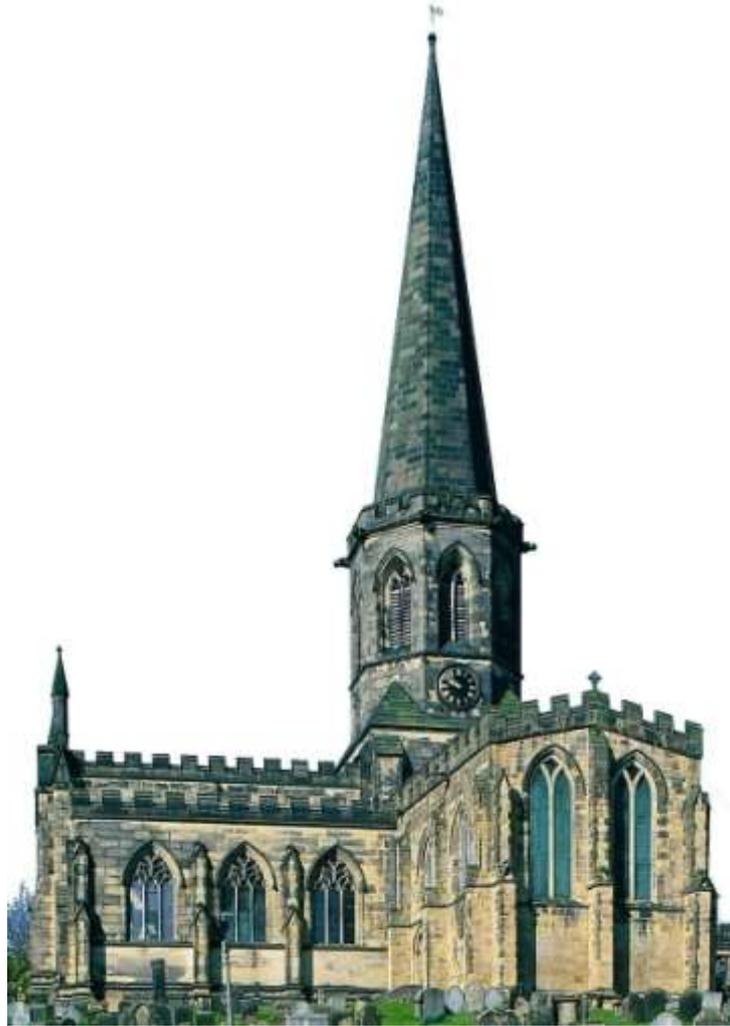


# The Parish of Bakewell

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**All Saints', Bakewell &  
St Anne's, Over Haddon**



**Annual Report  
2016**

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# **The Parish of Bakewell**

## **Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at 12 noon**

### **Agenda**

1. Opening Prayers and Introduction to the Meeting.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Vicar's Consent.
5. Date of next Vestry Meeting

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

1. Members present and apologies (List in circulation)
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Electoral Roll
5. Reports (circulated in the APCM booklet)
6. Accounts and Treasurer's Report (circulated in the APCM booklet)
7. Appointment of Independent examiner
8. Elections
  - a. Deanery Synod members (4 places for 3 years)
  - b. PCC Members  
(3 places 3 for 3 years, 1 place for 2 years & 3 places for 1 year)
  - c. ABC Representatives (3 places)
  - d. Deputy Churchwardens
  - e. Sides team
9. Any other business
10. Date of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Being an invitational Church

## **Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at All Saints Church, Bakewell**

The Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven was in the chair.

**Present:** Andrea Banks, Angela Bird, Bill Bryant, Dot Bushen,(Churchwarden) Mary Chaplin, Richard Chaplin, Simon Ennals, Eileen Gibbs, Joyce Glencross (Treasurer and Administrator) John Hargreaves, Susan Hillam, Brenda Jackson, Anthony James, Jo Longland James, Rachel Kaunhoven, Jeff Marsh, Sue Marsh, Marilyn Nichols, Christel Paterson, Tanya Ralph, Al Rhodes, Ben Roper (Churchwarden) Chris Shepley, Liz Shepley, Ruth Short, Tony Short, Rev'd Aron Simpson, Ashdon Toombs, David Warrington, John Wickham, Sue Wickham.

**Apologies** were received from Hilary Bartlett, Nigel Bartlett, Pat Bryant, Barbara Davies, Glyn Davies, Kath Naylor, Rick Naylor, Shirley Plant, Jane Proctor, Philip Proctor, Neil Spaven, Penny Spaven, Shirley Stubbs, Olga Truscott, Roger Truscott, Judith Twigg, Leonard Twigg, Carol Wickstead.

1. Canon Tony opened the meeting by welcoming those present and observing that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint churchwardens for the coming year. This post is open to all who are on the civil electoral roll for the area of the Parish of Bakewell. He thanked Ben and Dot for their hard work and support during this year and explained that their role is to keep an oversight and to ensure the smooth running and happiness of the community.
2. The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015, following a proposal by Ruth Short and seconded by Chris Shepley, were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
3. Election of churchwardens: Ben Roper and Dot Bushen had been nominated by Jeff Marsh, Angela Bird and Ben Roper and Brenda Jackson respectively, to be churchwardens for the coming year and as there were no other nominations, they were appointed. Canon Tony confirmed his consent to the appointments.
4. The next Vestry Meeting will be held during April 2017, not later than 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Minutes of the APCM held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at All Saints Church, Bakewell.**

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1. Minutes of the Last Meeting
  - 1.1 The Minutes of the 2015 APCM following a proposal by Angela Bird and seconded by Tony Short, were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
  - 2.1 No matters were raised.
3. Electoral Roll report
  - 3.1 Mary Chaplin reported that the present roll is 118 of whom twenty are resident outside the parish. One person has joined the electoral roll this year and several have moved away from the area or died, resulting in a decrease of seven since the last meeting.
  - 3.2 Mary observed that once again she had found difficulty in finding space to display the legally required documentation for revising the electoral roll. Canon Tony assured her that next year an internal board will be cleared just before the APCM so that the relevant information for the meeting can be displayed.
  - 3.3 Mary is happy to remain as electoral officer and was thanked for her work throughout the year and particularly at the time the electoral roll is revised.

