

## Agenda for Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Elloughton & Brough Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Opening Prayers
2. Election of Churchwardens and Deputy Wardens

### Elloughton & Brough Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the minutes of the APCM held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts
5. Deanery Synod Report
6. Election of Officers
  - Parochial Church Council Members (PCC)
  - Electoral Roll Officer
  - Independent Examiner for the Annual Accounts
  - Deanery Synod Representatives
7. Ratification of the Appointment of Sidespeople
8. Vicar's Remarks
9. Future Events
10. Dates of the next PCC Meeting
11. Any Other Business
12. Closing of the Meeting, Prayers and Blessing

## Elloughton and Brough Annual Parish Report For 2016

### Parish Report 2016

The Elloughton cum Brough PCC met five times during the year. The Standing, Finance, Worship, and Property and Fabric sub-committees, which consider matters in detail and where appropriate bring to the Council recommendations for further consideration and action, have each met as required during the year.

Members of the Parochial Church Council are:-

Incumbent	Rev Mick Fryer
Churchwardens	Peter Shipp Linda Redmond
Deputy Wardens	Mary White
Representatives on the Howden Deanery Synod	Nick White } Debbie Goodwin } elected April 2014 Carl Robinson }
Honorary Secretary	Sally Todd
Treasurer	Peter Jarvis

Elected members of the PCC

Mrs Angela Greaves	}	
Mrs Jean Towns	}	elected April 2014 for three years
Mr Geoff Ogden	}	
Paul Shepherd	}	
Margaret Duncum	}	elected April 2016 for three years
Mrs Lindsey Littlewood		elected April 2016 for one year

## Vicar's AGM Report 2016/17

Once again a really big "THANK YOU" to everyone who has served and supported our church over the past year. Without making a long list I especially want to thank those who turn up week-by-week because you have a 'job' to do. This probably means you were elected to a post or on some dreaded rota, but whatever the reason, thank you.

Over the past year there have been some difficult goodbyes that I know for many have made this an especially hard year. This has in some way reflected the national feeling of saying farewell to many famous people who have died in the past twelve months.

As I write that sense of a cloud hanging over us is heightened by a number of church members facing serious operations or medical treatment.

So how have we responded and how should we move forward?

Our annual reports should read as a celebration of faith and that faith should hold good in the face of all that the world throws at us. In fact in times of distress and struggle faith should speak the loudest, not in volume but in relevance and sincerity.

We had a glorious reminder of this back in August when the new windows at St.Mary's were dedicated. The windows are a celebration of Psalm 23 and the two phrases that stand out clearest are:

*'The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want' and 'I will fear no evil'*

Two reminders that God walks with us as we go through our own struggles. A reminder too that with God we need fear no evil. We can face whatever the world throws at us with the confidence that no-one and nothing *can* 'separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus' [Romans 8]. This is the truth that should inform and strengthen our Ministry, that is, our worship, our study of the Bible, our fellowship and prayers.

It is a truth that should motivate our Mission. The daily news tells us again and again that the world around us desperately needs to know about a God who is there for them, a God of love, forgiveness and hope. We have an amazing Gospel to proclaim and need to keep looking for ways to proclaim it to those with whom we share our lives, those we know and those we will come to know in the future as God leads us.

It should also shape the plans we have for making the most of the buildings that God has given us. Our fine church buildings should also be 'useful' building in the sharing of the story of hope with the communities we serve.

In the past year we have been seeking to serve God wherever we find ourselves, to glorify His name and to do His will. That hasn't changed for the year ahead. I look forward to sharing the journey with you and enjoying your company.

*Revd Mick Fryer*

### **P.S.**

What follows is a great set of Annual Reports. Thank you to everyone who contributed, they give us some idea of what is happening across our parish. It doesn't however tell the whole story of the life of our church and so I have been asked to give an idea of some of the other work I do as Vicar, with or without others helping. This still won't fill in the full picture, this won't list all those who visit and help out those in need, give lifts, make coffees, wash up, clean or those who faithfully pray and do so much more.

Apart from all the regular Sunday & Thursday services we also had all the 'Occasional Offices', that is Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals, in 2016 we held: 20 Weddings; 34 Baptisms; 11 Funerals in Church [plus 15 just at the Crem and a number of interments of ashes]

Each wedding involves a preparation evening for a group of couples together at the same time, I am often helped by members of our church acting as hosts and our Parish Administrator attends to help clear up final paperwork and now helps do the presentation.

This is followed up later with a session for the couple and me to plan their actual wedding, then a rehearsal in church normally involving our Verger. Finally, the wedding itself.

