 80.

APCM – This was held in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 10th April, 2019.

The PCC have met monthly apart from August, October and December. General business has been conducted, the following covers most of the year's activities. The Ministry Team had their first meeting in October.

Services – The average attendance is 45.

Activities - St Andrew's welcomed folk to a Lent lunch in March and there was an Easter craft afternoon. In May there was a Christian Aid Big Brekkie, and in June there was an International Bring & Share lunch for Pentecost. In July Helen Wordsworth came to a ladies' breakfast and shared how the Parish Nurses scheme is progressing. The Heritage Open Day in September again included a lunch for The Leprosy Mission. In October a Discipleship Explored course began. It was good to have The Prince of Peace choir from Kigali for a Sunday evening of praise and worship. The Light Party on 31st October included a film. At the beginning of November we received 46 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse. In November we held a Tear Fund Quiz.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in the many aspects of life at St Andrew's. Praise the Lord for all his blessings.

Dilys Page

Fabric notes for Annual report April 2019/20

The notice board: was refurbished- including new heading signage, seals and pin boards. This board is 20 years old and the oak wood is in superb condition. My thanks to David Alvey for help in removing this item (and for Dilys in putting it back up!)

Cost £156

Electrical work phase 1: The first phase included the fitting of an emergency light at the entrance, re-siting of sockets at the sound desk, checks for continuity in the south aisle lighting and a full five year test, including replacing relevant sockets with RCD trip devices.

A check was made of plugs/sockets at the same time and some fuse sizes were downgraded. No agreement was reached on improving the lighting in the chancel and north transept. Thus phase two is outstanding.

Electrical work phase 2: We hope to replace the lighting in the chancel and north transept with warm LED floodlights, and replace the heating in the toilet. The intention is to have warm LED lights throughout the church eventually.

Cost so far £750

The usual yearly preservation of external wood work has been carried out, the heating and organ have been serviced and the gutters cleared. Replacement ironwork has been fitted to the front gate. There has been no change to goods and ornaments, except a repair to one of the flower pedestals.

Cost £35

On completion of the electrical work no major inspections are due for at least the next four years.

On behalf of the PCC I want to thank you all for the support given over the year especially the work mornings and the regular effort in the grounds by David and Ian. Also for all the routine things that are carried out during the week with cleaning, flower arranging and by those providing coffee/teas. Your help is much appreciated in maintaining our ancient building and ensuring that there is a warm Christian presence.

Mike Page

Yaxley Deanery Synod 2019

In February, the synod met at Alwalton. Three people were licensed as Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM), and synod discussed and accepted the Deanery Plan.

In March, Rev. Anne Shorter retired from the parishes of Stanground and Farcet.

Orton Longueville hosted an Archdeacon's Visitation in June.

The June synod met at Chesterton, where Geoffrey Hunter, DAC Secretary and Head of Church Buildings and Pastoral Department, talked about REACH (Re-imagining Churches as Community Assets for the Common Good).

www.reachely.org

In September, Rev. Sarah Hare was licensed as vicar of Yaxley.

In October, Rev. Becky Dyball was licensed as vicar of Sawtry, Glatton, and Holme with Conington.

A few days later, Rev. Andrew and Rev. Carol Avery were licensed as vicar and pioneer minister for Stanground and Farcet.

Rev. Mark Pybus came to the Stilton/Elton group as curate.

The October meeting was at Haddon, where synod heard short testimonies from the new ministers in the deanery.

The Ministry Share target for 2019 was £288,753, which was paid in full; the target for 2020 is £306,000. There is currently an expected shortfall of £21,419. The Deanery continues to receive a large subsidy from the Diocese, to provide stipendiary ministry.

<https://www.elydiocese.org/parish-support/finance/ministry-share/>

David Neate

Activities of the Monday House group

This year we have used only two types of study provided by the Scottish Bible Society and a group written by John Birch at faithandworship.com. The Scottish studies contained music and discussion on the screen. This was something new to us, fortunately it wasn't in Gaelic! The other studies are also available online and for a small fee can be downloaded. This latter was something of an experiment but we have found it stimulating. The Scottish bible studies covered Lent, Colossians, Psalms and Daniel. This took us to Advent which we covered with the Faith studies, followed by a group of readings dealing with the way God speaks in the modern world.

We meet at the home of Colin and Christine Leary, 9 Oundle Road at 7.45 for 8pm. Why not join us?

Mike Page

Thursday Fellowship Group

During 2019 the Thursday Fellowship Group had 7 regular members. We work through study books slowly, usually using one study chapter across two weeks, and finish with a time of prayer. We have used three Good Book Company studies in 2019: Esther – Royal Rescue; 1 Corinthians 1-9 – Challenging Church; and Judges. Towards the end of the year, our group joined members of both churches for the Discipleship Explored group that Malcolm ran. We have also enjoyed some fellowship group evening meals together. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact David Alvey or Ian Kirkpatrick.

David Alvey

Men's Breakfast

We have had 4 men's breakfasts in the 14 month period from January 2019 to February 2020 inclusive. This included: on 19th January 2019 a talk by Richard Longfoot mentioning his experiences as the chaplain at POSH, attended by 15; on 30th March 2019 a talk by Mike Mills on the Mercy Ships, attended by 11; on 21st September 2019 a talk by John Harper on Christian Aid, attended by 9; and on 29th February 2020 a talk by Roger Wilson-Hinds attended by 14. The Alwalton Post Office Tea Rooms provided the hearty breakfasts.

Ian Kirkpatrick

Prison Chaplaincy

I attended 12 church services at both Peterborough men's and women's prisons on behalf of St. Andrews in 2019. My duties included welcoming, leading prayers, taking notes and requests for information; and praying for residents at the end.

Ian Kirkpatrick

Charitable Activities

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

The Christian Aid collections take place during May each year, many thanks to Colin Leaves for co-ordinating this in the parish.

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/