#### 4. Reports

- 4.1 Canon Tony thanked all those who had prepared reports which give an excellent account of the life of our parish. He also thanked Joyce for co-ordinating all the reports into a coherent document.
- 4.2 The content of each reported was noted by the meeting.
- 4.3 With reference to the Vicar's report Angela Bird suggested that it is time for us to look again at our parking problem and suggested that parking for a number of cars could be made available at the top of Church Lane. Canon Tony acknowledged that through the lack of parking we do lose a number of weddings and prestigious services.
- 4.4 Canon Tony drew attention to the Bishop's Badge Awards presented to Joyce Glencross and Bill Bryant last Autumn – Joyce's for her work here as administrator and Bill for his work both in the parish and the Deanery. He also commented on the Deanery Youth Work in which Rev'd Aron and Jess Turner are involved and which was also acknowledged by an award at the same service
- 4.5 In response to a question by Rev'd John Hargreaves about the future of Over Haddon, Canon Tony reiterated that St Anne's has a small loyal congregation supported more by us than the village. We need to consider how we can enhance the future, grow the church, decide whether the building is adaptable, is there potential in its use as a walkers' centre as well as a place of worship, for example. Do we continue the present pattern of worship with two services a month or think carefully about other uses? We need to start this dialogue with the community who love the building and want the churchyard. There is no intention of closure but what is the viability, potential, mission of each of our churches. These issues are not confined to us and similar discussion is going on all over. Festival Worship may be a consideration.
- 4.6 Richard Chaplin wanted to know what was to happen to our precious artefacts and in response Canon Tony reported that the experts recommend that they remain in situ. One possibility is to consider interpreting those already in the building. It has been suggested that some of the 'best bits' may be hidden at the moment. All these points need to be carefully considered alongside the development of the west end. Holograms are a superb way of showing detail on the crosses which can then be interpreted. David Warrington suggested that the crosses might be protected to prevent weathering and deterioration but this has already been raised and rejected.
- 4.7 Canon Tony thanked the churchwardens for their report, the Synod reps and those involved in the Deanery Youth Work. The inauguration of the Deanery Synod was a very positive evening. It will take time to 'bed in'. Many churches, like St Anne's will be supported and resourced.
- 4.8 With reference to the PCC report Canon Tony reported that twelve swift boxes are now in the church tower in a bid to attract more swifts to nest. Those who have served on the PCC were thanked for their work and commitment.
- 4.9 Those involved in Messy Church and Tots and Teds were thanked sincerely by Canon Tony for their excellent outreach. Church members can keep up to date with what is going on by looking at the displays in the Newark.
- 4.10 The reports from the MAP co-ordinator, the Mission Group. Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral team and Lunch Club were all noted and appreciation expressed for all that is going on within those groups to enhance the life of the church
- 4.11 Bill Bryant thanked Ben for his Roof project report and in response to his request for an update on the spire was told that the work was expected to start within two months and that a delay had been caused by a difficulty with the scaffolding.
- 4.12 Bill Bryant also thanked Michael Hillam for all the work he has done in attracting visitors and requested that the PCC pay particular attention to the last paragraph in the report.
- 4.13 Thanks were expressed to Tanya Ralph for looking after the website which is now being well used.
- 4.14 Canon Tony reported an update on Glyn's health. There will be an extensive period without an organist after the end of May. He is seeking organist(s) to see us through to August.
- 4.15 Mary Chaplin thanked Rachel for her hard work in providing the flowers which so enhance our church.
- 4.16 Dates are already set for the Christmas Tree Festival which continues to be a very popular event. Those who organised the event were thanked profusely by Canon Tony.
- 4.17 Canon Tony thanked Angela Bird for her work as branch leader of the Mothers' Union and thanked Carol Wicksteed and her friends for taking on the role.

- 4.18 With reference to the Infant School report Canon Tony drew attention to the Government's decision that all schools shall become academies. Small schools like our Infant School are meeting together and discussing with the Diocese the implications of this decision.
- 4.19 Ruth and Tony Short were thanked by Canon Tony for their sterling work in keeping the card stall in such good shape.
- 4.20 As he thanked the ABC reps Canon Tony referred to the November meeting when we, as a community of Christians together met to decide our response to the refugee crisis.
- 4.21 Angela Bird drew attention to Peter's desire that somebody would take over Traidcraft. Canon Tony thanked Peter for his commitment.

## 5 Accounts and Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 In response to a question about legacies, Joyce explained that they go into the general fund unless they are donated with a caveat in which case that money is allocated to, e.g., the organ fund. However, if we were struggling to pay our Parish Share (which has never happened) that money would be used for that purpose.
- 5.2 Angela Bird observed that the Open Door money all goes into the ordinary fund but is used for Mission. That is correct except for the money raised by OD during the Christmas Tree Festival which goes into the Fabric fund.
- 5.3 Joyce had prepared a summary of the giving over the last few years which indicated a drop in revenue. There are good reasons for this but nevertheless we need to maintain our level of giving and therefore a stewardship campaign will be launched in the near future. Recently we have been concentrating on the successful roof appeal.
- 5.4 It was proposed by Brenda and seconded by Ben that the All Saints accounts be accepted.
- 5.5 Tony Short proposed and Ruth Short seconded the approval of the accounts for St Anne's.
- 5.6 Canon Tony expressed a huge 'thank you' to Joyce for her work in preparing the accounts and to Rick and Kath for their roles as assistant treasurers.

## 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Following John Foster's agreement the meeting agreed that he should act as the independent examiner of the accounts for the coming year. It was suggested and agreed that he be given a small gift in acknowledgement of his work.

## 7. Elections

- 7.1 PCC members: Two nominations were put forward for re-election for the three available places – Brenda Jackson and Rick Naylor.
- 7.2 ABC representatives: Marilyn Nichols agreed to continue to be a representative on the ABC with Canon Tony and Jeff and Sue Marsh will continue as Christian Aid representatives.
- 7.3 Deputy Church Wardens: Nigel Bartlett, Angela Bird and Rick Naylor, having confirmed their willingness to continue as deputy churchwardens were approved in the appointment together with Jeff Marsh who was proposed by Canon Tony. Roger Truscott will continue in the role at St Anne's.
- 7.4 Sides Team The following appointments to the sides team were confirmed: Andrea Banks, Angela Bird, Dot Bushen, Rachel Kaunhoven, Jeff and Sue Marsh, Christel and Bryan Paterson, Ben Roper, Chris and Liz Shepley, Tony Short, Neil Spaven, Shirley Stubbs, Carol Wickstead.

Canon Tony thanked the team for the crucial welcoming job they do. To visitors they are the 'face' of our church

- 8. We are seeking a new Health and Safety Officer as Rick proposes to carry on only one more year. Ideally he would like somebody to shadow him during this year.
- 9. Brenda Jackson expressed grateful and sincere thanks on behalf of us all to Canon Tony and Rev'd Aron for their hard work, and tireless commitment to the Benefice. We are indeed very fortunate.
- 10 The date of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held during April 2017, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Review of new services: FUSION and The Gathering

Fusion is the fusing together of the traditional and the modern, the formal and the informal – it is a coming together in God's presence.

Canon Tony described its purpose and its format.

Bill Bryant suggested that more regular worshippers ought to support these new services.

Rev'd Aron talked about the Gathering – café style church - which gives those attending an opportunity to engage in discussion. Simon Ennals enjoys the opportunity to play his guitar!

It is good that our church is looking beyond our traditional service pattern in a quest to attract more worshippers, particularly those who attend Messy Church and the young people in our community.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 13.50

## The Vicar's Report

An Annual Meeting allows the opportunity to offer thanks for people's important contributions to the life of God's church in the Parish, in terms of their practical and spiritual support, energy, enthusiasm, commitment and time. This ranges from cleaning to strategic planning and thinking, and reminds us that the Church is the living Body of Christ, where all that we do and seek to do is rooted and grounded in our love and response to God's call through Jesus to follow as disciples.

Throughout my 10 year ministry you have graciously and prayerfully supported not only my ministry as your Parish Priest, shared with our brothers and sisters across the Benefice, but also within the Diocese and Deanery, firstly as Archdeaconry Ecumenical Officer, then Rural Dean (of two Deaneries!), then Assistant and Acting Archdeacon of Chesterfield. This part of my ministry is not because I get a buzz from being important, or because I cannot say no to requests, but because as a Priest I am under the authority of God and we are called as a priest to serve his Church in whatever way we are asked to do. That you allow me to represent the Parish within a larger context says a lot about you, the community, I have the privilege to minister within and serve, and I hope in turn, that I can bring some of the 'bigger picture' into our thinking, planning and activity.

When I arrived in Bakewell there wasn't a huge confidence about feeling as a church community that people could have ideas, be allowed space to agree and develop initiatives, or necessarily feeling always that there was a collegiality of sharing together as a community. I have over the years tried to work with the PCC, Church Wardens, colleagues and the church community to foster a real sense of belonging, where all are valued, loved, cared for and have ownership in understanding and defining what we are here to do in Bakewell and Over Haddon as God's Church and people. What makes us distinctive? How do we both feel confident in our faith and discipleship, whilst at the same time, being a witness for the Gospel we believe in? Where do we influence, challenge and share the love of Jesus within the communities we are a part of? We hear time after time the need and call to grow from the National Church and Diocese, but what does that look like and feel like in Bakewell and Over Haddon, and where is it going to come from within our local context?