Each Baptism is now simply a preparation evening in the Hall for the parents and Godparents, we have a couple of these a year. Debbie Goodwin & Julie Heinzman very kindly act as our host for the evening and we are now being joined by some members of the Connections team. This is simply followed by the Baptism itself.

Funerals initially involve negotiating with the funeral director over time and place. I then visit the bereaved to offer support and plan the funeral, this will be followed by time spent at my computer writing up the visit and putting the service together. The funeral then happens plus any follow-up.

Another part of the parish ministry is taking communion to those who are sick or shut in as well as monthly services in our local Rest Homes. I am ably assisted in this by Joan Jones, Debbie Goodwin, Gladys Collick and Dorothy Wilson. We go into Brough Manor and Lavender House, sadly we have now stopped going in to Westerlands! I also attend the monthly First Saturday Prayer meeting at the URC, I occasionally lead but I am glad to say it is mainly lay led by both people from our Benefice and the URC.

I am very involved in Elloughton Primary School. Beth Cooper [our youth worker] and I take one assembly each every month. On top of that the school now come into church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and now a Leavers Service as well. I also do the occasional lesson with the school often in church. I am less involved with Brough, but they have now asked me to start doing a monthly assembly and their year 4s came to Brough Methodist Church for the Diocesan run REaction Day, that will now be an annual event.

As a benefice we support financially Hunsley Christian Youth Trust, Nick White was for a number of years a Trustee on the board and also their treasurer. The trust and Swanland Church employs Matt Moore as the full time youth worker, working in the church, South Hunsley School and doing some detached work with Beth. Beth Cooper runs a youth group on a Tuesday after school in Brough and during the Sunday morning service at All Saints' Brough, this as a gap year volunteer. I meet monthly with Beth for a supervision session. I also normally attend the trustees meetings.

In the area of working with young people I am also the Chaplain to 1324 - Hawker Blackburn Squadron of the Air Cadets. As chaplain, or Padre as I am normally called, I support the staff and cadets, occasionally taking cadets to Linton-on-Ouse to do some flying. My main official duty is to enrol new cadets. I am on Squadron at least once a month.

Other areas that occupy my time are supporting colleagues, officially I am supervising a curate during his churches interregnum and another one through a personal crisis! I also attend monthly Clergy Chapter meetings as well as Deanery Synod.

I am sure there is more I can add but writing this list has made me tired, time for a coffee! Mick

### **Electoral Roll Report (as at 7-2-2017)**

Very few changes have taken place over the last year. The current Electoral Roll contains 133 names, down one on last year.

As I will be stepping down as Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting I would like to thank everyone for their help and co-operation over a number of years.

Alan Duncum (Tel: 668264) Electoral Roll Officer

## **Report on Howden Deanery Synod for APCM meeting 30.4.17**

2016 has seen the Deanery Synod convene for four official sessions, plus an additional meeting to outline changes to Deanery structures, as well as sharing Ascension Day in worship and a pilgrimage picnic to Eastington in July. As mentioned last year, since reports have to be submitted well in advance of the APCM, February and April's meetings are carried over to this year.

We are truly blessed in the appointment of the Right Reverend Alison White as Bishop of Hull: the second female Bishop in Church of England history and a wonderfully open, approachable and 'faith full' person. She guested at our February meeting at South Cave, where Rosemary Stewart of Howden Minster laity was elected as Lay Chair and we met our new General Synod members: Lucy Gorman of South Cave and the Rev. Lyn Kenny. Now that we have a presence in Church's governing body we can anticipate the insight to the discussions, workings and decisions which affect all members of the Church of England. The Bishop kept the gathering rapt with the story of her journey of faith from Liverpool to Hull via the North East and her calling to ministry despite being convinced of her unworthiness. She is a firm believer in collaborative work in the church, especially the involvement of laity. As a speaker she never fails to delight and we hope to enjoy her common sense, accessible brand of faith, prayer and worship again in the future.

In April, at Wressle: the furthest west outpost of the Deanery, Reverend Shelagh Jones of the 'Anglican Cursillo' movement explained how their initiative is to empower ordinary churchgoers to take a lead in growing faith within the community. Developed from roots at the time of the Spanish Civil War when there was a dearth of ordained priests, the movement migrated to the U.S. before coming to these shores as a renewal at the turn of the century, so is very contemporary, using weekend gatherings and support groups to encourage active participation where clergy numbers shrink. In a similar vein, Di Bushby and Mike Parker, wardens of Ellerker Church, explained how they are 'Leading the Church into Growth', outlining their personal initiatives and the impact this has had on a very small community by moving from a church just 'paying its way', to a mission based movement, working on a three year plan. Hopefully, as we embark on the steering group initiative, this will be a component we embrace.