We are something of a mixed bunch at All Saints, which is to be valued- where we have members of the church community who have been part of it for over 60 years and witnessed changes in liturgy, style and activity. Then we have two couples who have recently moved into Bakewell, who are exploring gently whether we are right place for them to share their faith and relationship with God and to feel a sense of belonging. We are a community that has people who have worshipped and shared in the full breadth and depth of Anglicanism, with experiences of missionary zeal, evangelistic growth, Catholic ritual and good 'mid range' Anglicanism. The joy is holding everybody together, listening and learning from one another and recognising the context and uniqueness of God's call and challenge to make disciples in our parish. What worked somewhere in terms of great growth, may well not work here, but that doesn't mean that we ignore the importance of taking different experiences, ideas and insights that people bring and offer, and using them as a basis for prayer, discussion and forward planning.

I know that sometimes some people become frustrated and cannot understand why we don't do this or that, or why we are introducing a screen for some of our Services, or that some of our Mission Action Plan priorities seem to be stuck in the long grass, or are not moving forward. Perhaps we need more courage, or perhaps it is because we are not being as prayerful as a community as we should be, in order to ask the Holy Spirit to guide and unblock. It is all part of the continued discerning and decision

making for realising the vision of All Saints and St Anne's to be lively, thriving and loving church communities, reaching out to demonstrate, by our actions, God's love as a force for good in our community and the world, whilst maximising the potential of the church buildings for worship, ministry and outreach.

Of course it is easy to have lots of fancy words and ideas that fill a page and look good when the Archdeacon, Area Dean or Bishop visit. However, from the Diocesan viewpoint I have, I do think we are in a decent place from which to move forward. The Deanery reorganisation is to enable the local Church to be resourced and supported for mission, practising a spirit of generosity, and where the bigger churches can be a hub for mission, administration, excellence in worship and support (physically and financially) for churches that are struggling. In time the Deanery will be responsible for deployment of clergy and other ministerial resources, enabling coordination and joining up of mission and ministry in schools, the work place etc, and raising the necessary funds to finance new ministry within the Deanery and Diocese. Market Town Parish Churches are identified as being important centres from which the resourcing of the mission and ministry of the wider Church can happen, and what needs to be done to make them fit for purpose. I am excited that Bakewell would be one such resource in time.

Meanwhile, we have the opportunity to both review the Mission Action Plan that has been renewed and worked up year on year through the PCC, with the oversight and coordination of Philip Procter, and to work through what comes out of the Parish Away Day in February. Again, we are not looking for a fancy list of proposals on a sheet to be referred to and largely forgotten by those not directly involved in discussion, decision making and implementation. We are looking for things that will enthuse, involve and challenge us all to personal and corporate growth in prayer and understanding discipleship, that will make us all want to actively engage in putting into people's lives, activities, thoughts, experiences and lives- the Good News of Jesus Christ, and actively encouraging and inviting them to know and love God.

Messy Church, Fusion and The Gathering are additional ways of trying to engage and welcome enquirers, alongside our more established worship. There is room to tweak and develop them, and I am very grateful for the Messy and Gathering Team for their energy and commitment. We are getting on top of the technology and trying to use it as a positive tool that does not jar or take away from what is being shared, and we are always looking for people to join the team to help set up the screen etc, which helps to make the build up to Services using IT less stressful.

We are exploring the possibility of a Costa Cafe Church, which would evolve from The Gathering, and with vision and purpose for what this would look like, to really work at publicity and personal invitation to people we have some or no contact with, to invite. This initially would be monthly in Costa, but with the capacity to meet more often. I also think that this is something we could share together with our Methodist colleagues.

Tots and Teds, Mothers Union, The Women's Wednesday Group, The Lunch Club, Wonderzone, the plans to develop the work of Open Door, an important continuing ministry within all of the schools of Bakewell, and through their contact with church, are all important ways of reaching out as Christians, and they all have greater potential for growth. We need to both celebrate what we are doing in the Lord's Name, whilst all asking, what can we do to grow the potential for bringing people to faith, meeting and walking alongside those who live around us.

We mourned as a Parish community the death of Glyn last July, after 32 years of dedicated ministry as Organist and Choirmaster. Glyn's commitment and hope throughout his illness of returning to the stool meant that we didn't have his expertise to advise of the legacy that would mean we continue to build on his love for music and love for the choir, shared by Barbara. The huge hole left has been bridged by the care and commitment of Judith Taylor with the choir, and the excellent playing of Neil Clarke and Andrew Marples, supported by David Winder and Stephen Hunt. We are advertising for Glyn's successor and we pray that God will send us the right person to develop the potential and enable our music to glorify God and reach across the traditional and contemporary.

We said farewell to Aron in July, who moved to his first Incumbency in Swanwick and welcomed David Mundy in September as a part time curate in training. Aron, Bella, Evelyn and Isaac were both loved and we all enjoyed sharing in Aron's growth, development and confidence as a priest and continue to pray for his new ministry. David brings life experience and his role within the Diocesan Parish Resource Office- this will be greatly helpful as we face a large increase in our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund from 2017 to 2019. This has sparked our need as a Parish to look at our giving as part of our Stewardship, and this will include not just our financial generosity, but also the growth of understanding what we give and why we give to God in response for his blessings upon us.

Thank you for your friendship, support, prayers, encouragement, ideas, passion, faithfulness, time given and commitment. Thank you to Brenda for her ministry, leadership and wisdom as our Reader, as we continue to pray for Pat and Judith. Thank you for the oversight of Roger at St Anne's, and the diligence, professionalism and leadership of Ben and Dot, together with those who assist them as Deputy wardens. Thank you to the Bell Team under Pauline's leadership; Sidespeople, readers, intercessors, servers, those who serve refreshments after the service, church cleaners, Good News distributors and church cleaners. Thank you to Sue in the engine room of the Sacristy, and for Joyce's work as Administrator and Treasurer, for Rick, who is standing down as our Health and Safety Officer, but carrying on as our Heating Guru; for Mike Hillam, our Parish Safeguarding Leader in his helping us to navigate the new policies, and lastly to you all. We look forward in faith and confidence that in all things, God is in our midst and seek to be good servants and stewards in His Name.

*Canon Tony*

## **The Churchwarden's Report**

The roof works are almost complete! Work began in 2014 and the final part of the work on the Vernon roof and the spire was completed in December 2016. Our 'pagoda' will be missed, but we do have a splendid new weathervane, (the support structure for the old one was corroded and had to be replaced). Our grateful thanks go to all, members of the congregation and of the community, who have given so generously to this mammoth operation and who continue to do so, through pledges. We have a responsibility, as trustees, to maintain our magnificent Grade 1 listed building and we thought that we had managed to make the building watertight. Storm Doris had other ideas! Investigation is taking place as to why there was water ingress onto the Crossing during the very high winds and driving rain at the end of February. However, the bulk of the work is complete and any loose ends will be dealt with as soon as possible.

The Fabric committee have continued to oversee necessary repairs and have instigated refurbishment of our historic altar frontals by the ladies of Derby Cathedral. One white one is now complete and a second is a work in progress. We have experienced problems with the organ and it has become clear that it needs quite substantial repair. Since it is a very special instrument, it is important that these works are carried out. So here is our next large fundraiser!

The sides team continue to quietly and efficiently welcome people attending services, both regulars and visitors. It is gratifying to note that we are frequently thanked for the warm welcome extended to visitors to the church.

Our thanks go to the cleaning team, who have continued to keep the church very clean and tidy. We do need a larger team, so any additional volunteers would be welcomed. The church and churchyard clearing days were successful. Thank you to all involved.

The Churchwarden duties for the 11am service have been shared between Angela, Rick, Nigel, Jeff, Ben and Dot. The sharing of responsibility considerably helps to reduce the workload.

A very big 'thank you' goes to Rick for his years as Health and Safety and Heating Officer. He has now indicated his desire to step down from the former appointment and he is to be 'shadowed' by Ian Ross, who will take over from Rick.

The Nativity tableau has again been admired. It has now outlived its perceived 'use by date' but it continues to look wonderful on the East End of the church. Thank you to Mark Ramsden for delivering, installing and removing. It is so important in promoting the Christian message of Christmas to the town.

Thank you to our priests and readers for all of their hard work and for their leadership to our church community. We are also extremely grateful for the support their families afford.

We are blessed with a variety of services, something to please everyone. They all have their particular appeal. The Mothering Sunday service, using new technology, was special and attracted new families.

And finally, thank you Canon Tony and Rachel for the past ten years and for, well, everything!

*Dot Bushen & Ben Roper*

## **Peak Deanery Synod**

Our elected representatives to Synod are: Angela Bird, Joyce Glencross, Ben Roper, Marilyn Nichols together with our clergy.

We continue to meet as part of the Peak Deanery which incorporates the Deanery Synods of Bakewell & Eyam, Buxton and Glossop Deaneries. The Area Dean, The Revd Colin Pearson, chairs all meetings.

Synod meetings include discussion of many topics, there are visiting speakers and opportunities to consider and reflect upon issues facing the church locally and nationally. As a matter of routine the Synod receives reports from members of the diocesan boards and councils as available.

The March meeting was primarily devoted to consideration of how we turn our story from one of struggle to one of hope, and from desperation to inspiration. We were told how a church in Norwich Diocese, through a church planting initiative, a congregation of no more than 30 had grown to 300-400 within about 3 years. This period of exceptional growth is attributed to key points of encouragement: Think positive – do not despair; Jesus is building his church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it; God has not stopped working, we need to hear him speaking.

The second meeting of the year, in June, was devoted to a presentation giving details of the Common Fund due to replace the Parish Share in 2017. There were presentations by the Diocesan, Secretary, Director of Finance and Director of Mission and Ministry. We were told that the inevitable consequence of the move from the old formula to a new one would be that there will be changes for everyone: 50% will be asked to pay more, but 50% will find themselves being asked to pay less.

An Open Deanery Meeting was held in September to introduce how the new Common Fund formula will be calculated and when detailed figures will be made available for each parish together with details how the fund formula was applied. For those parishes with an increased amount will have it phased in over a 3-year period.

The third and final meeting of the year, in September, was chaired by the Area Dean and attended by Bishop Jan. The details of the result of calculating the Common Fund for each parish were issued in spreadsheet form and discussed. The Area Dean offered to attend PCC meetings to talk about the Common Fund.

*Ben Roper*

## **The PCC Report**

### **Introduction**

This report covers the period ending December 2016 during which six PCC meetings were held. At the beginning of the year the PCC had a membership of 17 made up of 5 ex officio members, 12 elected members (8 PCC and 4 Deanery Synod) and 1 co-opted. (*Ben is both ex officio & elected!*)

The average attendance during the year was 66%

At the 2017 meeting 4 Deanery Synod places are due for election for 3 years & 7 PCC places are up for election, 3 for 3 years, 1 for 2 years & 3 for 1 Year.

### **Elections and Appointments**

At the first meeting of the new PCC in May after the APCM, the following appointments were agreed.

Vice Chair of the PCC	Wardens: Ben Roper, Dot Bushen
Administrator	Joyce Glencross
Secretary	Sue Marsh
Treasurer	Joyce Glencross
Electoral Role Officer	Mary Chaplin
Heating Officer	Rick Naylor
H & S Officer	Rick Naylor (until April 2017)
Protection of Vulnerable Persons	Michael Hillam

## **Aims and Purposes**

Bakewell Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Canon Tony Kaunhoven, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

## **Worship and Prayer**

In our quest to grow the Church, new services have been introduced in addition to the traditional Eucharists and Evensong. Messy Church, on the first Sunday of the month continues to attract young families from Bakewell and beyond and the Fusion Service on the third Sunday is intended as a bridge between Messy Church and the traditional 11am Eucharist. It is growing in popularity. The Café Church/ Gathering at 5pm on the fourth Sunday of the month is exploring the notion of a venue away from church in order to draw more young people. Bishop Jack Nicholls led the Confirmation in May. His talk to the young people being confirmed was memorable. 'Harvest on the Farm', organised by the 'Messy' Team was a huge success, finishing with a delicious lunch. The Crib Service on Christmas Eve always fills the church. The Women's Bible Study Group led by Jane Proctor meets weekly and Alyse Ross has set up a monthly prayer meeting at her home. 'Growth' is also the main focus of the Mission Meetings.

**Pastoral Care** is provided by our pastoral team led by Rev'd John and Judith Hargreaves. In addition, a group of Lay Eucharistic Ministers administer Communion to those unable to attend church.

## **Mission and Outreach**

At All Saints we continue to seek opportunities to reach out to the local community and to bring its members into church. Canon Tony regularly takes assemblies in our local schools. The schools use the church for their own services and as part of their school curriculum.

The Luncheon Club thrives and from these monthly meetings real friendships have developed. 'Tots and Teds' attracts families with pre-school age children for fun, food and Bible stories.

Without doubt it is the Christmas Tree Festival which draws the largest crowds to church and also involves the greatest number of groups and organisations from the community.

HM the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday offered us the opportunity to invite the church neighbours to a popular lunchtime hog roast.

We now have a Pub Quiz team which enjoys great success at the Queens on Tuesday evenings.

The PCC agreed to the investment of £3,000 in the Derbyshire Community Bank which is owned and controlled by its members. They are not-for-profit financial co-operatives regulated by the Financial Services Authority and provide loans to needy people at manageable interest rates.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of the Association of Bakewell Christians and subscribes £125 pa towards its expenses. Its activities are wide ranging – the Street Nativity, the Town Passion and the Carnival Service attract much interest and participation. Wonderzone, monthly meeting for children, is held at the Junior School and is funded by the ABC. During the Week of Prayer for World Peace, passers-by were invited into a tent to offer or write a prayer. The Lent Lunch Groups at All Saints are part of the ABC Lent programme along with house groups. Another ABC initiative is the development of the Refugee / Migrant groups of which there are three – hospitality, teaching English and Advocacy. Christian Aid benefits from the ABC united services as well as designated fund raising activities.

## **MAP**

MAP is a routine agenda item enabling regular review. It continues to guide the focus of the PCC and keeps us on track.

The Administration Project was accepted by the PCC in March and Alyse was thanked for her work in its compilation. Much of the report was recognised as worthy of consideration and very desirable, e.g. a church office – but the usual financial limitations apply. The churchwardens have undertaken a collation of a list of contacts and responsibilities of church roles for information and to aid communication.

Philip continues to be the co-ordinator of the plan and the PCC is grateful for his input and commitment.

## **Charitable Giving**

All Saints continues to fund the education of two children in Zababdeh at a cost of £1,000 pa, £500 was sent to Helen's Trust, £200 to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. St Anne's send £50 each to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, Children's Society, Christian Aid, CMS, Church Army and USPG. The Remembrance service collections were again sent to the poppy appeal and the Christingle collection to the Children's society.

## **Events**

Jeff has taken over the co-ordination of the coming events. It is important that he is kept up to date with any additions or alterations to the programme so that each event is appropriately advertised to maximise its potential impact.

## **Finance**

The budget provision for the year was approved by the PCC and kept under review. Account formalities fall within the scope of the Treasurer's Report. The Council carried out the annual review of fees e.g. weddings in relation to the charges that are set locally.

## **Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons**

In January Michael Hillam presented a new Safeguarding document to the PCC which was gratefully received. Michael was thanked for an excellent document and for his work and commitment in its preparation.

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the friendly and welcoming community that it is. In particular we want to mention our administrator / treasurer, Joyce who works tirelessly on our behalf, and our church wardens, Ben and Dot for their commitment throughout the year.

## **Trusteeship**

To conform to the Charities Act legislation the PCC is an independent Registered Charity, our annual turnover, All Saints' and St Anne's, exceeding £100,000. Our charity registration number is 1133846. Details of all current and future members of the PCC must be formally submitted to the Charity Commissioners to be registered as named trustees. Notes for Guidance of PCC Members agreed in 2011 remain in use. It is considered that the paper should be of particular help to new members with no previous experience of the workings of the Council.