Holy Trinity Church in Blacktoft was the venue for the Ascension Day service. On the banks of the estuary the building evokes a time when the community was much larger than today's sleepy village suggests; their 'schoolroom' with its help yourself café is a boon for pilgrims tackling the Transpennine Trail from Southport to Hornsea. Staging posts such as this can help demonstrate the place of the sacred among the secular.

In July there were two events to report: the regular synod meeting at Hotham Village Hall and the pilgrimage and picnic starting at Newbald. Reverend Ben Norton, who is based on Kingswood in Hull, must be the happiest priest in the Diocese as he has no church building to care for and no PCC to referee. As a Pioneer Minister he gave a presentation entitled 'Church without Buildings'. Stemming from the 'Fresh Expressions' initiative, his ministry encapsulates the Church of England strapline: 'A

Christian Presence in every Community'. His parish has no church building and has met in homes, garages and even the pub to service the some 3000 residents of this growing town within Hull's boundaries. Without the rigid structure which an established parish might impose, he has the opportunity to explore different approaches to worship and take the opportunity, as Christ did, to meet the people 'where they were'. The challenge is developing the 15% of church which is 'Fresh Expressions' rather than the 85% inherited format which we are more familiar with. Interesting times ahead!

We were on home ground for the October meeting at St Mary's when we welcomed Lucy Gorman, our General Synod representative, and Gerald Fox, churchwarden at Welton, who both spoke about 'Shared Conversations'. This concerns the issues of gender which is exercising time and thoughts within the Church and wider community. Both are gay and have encountered criticism and exclusion within and outside of the church. At a time when we are encouraged to be an inclusive body, there are some who feel that it is scripturally 'wrong' not to be heterosexual; Lucy herself having to overcome this belief which she shook off when hearing the words of the hymn 'Majesty': 'Your grace has found me JUST AS I AM'. As people in the LGBT community suffer with depression and tending to suicide, we might all give pause for reflection: 'There but for the grace of God go I...'

A special meeting at Howden Minster in November saw Archdeacon Andy Broom make a

presentation on 'Developing our Deaneries', which should impact on all 24 Deaneries within the Diocese, focussing on three goals: Enabling Mission; Resourcing Ministry and Supporting Relationships. The collaborative will to help each of the churches, parishes and benefices is hoped to extend to an inter-Deanery scheme to utilise the skills and knowledge needed to grow the church using the resources we can share locally and further afield. A detailed report will be issued in March 2017 for commissioning anticipated in September 2017, with the appointment of Lay Deans to replace the Lay Chair and Area Deans replacing the former Rural Deans and a schedule of meetings and training for clergy and laity.

Welton hosted January's session with Neil Sanderson, Manager of the York Minster Trust, revealing 'A Day in the Life of York Minster', talking through its history and unique features with a comprehensive presentation; parishioners should note that free passes to the Minster may be borrowed from our parish office. Alan Duckworth, the Diocesan Financial Advisor congratulated all parishes and benefices on achieving 100% with their freewill offerings, one of few Deaneries in the diocese to do so.

The coming months have Matt Moore of Hunsley Youth Trust speaking in May at Blacktoft Old School; an Ascension Day service at Laxton; a 100km 'Audax' cycling event visiting all 17 churches on May 6<sup>th</sup>; a pilgrimage and picnic with venues, dates and itineraries to be decided in July and Rev. Fiona Mayer-Jones speaking on 'Creative Prayer' at South Cave, also in July. If there are issues which you feel need airing at synod level then please contact one of your representatives: Debbie Goodwin or myself for inclusion on forthcoming agendas. Carl Robinson

### **Safeguarding Children and Adult at Risk Policy - Youth and Family Work**

The Church continues to take seriously its obligation and duty to protect and safeguard the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk when they are in the care of the church or through its responsibility in the wider community. This includes all health and safety responsibilities for church buildings.

As a consequence of national developments and historical cases of organised child abuse by people in public life including the Church of England far tighter guidance has been issued by the House of Bishops within the church. This includes guidance for safer recruitment of people working with or volunteering with children and adults. The Benefice Safeguarding Representative has worked with the Diocese to implement the changes locally and reports have been submitted to both parochial church councils within the Benefice.

Confidential Declaration Forms are required at parish level for anyone working with children or adults (regardless of whether they also have Disclosure and Barring Clearance). They are necessary for clergy, readers, recognised parish assistants, worship leaders, assisting with Holy Communion or helping with other work involving children and vulnerable adults. The policy has been implemented over the year and 32 members of the church have completed the forms.