## **Committees**

### **General Structure**

A committee structure is established. The aim of the committees is to reduce PCC time taken up by business matters to allow more time for the development of mission and ministry. All PCC members can anticipate serving on at least one committee and non-PCC members are welcomed and co-opted in relation to their particular knowledge and expertises.

### **Standing Committee**

As required under ecclesiastical law, at its first meeting following the 2016 APCM the new PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising: The Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, Wardens, Ben Roper and Dot Bushen Secretary Sue Marsh, Treasurer Joyce Glencross and PCC member Brenda Jackson.

### **Fabric Committee**

The Fabric Committee has responsibility for the maintenance and repairs together with oversights for improvements. The membership for the year was: Wardens Ben Roper and Dot Bushen, Joyce Glencross, Rick Naylor (Health and Safety Officer) and Sue Marsh.

With the completion of the pointing to the spire, the roof project has come to an end but there remain some finance matters to conclude e.g. Retentions and Standing Orders to the Fund.

Glyn alerted us to the need for organ repairs identified by Sixsmiths. This is receiving attention.

The newer of our white altar frontals has been repaired by the sewing ladies at Derby Cathedral and they are currently working on our old and treasured white frontal. Two of the ladies came to explain to us how they go about working with these fragile and precious fabrics.

In an attempt to attract more swifts to the area twelve swift boxes have been installed in the bell tower and recorded swift calls can be heard for an hour each morning and evening.

Health and Safety matters are routinely considered by the committee which has benefited from Rick's and advice and guidance. We are very grateful for his commitment over the years.

## **CONCLUSION**

In this report it is impossible to include all that is discussed at the PCC meetings but the minutes of the meetings and associated documentation is displayed in the Newark for the perusal and comment of anyone so interested.

*Sue Marsh*

**Ex officio members**

Vicar	The Revd. Canon Tony Kaunhoven
Curate	The Revd. Aron Simpson
Churchwardens	Ben Roper Dot Bushen
Organist	Glyn Davies

**Elected Members**

**Synod to April 2017**

Angela Bird	
Joyce Glencross	Administrator/Treasurer
Ben Roper	Secretary
Marilyn Nicholls	

**PCC to April  
2017**

Sue Bull	Co-opted member for 1 year
Pat Bryant	Reader

**2018**

Sue Marsh	
Jeff Marsh	

Simon Ennals	
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Jane Proctor	
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Tanya Ralph	
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**2019**

Brenda Jackson	Reader
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Rick Naylor	Assistant Treasurer/Health & Safety Officer
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Since the last APCM:

- Rev'd Aron moved to his new parish
- Glyn Davies passed away
- Simon Ennals & Tanya Ralph resigned.
- Rev'd David Mundy joined us.
- Jane Proctor has decided not to complete her final year

## All Saints' Reports

### Tot & Teds

'Tots and Teds' our monthly get-together for pre-school children, babies and their carers, continues to be appreciated by our faithful supporters including families who bring their babies when older children are at School. We have been pleased and grateful to know that 'Tots and Teds' is being recommended to others and that parents are bringing other parents and toddlers along. We feel that the group is as much for the adults as for the children, providing, as one mother said - more structure, one to one guidance and a greater variety of activities for the children plus time for the mums to chat. We asked the adults on more than one occasion, whether they would like a change of order in which we do things and for their requests but each time all were happy with the current pattern of: free-play and art and craft on arrival, followed by circle time - birthdays, story and prayer, then refreshments followed by music and singing. The story, usually with a biblical and seasonal theme provides the focus for creative activities - crafts and music. Some 2016 themes included: Fresh Start (all made new), Whatever the Weather (care and protection), Hop, Skip, Jump (new life), Planting and growing (trust and promise), Music and Dance (joy of movement), Harvest (praise and thanks), Light, Rainbows (Noah listens and obeys), The First Christmas (celebration)

Posters advertising 'Tots and Teds' each month were displayed at ten locations in town and in Peak Advertiser. Parents and children again enjoyed making decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Information leaflets with events and themes were available in church and given to others potentially interested including for Mothers Union distribution.

We are very grateful to all who have helped whether occasionally or regularly, on the day and in preparation each month. We appreciated Bella's contribution, at times providing materials, telling the story and promoting Tots and Teds at school; we hope Bella and Aron are very happy in their new ministry.

*Julia Zamoyski*

## **Messy church**

Our dedicated, gifted and enthusiastic Messy Church Team have continued to find interesting and fun activities that help both children and adults think about God's love for us and what it means to follow Jesus. We have reflected on how people of all ages are part of God's family, how God can help us to be strong in the face of temptation and also how God helps us to overcome all sorts of difficulties. We also thought about God's generosity and have learned about St Paul as an example of how Jesus can change people. We have had fun in building and knocking down the walls of Jericho, we celebrated the Olympics knowing that Jesus chooses us to be part of his team and on Remembrance Sunday we thought about people sacrificing their lives in war and about the sacrifice Jesus made for us. In December we were thinking about Jesus being at the heart of our preparations for Christmas.

One of the highlights of Messy Church in 2016 was the Harvest service when Messy Church and the regular All Saints congregation celebrated harvest together at James and Cheryl Frost's farm and then shared a harvest farm lunch. It was a happy occasion that attracted some new families who wanted to come again, we are still hoping that they will. Earlier in the year Messy Church and the 11 o'clock congregation joined together for Mothering Sunday and in July Messy Church went to the showground, working with the Methodists and Elim Pentecostal Church to provide Messy Church activities after the ABC Carnival Service.

We are sad to have lost Bella Simpson and Barbara Davies from the planning team, over the years they have both contributed much to Messy Church and of course we miss Aron, Evelyn and Isaac too. Attendance at Messy Church continues to fluctuate greatly with between six and thirty children coming along with their parents or grandparents of these three or four families now attend regularly and others when they can.

Joanna Bunting, Cheryl Frost, Christina Hayes, Hilbre Marriott, Brenda Jackson, Kath Naylor, Jane Proctor, Philip Proctor, Judith Taylor, Steve Taylor, Ashdon Toombs, John Wickham, Sue Wickham and Julia Zamoyski make up the team along with Vivien Stephenson, Christel Paterson and Angela Bird who do a fantastic job in the kitchen providing drinks and a hot breakfast for everyone while the rest of the team enjoy themselves with the Messy activities and joyful worship.

*Brenda Jackson*

## **After Service Coffee**

We have been able to serve coffee at all Sunday morning Services. There are now 28 members on the Rota and we would be pleased to welcome more members.

*Christel Paterson*

## **Music**

It has been a difficult year for the Choir at All Saints in 2016. We started in the usual manner with preparations for Lent and Easter but sadly, by the time we got to Easter Sunday, Glyn had fallen ill and could no longer play the organ. In fact, his last service was Palm Sunday, which we now look back on as a poignant event in the year.

We kept going, always hoping that Glyn would be able to return to us at some point, but clearly, that was not to be, and we found ourselves preparing for, and singing at his funeral service in August. However, we had three 'fill-in' organists - Neil Clarke, Andrew Marples and David Winder who did sterling work, playing for the usual services with myself playing the piano when none of them were available. I also kept the Choir going and we managed to sing at a joint celebratory service at the Catholic Church at Hassop, along with their choir, plus the Bakewell Methodist Church Choir. It was a very enjoyable and fulfilling evening and I'm sure Glyn would have been proud of us.

At Christmas we sang for the Tree Festival where we performed a mixture of folk, traditional and modern carols in laid-back style, around the piano. The climax of the year is always the Carol Service and, with Neil playing both piano and organ (nearly at the same time!!!), we performed a selection of carols old and new.

The year has not been easy, but I think we have managed to 'sing on' and with a new organist at the helm in 2017, we will hopefully continue Glyn's legacy.

*Judith Taylor*

## **Flowers**

I would like to thank those of you who have arranged and placed flowers in church for services during the past year, and those who have supported the appeal for funds to purchase flowers for Easter and Christmas.

The Lilies for Easter enables people to purchase a stem in memory of a loved one which was once again very popular and will happen again for Easter 2017.

Flowers beautify our church and add to the worship as we thank God for his Creation. We are aware that All Saints is a large building to fill with flowers, but what people appreciate is that it does not always take a lot of flowers to make an impression. We have evolved a practice of creating displays of flowers in key areas of the church for Easter, Christmas, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and The Patronal, with other Sundays in the year, outside Advent and Lent, being decorated with the occasional pedestal or vases of flowers.

We do need more people from the congregation to be willing to sign up on the Flower Rota to arrange flowers - a vase or pedestal. This would involve purchasing flowers and arranging them. Sometimes, with wedding flowers in church, it may be the case of downsizing what already exists to keep it fresh for another week. Please sign up on the board in The Newark. Whatever you arrange is appreciated by God and those who worship at church.

The fund we have for flowers is small and whilst we appeal for the major festivals, I would welcome donations at any point in the year.

Thank you for your support and help.

*Rachel Kaunhoven*

## **Mission Action Plan**

Mission Action Planning is a way of exploring how God is calling us to develop and grow as a Christian Community. We started the process in 2010 and during each of the six years that have followed we have produced a new MAP to build on our achievements and to reflect the changing vision and mission priorities for All Saints.

During 2016 the MAP focused on three main areas, which reflect key elements of our broader Vision for 2020. They are:

- Church Community: We will continue to build a lively, thriving and loving faith community
- Outreach: We will reach out beyond our church community to demonstrate, by our actions, God's love as a force for good in our community and the world.
- Church Building: We will maximise the potential of the church building for worship, ministry and outreach.

The 2016 MAP was briefer and more focused than previous years, having 10 action points. Progress has, however, been slow and only 3 actions have been completed. These relate to the reviewing of the *Fusion* and *The Gathering* services, and the establishing of *Start the Day* - a monthly prayer gathering on the second Saturday in each month.

Of the other actions, 2 have not progressed and 5 are in process but not yet complete. The latter includes work on the Administration Report from 2015 - the focus has been on considering a process and priority for implementing its 33 recommendations; and 'A Vision for Growth' which explores a range of options for the future and in particular the possibility of running a Discipleship Course.

During the year the PCC has had a regular MAP slot and The Mission Group has also helped to develop ideas concerning mission, and to oversee the MAP on behalf of the PCC.

It has been agreed to await the outcome of the Parish Away Day planned for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 before thinking about a 2017 MAP. This will allow us to take stock and to see what priorities and arrangements might best enable us to move forward in mission.

*Philip Proctor, MAP Co-ordinator*

## **Bell Ringing**

**Band Members:** Paddy Hall, Tony Westwood, Pauline Boyle, John Boyle, Chloe Arnell, Laura Joynes and Ian Sterritt.

**Sunday Service Ringing joined by:** John Thorpe, Linda Pelc and Jenny Pankhurst from Ashford and by other welcome visitors on occasions. John and Pauline Boyle also rang for Tideswell service. The bells were rung for most Sunday morning services.

**Special Service/Occasion Ringing:** The bells were rung for Remembrance Day Service, Carol Services, including S. Anselms and Lady Manners, and Christmas Tree Festival Services.

**Practice nights:** Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm in the belfry.

There have been 6 ringers in the regular band. It has been a struggle to have more than 4 on a practice night and this severely limits what can be rung. Chloe has now gone to Chesterfield college and joins us when she can. A new lady, Adriana, joins us on practice nights as she hopes to move to Bakewell soon. Laura continues making good progress and can now plain hunt on the treble and inside bells. Chris Dullage joined us from Hartington, Clive Thrower and Jenny Pankhurst from Ashford and also Giles Lacey who undertakes regular Steeple Keeping duties, especially before quarter peals and peals.

**Recruitment:** Information about ringing at All Saints appeared regularly in the 'What's On' Diary of the Peak Advertiser and in the 'Rural Trader' and also in the regular activities in 'Pure Bakewell' magazine. The bellringers decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and the recruitment leaflets had to be replenished regularly. The large information board in the Library has been booked for May 2017 for the bellringers as an information/recruitment drive. Anyone for bellringing? Could be the new sport craze!

**Open Tower:** The Tower was opened as part of the Heritage Open Day weekend on 9th and 10th September. Rod Ismay joined us from Eroica and many people visited to see the bells and clock. Adriana came on one day and now joins us on most practice nights.

**Visiting Bands of Ringers: 8.** Ringing for approx 45-60 minutes.

**Weddings: 7.** Ringing 20-30 minutes before and after.

**Peals: 1.** Yorkshire Association Sheffield Cathedral ringers. Ringing for approx 3 hrs.

**Quarter Peals: 3.** Ringing for approx 45 minutes.

All the above ringing was notified to those on the mailing list including neighbours and church officers. A list of forthcoming ringing is available on the church notice board just inside the church and on the church website [www.bakewellchurch.co.uk/activities/bell-ringing/](http://www.bakewellchurch.co.uk/activities/bell-ringing/). All new neighbours are given an initial typed sheet of forthcoming ringing and details of where to find this information on the website and will be invited to join the email information mailing list.

Following the work on the Tower in the autumn a survey was carried out to highlight work required. Some work to the bells, ropes and fittings has been carried out but a thorough deep clean is required in the Spring when the weather has improved. This will involve volunteers cleaning the belfry, ringing chamber and stairs to remove all the dust and dirt following the pointing to the spire.

Bells have been rung at All Saints since 1616. Ringing is a service to this active church, a team activity, sociable, mentally challenging, excellent exercise (57 steps up to the ringing chamber even before you pull a rope!) and most of all fun. Please come and have a go, you might enjoy it.

*Pauline Boyle*

## **Young Visitors**

Monty Mouse leaflets and stickers have continued to be available in church at the back of the pews. We hope the leaflet activity is appreciated by a broad age-range of children from pre-school with adult help to school groups and visiting families with children able to explore and discover virtually unaided. The leaflets and stickers are frequently replaced, particularly during the school holidays. We plan to feature Monty Mouse and church exploration for young folk on the web-site in time for Easter 2017.

*Julia Zamoyski*

## **Attracting Visitors' Team**

The following tasks have been undertaken:

- Maintain and continue to display explanatory boards in the south porch and on the west wall
- Keep the Tourist Information Centre supplied with 'Visit the Church' leaflets
- Maintain stocks of 'Get you round the Church' leaflets at west end
- Develop and display new leaflets on the Church's stained glass windows
- Support creation of similar leaflets on the Church's misericords
- Provide tours of the Church for schools and adult groups on request (just one adult group cancelled without notifying waiting guides)

The feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive. About 900 entries are in the 'Visitors book' (78 pages at about 12 per page) and Trip Advisor records a further 25 entries – all for 2016. The latter offers the information that most gave the Church between 4 and 5 stars (out of 5), and that only Chatsworth, Haddon Hall, Old House Museum and the Monsal Trail were more popular as places to visit in the town. Feedback also is also provided anecdotally through visitor contact with members of the church, often while they undertake their regular duties relating to services, general upkeep and cleaning, catering and stewarding.

The Visitors Book shows very many English counties and European countries are listed as 'Home', along with Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia. It seems likely that many will have used the internet (and our website) - often, they have told us, before leaving home. This is another important tool for attracting visitors. It also seems likely that many visitors are not Christian, but do have an interest in places of worship and in Christianity too.

The most mentioned attribute of the church seems to be that it open for visitors – and long may we be able to deliver that. The long history, the information about it, changing architectural styles, masonry, Anglo-Saxon stones, the organ, carvings, prayer corner, graves, pews (not chairs), misericords, Peak Pilgrimage participation and the Christmas tree display have all been appreciated. The coffee shop, tea ladies, helpful cleaners, meditation support, stewards and friendly members of the congregation have all received praise.