13 members of the church also have full Disclosure and Barring Service clearance for more intensive work in the parish including the church wardens and those involved directly with children, youth or adults at risk work. Further changes to the policy are anticipated with all PCC members requiring full DBS clearance as they are trustees of a charity registered with the Charity Commission which has responsibility for children, youth or vulnerable adult work.

The significant number of church members registered either through the declaration forms or DBS reflects the strength of children and youth work in the parish in addition to ensuring that older more vulnerable adults are kept safe at church or in the wider community.

The Benefice Safeguarding Policy continues to be updated in accordance with the rapidly changing landscape nationally This is on the Benefice website and safeguarding remains a substantive agenda item at all PCC meeting.

Geoff Ogden Benefice Safeguarding Representative

## **Tiny Footsteps Report 2016**

Tiny Footsteps is a Christian group for under 5's and their parents / carers. We meet on a Friday morning 10.00am – 11.45am (term time only), in All Saints' Church, Brough. We start the morning with play time where the children can play with the dolls, trains, play dough, jigsaws, lego or create a masterpiece at the easel to name but a few of the activities on offer. We also have a dedicated baby area with appropriate toys. At 11.00am we serve juice and biscuits at tables before moving over to the carpet area for songs (these are a mixture of nursery rhymes and religious children's songs). A bible story follows and a craft connected with the story to finish the morning. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate is on offer for the adults.

We average between 25 and 45 children each week plus adults (who are responsible for their children at all times). Throughout the year, we have welcomed newborn babies, children who have just moved in to the area and people who have just heard about us and come to see for themselves. In the summer we said goodbye to several of our oldest children when they left us to move on to school. They had all been coming to Tiny Footsteps since they were babies and Mick presented them with a children's bible.

Over the last 12 months we have covered a wide variety of themes and stories, both from the old and new testaments. Our larger themes have included 'People We Meet', 'The Easter Story' where everyone was given palm crosses and 'Children and Animals in the Bible', before we covered the 'Christmas Story'. This involved the children dressing up and the use of additional props which the children loved. We also had a visit from the 'Travelling Nativity' which was very exciting and we finished the year with a Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas. Every child received a present which was a book 'The Story of Christmas'.

We have also branched out in to the world of Social Media this year with Ellie setting us up and maintaining a Facebook page, where she can post relevant information and Liz taking calls and emails from our listing on 'Net Mums' and 'East Riding Mumbler.'

Our group is run totally by volunteers and on donations which the parents make each week. We have covered all our costs (refreshments, craft materials, birthday cards, presents, bibles, books, cleaning materials, toilet rolls and much more). We have also managed to purchase new rugs for the baby area, a new hot water flask and paid for two thorough deep cleans of the church, one after we broke up for the summer and the other just before Christmas. All these purchases have been aided by the fundraising we have undertaken during the year. £176.66 was raised by serving refreshments to Elloughton primary school parents during services that the children attended (Easter, Year 6 leavers, Harvest and Christmas). We are also very grateful to Anita who made and donated a supply of bunting for us to sell and this raised a fantastic £93.00.

At the beginning of September, Caroline was unable to rejoin the team as she embarked on a Teaching Assistant course and took up a position at Elloughton Primary School. We gave her a big box of chocolates as a thank you for all her help. It was a lovely surprise to find that the week we returned in September, some of the Mums, knowing Caroline had left, had decided they would come and help us empty the boxes and set the toys out after they had dropped older children at school. They continue to do this which makes the start to the morning much less frantic!! Liz and Lindsey have stepped up to the challenge too, providing even more help with songs, stories and other practical tasks. We have a healthy rota for help in the kitchen and without this we would struggle to run. Some of our ladies are with us almost every week! The ladies also help out in the main room with various tasks – many times I have spied them playing with play dough or stickle bricks, or helping a child with the craft!! Our latest addition to the team, Mike, joined us in the Autumn. Mike has been fantastic, giving up his time to help Lindsey set the church up on a Thursday, which involves moving lots of furniture and moving boxes out from our cupboard in the parish office. He then returns on Friday to pack away the boxes and move the furniture ready for Sunday. We are very grateful to all our volunteers and we all work as one big team to provide a fun filled morning. Why not come and join us if you are caring for a child or children under 5 – All Saints' Church, Brough, Friday mornings (term time only) 10.00 -11.45.

## **Connections**

The number of children at Connections has slightly increased this year and the numbers of children coming with families have also risen at Family Services. This is only a small increase but from little acorns..... We still have our team of five committed helpers and the older group help out the younger ones when needed which is lovely to see.