Descriptions of the church have included calming, beautiful, serene, fascinating, peaceful, reflective, interesting, inspiring, atmospheric and spiritually up-lifting.

The only critical comments seen have related to mess and clutter, tables and ladders, in the Vernon Chapel - none of which is permanent, though a visitor may assume otherwise.

*William Bryant, Michael Hillam*

## **Website**

The church website has now settled into its newer, friendlier and more modern design. Grafica has done a wonderful job on the website and since its initial revamp last year the website has stayed vibrant and fresh.

Regular updates to the website were managed by Tanya Ralph until towards the end of 2016 when her spiritual journey took her away from All Saints, at which point I volunteered to take over the task of managing the website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tanya for all her hard work, time and effort that she put into the website. She bore the brunt of all the work during the revamp and I'm sure you will agree that the website looks fabulous as a result of her work.

Since taking over the management of the website I have tried to keep the format and layout of the site the same with just the necessary updates added as and when and only changing formats when necessary.

One of the key aspects of having a website is that the information contained within the pages is up to date. Weekly pew sheets and various monthly newsletters such as the Vicars Letter and Parish Pump etc. are all kept up to date so thank you to all those who supply this information. There are still some areas on the website that could do with more regular information being supplied. I would like to ask that organisers for any of the activities mentioned on the website to keep me informed of any changes needed. If there is one thing worse than having no website it's having an out of date website.

By working together we can keep our wonderful website vibrant and fresh.

*Ashdon Toombs*

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

The seventh annual Christmas Tree Festival took place between 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Once again, it was a great success and attracted a lot of visitors, many of whom make a point of coming every year.

We had four church trees, two trees of light, one at each side of the high altar, a welcome tree and a prayer tree. There were 85 trees exhibited by various members of the community and one well-dressing. All in all, a spectacular display!

72 trees were supplied by Friezeland Trees at the same cost as in the previous two years, the remainder being supplied by the exhibitors themselves.

The Festival was opened by Tricia Outram, head of the Infants' School and was closed by Rachel Kaunhoven.

We missed Glyn, who had made such a large contribution in previous years. Following his death, Barbara, quite understandably, felt unable to be involved, but Judith did a splendid job of organising daily musical contributions.

We had two concerts and a late night, with mulled wine and nibbles. Breeze and Wilson were, again, most entertaining and they even went to the extent of donating their share of the ticket price (after deduction of their travelling expenses) to the work of UNICEF in Syria. Unfortunately, the storyteller was extremely disappointing, but the evening was saved by a remarkably polished performance by Bakewell and district Community Choir.

The cafe was constantly busy and food stocks had to be replenished on more than one occasion.

This is a 'feel good' event, which is extremely popular with the Community. One exhibitor has already made their tree for this year's festival!

The Festival made just in excess of £3,881 for the fabric fund.

A great many people worked very hard to make the Festival a success and our sincere thanks go to them all.

*Dot Bushen, Ben Roper & Brenda Jackson*

## **Publicity**

I am able to forward information about future events to local village magazines, local newspapers and other media. I am also available to advise about the most appropriate type and timing of publicity based on previous experience.

*Jeff Marsh*

## **The Open Door Coffee Shop**

Once again, it has been a year of ups and downs. Well-dressing week was busy and the Tree Festival, as usual, was manic. But the rest of the year was disappointing. We had a few visitors who came on a regular basis, either every week or whilst visiting family a couple of times a year. They really valued the service we provided and we enjoyed the interaction with them- it is lovely hearing what other people do in their churches. But there were times when we were extremely quiet. The times we heard "Oh dear, we have just had a coffee in town"! So, very reluctantly, the decision was taken that we could not continue to ask volunteers to give of their time and we should not carry on opening on a regular weekly basis. We will, of course, open at busy times for the town – Well-dressing week, Christmas Tree Festival etc – and we should look for new initiatives. Accordingly, we are to begin a regular monthly coffee morning for members of the congregation and their friends, a monthly 'Afternoon Tea' for lonely and/or isolated people, regular lunchtime talks with a soup and sandwich lunch and we are to promote refreshments before and after funerals, baptisms and weddings. Similarly, we are hoping to promote the provision of refreshments for walking / church visiting groups and we have already had a few such enquiries.

We have a dedicated and committed staff but we are always on the lookout for new folks to join the team. It is satisfying, is great fun and the future looks exciting!

*Dot Bushen*

## **Card Stall**

The Card Stall supplies a range of individually cellophane wrapped cards with envelopes and some other items such as bookmarks and prayer cards. As well as cards for particular occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, marriage, baptism, confirmation and good wishes, there are several designs of blank cards. All are chosen for their tasteful design, popularity and good value. The cards are from several sources including MU Enterprises, Museum Selection, Eagle Cards and Tim Tiley, and occasionally the Cornerstone Shop in Matlock. Added value is generated by breaking packets of five or ten to individually wrapped single cards, and by marking up to the next convenient total. Because the stall is unattended, pricing has to make it easy to make payment in the card slot without needing change, but is always very competitive with other outlets.

The sales total in 2016 was almost £1,500, against costs of approximately £630, so the stall makes a useful contribution to the general funds of Bakewell Parish Church.

I am keen that one or two others apart from me and Tony should learn the current operation of the stall with a view to taking it over in due course, and would be pleased to explain how straightforward the job is.

*Ruth Short*

## **Mission Group**

The Mission Group was established as a reference group for the All Saints' Mission Action Plan (MAP). It is accountable to the PCC and is open to any member of the congregation.

The Group's purpose is to prayerfully explore mission opportunities for All Saints and to review progress in the MAP and where appropriate receive or suggest new actions.

During the year the Mission Group has reviewed its Terms of Reference, which incorporates the Five Marks of Mission of the World-wide Anglican Church which are:

- *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 in society*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth*

The main outcomes of the group during the past year have been:

- To initiate Start the Day - a monthly prayer gathering
- To consider a discussion paper by Canon Tony on 'A Vision for Growth' - out of which has come a decision to explore running a discipleship course and holding a Parish Away Day on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The Mission Group has met on five occasions during the year and around 14 people attend.

*Brenda Jackson - Mission Group Coordinator  
Philip Proctor - MAP Coordinator*

## **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

The Eucharistic ministers remain Andrea Banks, Hilary Bartlett, Mary Buchan, Tina Webster, Ben Roper and Alison Smith who administer home communions to individuals unable to get to church and to residents of the local care homes. Additionally, home communions are administered by the clergy and readers. In the region of 50 home communions are administered per month.

Identifying those who would like to receive communion continues to be a difficulty because there seems a reluctance to request visits or possibly a lack of knowledge that the provision is available. Members of the congregation can help by alerting the Pastoral Care Team, Conveners John & Judith Hargreaves, by passing the name of anyone who may wish to take advantage of the availability of home communion.

*Ben Roper*

## **Pastoral Team**

The Team has been busy with many pastoral care issues over the year: quietly being the Church to the people of Bakewell. Many church members are not officially part of the Team, but visit those in need of company, or give assistance if required. Also many church people are happy to donate meals for a short time as a rota is established. There are 20 people on the emergency prayer chain. If there is a serious sickness or situation, there are 20 church people praying within minutes. If you would like to be part of this Team, please contact the coordinators.

We still rely heavily on members of church letting the Team know of a problem. If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit please let us know.

*John & Judith Hargreaves (01629 312165)*

## **Women's Bible Study Group**

The Women's Bible Study Group has met on Wednesdays through the year at Gritstone Cottage. We have a core group of 10 people - a couple of new people have joined us this year.

In an informal setting we explore the relevance of the Bible to contemporary issues and our own lives.