Our topics included the church festivals of Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter, and also Remembrance Sunday, Valentine's Day, The Ten Lepers and the Leprosy Mission, The Servant Queen (to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday). During each meeting, the young people listened to a talk, made a craft, wrote a prayer together had refreshments and sang – beautifully. For the following Family Services some of them also learned parts in a sketch to illustrate the themes.

The Christmas play, found by Tricia, was very different from usual. Wise Men with mobile phones having a rest in a Cyber café, e-mails flying everywhere and a scribe who was continually tapping on a laptop! All this seen through the eyes of Herod who followed the three wise men to Bethlehem but, fortunately, refused to believe what he had seen there. A very different play from usual but well received.

A happy group of about twenty congregated at Church Farm to make 175 Christingles and then came and enjoyed one or other of the two services on Christmas Eve. Christmas biscuits provided by a Mum helped the job go very quickly. Also at Christmas we held our annual collection for HARP (Hull Homeless and Rootless Project) and sent 45 parcels of socks, hats or gloves and chocolate.

We look forward to numbers growing again this year especially at Family Services. Sue Shipp

## **Holiday Club**

This year's Holiday Club was another first as we used a theme which was connected to an App. (I was very nervous about this but Stephen said it would be fine – and it was!)

The theme was "The Guardians of Ancora" – the place where all the stories of Jesus are stored. However, some of the artefacts had been lost from the Hall of Remembrance and without reminders the stories were being forgotten. The task through the week was for the children to follow clues to find the missing artefacts and to return them. The artefacts included a fishing net, a Roman centurion's sandal, a hand print, a mat and a tin of salmon and five bread rolls. (I'm sure you can guess the stories that followed. 31 children listened every day to the stories of Jesus, made crafts, sang songs, wrote prayers, played games and had a great time.

For the first time the fish and chip supper had to be held in the Church Hall as it was so wet but the food wasn't soggy and we were able to play a few games and challenges.

The children, dressed in the T-shirts they had painted, retold the events of the week very well to a full Church at the Family Service at the end of the week when they also showed off all the crafts they had made and we hung the new banner which represented our hands and reminded us of what Jesus' hands did.. Thanks go to the dedication of the whole team who gave up their time to help the children to discover more about God and to hopefully sow a few seeds of faith.

Sue Shipp

## **Messy Church**

This year we have run Messy Churches at Easter, Harvest and Christmas with a Fathers Day BBQ which, although not a Messy Church, ran on similar lines

Each session is all-age and is specifically aimed at those who do not attend Church regularly to help explore and grow towards faith. Crafts, singing, story-time, games and food all add to the experience.

We have not had large attendances but those who have come have enjoyed and joined in the afternoons.

Liz Fryer

## **All Saints' Junior Church**

2016 felt much more organised than 2015! We have a steady group of 6 children now, 3 slightly younger ones and 3 older ones. As mentioned in last years report, we had begun the year going through the lifetime of David – and there was so much to go through, it took us all year! We discussed the ups and downs of Davids life, focussing on God being with him at every point, and especially the fact that David was chosen because he had a good heart. We came back to this point repeatedly through the year as we discussed different ways to keep our own hearts good. If you would like to look at some of the stories we learnt about David, they are all on his timeline in All Saints' vestry – feel free to have a look!

Lindsey Littlewood

## **1st Brough (All Saints') Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, 2nd Brough (All Saints') Brownies, 3rd Brough (St Mary's ) Brownies 2nd Elloughton (St Mary's) Guides and Brough Rangers**

Once again we have all had a busy year with a varied programme. We all continue to have long waiting lists even though some groups have managed to increase their numbers. The Rangers now meet at St Marys' Hall on alternate weeks to 2nd Elloughton Guides. 1st Brough Brownies have celebrated their 60th birthday and to remind them of the past they worked on their Brownie Traditions Badge.

The Brownies joined together at Guideacres in June to celebrate the Queen's birthday and held a Patrons lunch. Each unit has enjoyed various outings during the year and managed to help others in various ways.

Diane Moffatt

## **Ladies Nights**

We have run two large scale Ladies Events in 2016, a 'colour' evening in the Spring and then a Christmas Spectacular in December. We enjoyed seeing which colours enhanced our natural beauty! – a chance to rethink our wardrobes before the summer.

We tried our hand at Origami boxes and present wrapping for the Christmas evening and were inspired as our speaker challenged us to the unchanging nature of the Christmas Story in a changing world.

The events have attracted Ladies from all three churches and their friends.

Liz Fryer, Julie Heinzman, Cathie Farrar, Sally Todd

## **Ladies' Prayer Group**

We are a group of women who meet for an hour every Tuesday (in term time) at the home of Julie Heinzman. We talk about our personal needs, those of the churches, the wider area and the world and then pray together.

This year we have regularly started the group with a short Bible Study to help our praying.

The group is open to all Christian ladies in the area who want to pray together

Liz Fryer and Julie Heinzman

## **Ladies Breakfasts 2016**

This was a new and very successful venture. We have met twice, in May and October. We have breakfast together and then sing and worship God, and listen to our invited speaker. On both occasions we have almost filled the School Room at the URC and have come away encouraged and challenged in our faith.

Liz Fryer, Julie Heinzman, Cathie Farrar, Sally Todd

## **Men's "Curry & Quiz" night.**

2016 saw the continuation of our monthly meeting of Men's Night, to enjoy an evening of curry, quiz and conversation. Our regular meeting place is the Red Hawk Public House where we gather at 19:30 on the Last Wednesday of each month.

For members who do not like curry there are other options. We are currently attended by 6-8 members and will always welcome new or past members.

Bomber Brown

### **The MOB Breakfasts**

Once again the 'The MOB' [The **M**en **O**f the **B**enefice] have enjoyed a year of monthly breakfast meetings. We have been working our way through Carl Beech's book '52 Men of the Bible', we are still looking at some of the characters from the Old Testament and their lives are informing and challenging our lives. Each breakfast, bacon rolls & drinks, lasts one hour and starts at 8.00am mainly at The Vicarage but we have just started going out on the road, so check the Pew Sheet for venues. We are now also planning some social events open to all men but that will include the 'Regiment', a group of us, organised by Paul Shepherd, who meet monthly for a pint and chat at The Buccaneer. In 2017 we will also be looking to get involved in the City of Culture in some way. This group is open to any men who want to join us.

Mick and Tom Fryer

### **Bell Ringers Report 2016**

2016 has been a productive year for the Elloughton Ringers. We have once again been supported and taught by more experienced ringers from the area to whom we are very grateful and lots of steady progress has been made. Once again we have had a steady flow of visiting ringers from all over the country. In November we welcomed the young ringers as part of their 'Young Ringers Day Tour' and in December we hosted the Beverley and District Striking Competition. During the competition we welcomed some visitors to the church who commented that it had 'made their day' hearing the bells ring.

We have rung throughout the year for Easter, St George's Day, Anniversary of 100 years of the Battle of the Somme, Remembrance Sunday, the Nativity Service, Nine Lessons and the Christingle services. We rang in August to celebrate the dedication by Bishop Alison of the new stained glass windows. We have had very few weddings again this year but have rung for all those who asked for the bells. We also rang for a funeral, half muffled, at the request of a family member of the deceased who is a bell ringer.

Several members of the band have again attended the monthly Beverley and District Ringing Society's monthly meetings at various locations, including the annual outing which incorporated 4 churches on the outskirts of Sheffield and both the Church of England and Roman Catholic Cathedrals in the city centre. We have also enjoyed joining with North Cave on their ringing rambles to different places. Two of our young ringers were accompanied on the Young Ringer's Day to Selby Abbey, Elloughton and St Mary's Lowgate and a great time was had by all.

Our practice night is Thursday, 7.00-9.00, so if you are at a loose end and fancy learning to ring, please come and join us – contact Alister on 07751474674 (after 6pm please).

### **Mothers' Union**

Rev. Mike Fryer chaired our AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 when discussions took place regarding the future of the Branch. It was decided unanimously that we should continue but in a more informal manner. As no one was able to be Branch Leader it was agreed that the Branch would run by the Committee. The programme for the coming year was discussed. The Annual Financial Statement of Account was accepted by all present (10 members plus the chair).

A presentation was made to Mrs Joan Jones who stood down as Leader of the Branch.

We enjoyed the Annual Lunch at the "Half Moon" in February. On the first Thursday of each month many of us attend Corporate Communion at All Saints Brough, after which several members of the congregation are able to chat over tea/coffee.

During the year we were able to continue supporting the Women's Refuge in Hull. They need as much support as possible.

We had several speakers during the year; and readings and carols at Gladys Collick's home to finish the year.  
Maureen Gillies – Committee Member

## **Social Committee**

The Social Committee meets four or five times a year to discuss and plan the St Mary's-based social calendar for the Parish. In the last year we held a Pâté and Puds Night, a Quiz for Christian Aid, a Beetle Drive for Connections, a Slide Show and Talk on Hull City Centre by Paul Schofield, a Harvest Lunch, a Wartime Lunch and the EYMS Christmas Band Concert. These events raised £2820.36 for Church Ministry and Charities—the Royal British Legion and Christian Aid. The Summer Fayre with Band Concert and School choir, despite a very wet morning and very last minute setting up, was well attended and successful and raised £891.86. These events have been thoroughly enjoyed by all those who have come and we hope many more parishioners and friends will join us for our events in the coming year.

Margaret Duncum

## **St. Mary's Elloughton Churchwarden's report**

As last year, I am pleased to report that the year 2016 has been reasonably uneventful from a Churchwarden's point of view.

Regarding the church building itself there remain to deal with one or two minor items identified in the Quinquennial Inspection undertaken in 2013 and two further apparently very minor issues have been noted since then. One is a slight crack in the west wall of the northern transept, and the other is what appears to be a slight disturbance of the floor or possibly headstones which have been laid flat underneath the central aisle in the main body of the church. Both have been inspected by the Diocesan Architect who confirmed that neither appeared serious but have been added to the list of "things to do".

The interior lighting has been looked at by a qualified electrician and some tubes replaced, but it still seems a little problematic and I think further work will be needed to bring the lighting back to full working order.

The PCC decided that the door in the south wall of the chancel should be made to open in case of emergency. To the best of my knowledge that door has not been used since we came to the church in 1980 and it is in quite poor condition with several gaps in the door itself and between the door and the door frame. The lock has been removed and temporarily replaced with a simple bolt but this has meant that the door does not shut as tightly as before and so often produces draughts in cold weather. It is hoped that all this can be rectified and the lock replaced properly in the near future. Along with opening the door to create a good fire exit we have also placed signs showing exit routes in the pews and fixed the fire extinguishers to the walls.

Again as last year I am very pleased that generally we are still able to keep the church open during daylight hours and although it seems that visitors are relatively few, the ability to come in for private prayer or simply to visit is appreciated by parishioners and visitors as evidenced by some very complimentary entries in the visitors book.

Apart from these practical matters, the main thing I want to say in this report is to thank all those people who serve the church, and generally help with the life of the church in Elloughton both physically and spiritually.

In particular I express my thanks to the choir and the three people who now play the organ on a rota basis, and the sidespeople and others who prepare for the services and serve refreshments after the main Sunday and Festival services. Thanks also to those who decorate the church so beautifully with flower arrangements, especially at festival times, and those volunteers who clean the building regularly.

Again a big thank you to the children and helpers from 'Connections' who continue to delight and sometimes amaze us at Family services with a short sketch on an appropriate biblical theme that they have been learning about on the other Sunday in each month when Connections meet in the church hall. They also write prayers for the services.

Last year was the first time for “Carols at the Crossroads” which took place on the Monday evening before Christmas in the car park of the Half Moon pub. That new venture was so popular that it was decided to repeat it in December 2016 and again I am delighted to say that a group of at least 120 people joined us and seemed to enjoy the community spirit. So again thanks are due to the members of the EYMS Band who provided the accompaniment on that evening, and to the Band itself for playing at the Summer Fayre in July and for the now traditional Christmas Concert in church in December.

It is an unfortunate fact that the regular congregation is often less than it used to be, at least partly because one or two regular members have moved from the area and one or two others have unfortunately passed away. It is still very difficult to encourage younger people and children into the church when there are so many other attractions and activities which take place on Sundays, including of course the inevitable shopping centres. The increasingly large number of shops and supermarkets are open on what I personally would have hoped would remain a quieter day of rest rather than one which is becoming increasingly like any other day of the week for many people.

However, efforts are continuing to make the church as attractive as possible for all ages and we have seen a small number of younger members accordingly who we have been delighted to welcome and long may they stay with us. After all – they are the future.

Peter Shipp - Churchwarden

### **All Saints', Brough Churchwarden's Report**

There are a couple of maintenance items to report.

- The guttering has been replaced. In the course of doing this work it was discovered that some of the ridge tiles were loose and they were only been held in place by resting on the guttering. These were refitted by the contractor.
- The window frame in the vestry toilet was rotten and the window was replaced.
- The heating boiler was repaired following a failure of the ignition system.

The church hall was sold at auction for £199,000.00. This will provide some of the funds required to support the development of our facilities down at Brough. The two priority issues are a new heating system and a new car park.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone at All Saints who has helped to keep everything running smoothly during the last 4 months of 2016 while I was unable to attend due to health reasons. In particular my thanks go to Liz Fryer, Mary White and Debbie Goodwin.

Linda Redmond – Churchwarden

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Summary**

This has been my first full year as PCC Treasurer. I now understand the financial workings of the PCC much better, and I have updated the various computer files to reflect this.

The PCC has previously authorised the move towards electronic banking. However I have not been able to progress this move this year. Our current bank does not provide electronic banking facilities that comply with York Diocese or Charity Commission recommendations, and hence it will be necessary to change banks to introduce electronic banking. Changing banks will be dependent on bank charges (banking is free at with the current bank) and also local facilities for making cash and cheque deposits.

All figures quoted are rounded where appropriate.

**Financial Position** There has been more essential maintenance expenditure this year and also some costs have been incurred to secure the sale of the All Saints Youth Hall.

The balance of money held has marginally increased this year by £1,800 with the total balance of cash standing at £21,400.

At the end of 2016 our finances show a total income of £78,300 and a total expenditure of £76,500. Our overall financial position is stable.

**Income** Voluntary Income is just over £49,000 this year, which is the average for the previous three years. Open plate collections do show a drop compared to 2015 and 2014 (by £1,600 and £500 respectively). Giving by Standing Order was £9,600.

Income from the Church Hall lettings, £10,500, are a little down this year (by £800).

Income from fees for Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings, £10,700, have increased (by £2,600).

**Giving to Charity** We support several charities and our total giving to them this year was just under £1,000 (excluding the Diocese of York, HCYT, and expenditure on our own activities).

### **Generous Churches – York Diocese**

We pledged to give York £27,000 in 2016. We successfully paid the full amount.

### **Maintenance and Utilities**

This year has seen an increase in expenditure for maintenance with the major items being:-

- All Saints:- essential gutter replacement work, replacement window in the vestry and boiler repair work.
- At St. Marys:- stone mason costs associated with the new windows (see below)

Utility costs have reduced this year. New one year fixed contracts for electricity supplies were agreed which standardised the charges for all three buildings with significant reductions of more than £1,000.

**St Marys Windows** Mrs Collick funded the cost of the design and supply of the new windows.

The cost of the masonry work for the new windows was less than that estimated and was fully covered by a donation made in 2015.

There are still some anticipated Diocesan costs that have not yet been presented.

**All Saints Youth Hall and the Brough Development Fund** As reported, the Youth Hall was sold at auction for £199,000 (before costs), although the exchange of contracts / finances did not occur until January 2017. This money will be used for Brough Development

Finally, I would particularly like to thank Gillian for doing all the banking and for the help and support she has provided once again this year.

Pete Jarvis

**ELLOUGHTON cum BROUGH PCC**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Voluntary income 2(a)	£ 36,090.06	£ 13,188.60	£ -	£ 49,278.66	£ 53,391.58	£ 44,472.00
Activities for generating funds 2(b)	£ 2,778.20	£ -	£ -	£ 2,778.20	£ 3,928.11	£ 5,467.00
Income from investments 2(c)	£ 45.72	£ -	£ 1,535.20	£ 1,580.92	£ 1,841.58	£ 1,801.00
Church activities 2(d)	£ 21,262.70	£ 1,871.01	£ -	£ 23,133.71	£ 21,804.89	£ 28,588.00
Other incoming resources 2(e)	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,500.00	£ 918.73	£ 1,143.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£ 61,676.68</b>	<b>£ 15,059.61</b>	<b>£ 1,535.20</b>	<b>£ 78,271.49</b>	<b>£ 81,884.89</b>	<b>£ 81,471.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Cost of generation voluntary income 3(b)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -		
Fund raising trading costs 3(c)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -		
Church activities 3(a)	£ 59,610.83	£ 16,856.65	£ -	£ 76,467.48	£ 72,072.69	£ 86,307.00
Governance costs						
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 59,610.83</b>	<b>£ 16,856.65</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 76,467.48</b>	<b>£ 72,072.69</b>	<b>£ 86,307.00</b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 2,065.85</b>	<b>-£ 1,797.04</b>	<b>£ 1,535.20</b>	<b>£ 1,804.01</b>	<b>£ 9,812.20</b>	<b>-£ 4,836.00</b>
Transfer between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -		
Opening balance adjustment	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -		
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN BANK</b>	<b>£ 2,065.85</b>	<b>-£ 1,797.04</b>	<b>£ 1,535.20</b>	<b>£ 1,804.01</b>		
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND AT 1 JAN 2016</b>	<b>£ 8,587.00</b>	<b>£ 8,823.74</b>	<b>£ 2,150.79</b>	<b>£ 19,561.53</b>		
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND AT 31 DEC 2016</b>	<b>£ 10,652.85</b>	<b>£ 7,026.70</b>	<b>£ 3,685.99</b>	<b>£ 21,365.54</b>		

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Elloughton Cum Brough PCC**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016 which are set out on pages to .

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Heather Newsham FCA



23 March 2017