During the year we have covered the following topics:

- *'The Five Senses and Worship'* - thinking about how the senses enhance and inform our worship and understanding of the Christian Faith.
- *'The Mystery of Everything'* a five- part study based on the film 'The Theory of Everything'.
- *'Justin Says...'* a series of discussions looking at Archbishop Justin Welby's message to the churches on how to be a living, active and growing church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- *'Meet the Prophets'*. We studied five of the Minor Prophets and explored their relevance today.
- We have just started a course based on the writings of C.S.Lewis using the films 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and 'Shadowlands', using a book entitled *'Not a Tame Lion'* written by Hilary Brand.

We also enjoy singing and praying together and the opportunity for fellowship and support in the middle of the week. Together we have grown in trust, friendship and in our understanding of the Christian faith.

New members to the group are always welcome.

*Jane Proctor*

## **Seniors' Lunch Club**

Lunch Club has grown as members have invited their friends and neighbours so there are now 30 people on our list. Usually we cater for between 18 and 24 seniors but 27 came along to our Christmas meal. Three of our number are from All Saints, six from other churches or villages in the benefice, but the majority are simply Bakewell residents who live on their own.

Thanks to those who have offered to cook main courses or puddings of their choice, there has been a wonderful range of mouth-watering meals during the year. Each month there is a vegan/ vegetarian option for the main course and a selection of puddings and tea or coffee is included in the price which was raised to £3.00 in December.

Our guests have been generous in their donations, lavish in their praise and very appreciative of the team of cooks, servers and drivers who make it all possible.

*Brenda Jackson*

## **Start the Day**

What better way to start the day than to meet with others to pray. For some time several members of the All Saints congregation had wanted to meet together on a regular basis to pray for our church, church family, church leaders, Benefice and community. With the blessing of the PCC Start the Day began in May 2016. Many people were committed to evening activities already so it was decided that the best time would be once a month on the second Saturday morning. Up to 12 of us gather together over tea/coffee, rolls and toast at 9am at our home, 4 Castle Drive and then share a thought for the day including either a few Bible verses or a passage from a Christian book that is appropriate to the theme. We chat briefly together and share items for prayer as well as giving thanks for prayer answered. We pray for forthcoming services and church events, for pastoral needs, for those affected by world events, for our own desire for God to lead us on in our faith journey. Some will pray aloud, others in quiet, and then we spend some time listening for God to speak to us whilst some quiet music is playing. Finally we join together to bless each other on our way, leaving around 10am.

This prayer group is open to everyone and we would love to welcome you. If this is not something you have experienced before, do not be afraid, come. *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5, verse 16.*

*Ian and Alyse Ross*

## **Church Pub Quiz Team**

For the best part of a year now, a group of us have fielded a pub quiz team. Tuesday evening in the Queen's is the one we have chosen. There may be anything from just one or two of us, to six or eight – in which case we might split up into two teams. We call ourselves "Last Rights", and we usually get quite a lot right too. We have won the quiz, or come second, quite a few times. After the quiz is over, there is a chance to play "Play your cards right"; on one occasion, we won that, the prize money being donated to church funds.

The Queens is an interesting link between the church and community; you may recall that it was where Mary and Joseph have been told that there was "No room at the inn"!

If anyone would like to join us, come along at 8.30 to 8.45 for a drink and a chat, the quiz starting at 9.00. It's all very informal.

*Rick Naylor*

## **Walking Group**

The church walk group meets on the first Thursday of each month, weather permitting! This year we've based our walks on the 'Peak Pilgrimage' by Bob Jackson, which is a 40 mile route from Ilam to Eyam, visiting churches along the way. We've covered the route a little bit at a time, doing circular walks from various car parks. However, on the last two walks, we've been able to use our bus passes and get a bit further. So far, we've visited Ilam, Milldale Chapel, Alstonefield, Hartington, Monyash, Over Haddon, Bakewell, Edensor and Baslow and enjoyed picnics and pub lunches along the way. At each church we collect a bible verse sticker and a stamp.

We had a break from this route in May when we set off along Lathkildale at 3.45am to listen to the dawn chorus.

Our walks are generally between 5 and 7 miles and not too strenuous, quite often involving mud! All are welcome.

A prayer from the pilgrimage book:  
God of the air, God of the breeze,  
God of the birds that fly through the trees  
God of the stones, god of the soil,  
God of all creatures that graze and toil,  
God of flower and God of fruit.  
Guide my feet and fill my boot. Amen.

*Kath & Rick Naylor*

## Mothers' Union

2016 Theme: **'Celebration of Faith'** '140 years of the Mothers' Union and our Queen's 90th Birthday'

The Branch AGM on was held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 and was also the start of a new Triennial.

Angela Bird stood down as Branch Leader and handed over to Carol Wicksteed, as new Branch Co-ordinator. Committee members are: Kath Naylor - Treasurer; Vivien Stephenson - Secretary; Alyse Ross and Jane Proctor - Programme Secretaries. We have 24 Branch Members. Tricia Hooton who sadly died in December, had been a member for many years, also had been Branch Treasurer. On a more cheerful note, we are delighted to have enrolled one new member, Eileen Gibbs.

After the AGM, Alyse shared favourite Bible verses, poems, objects or pictures which helped members in their journey of Faith. The afternoon rounded off with an Epiphany Tea.

During 2016 our activities supported the *140 years of the MU*, particularly the '*MU Big Summer Appeal*' with our annual Bakewell fund-raising Coffee Morning in May. We celebrated *The Queen's 90th Birthday* at our July Pudding Evening 'Just Desserts', serving a three course meal of just desserts!! Members and friends felt it was a happy occasion with a lovely atmosphere, and something different'. Both occasions were well supported.

Jane and Alyse have provided us with new Activities and a variety of Speakers, with fascinating stories to tell.

- For our Lenten preparation, '*Fast forward to Lent*', Alyse introduced readings and prayers and allowed time of quiet.
- Ruth Adams, gave us a thought provoking evening with *Stories of a Christian man in prison*, who, as a part of his daily routine, listed all his reasons for being grateful.
- Brien Fell, gave a fascinating insight into the history of *The Coram's Foundling Hospital*, as he had discovered that his father had been brought up there.
- Terry Charker, told us, with extraordinary passion, about the work of *Christians Against Poverty (CAP)* an international organisation in the UK, successfully running hundreds of debt centres and giving support to those striving to escape from alcohol, smoking, gambling and drug addictions.
- During her talk, MU Speaker Anne Balme, kept us enthralled as she unwrapped small '*Ticky Tacky*' items, which she had collected on her travels. Behind each, was a story illustrating just how active Mothers' Union is with families around the world from Inuits of Northern Canada to needy families in Thailand.
- As a summer experiment we held an open meeting in August. Jane introduced us to '*Toilet Twinning*', an offshoot of Tear Fund, working with desperately poor communities across the world to provide safe toilets, safe water and education in hygiene and health. As a result of Jane's talk, generous donation have enabled our church to twins both toilets and to donate to the *MU Ugandan Project for toilets*, hygiene and clean water.
- Our autumn programme opened with Derby Diocese Children's Adviser, Sara Brown, giving an illustrated talk on '*Celebrating Christian Faith with our children*'. She shared ideas about child-friendly services and we discussed our MU members' involvement with '*Tots & Teds*', '*Messy Church*' and '*Open the Book*'.
- MU speaker Janice Thompson, spoke about her experience of *befriending an asylum seeker*, and helping Avin, a severely traumatised girl, to integrate into society. As a result, members wanted to help by offering gifts... which we subsequently gave to the '*Snowdrop Project*,' who provide long term community support for survivors of human trafficking.
- *Film Night with a difference*, was a refreshing approach as Jane showed us parts of the film '*The King's Speech*' and challenged us to compare its message with situations in our own lives and the world we live in today.
- During our *Advent Service*, led by the Rev'd Canon Peter Bird, we remembered in our prayers, the Mothers' Union *16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence*. The service was followed by mulled wine, soup and mince pies.

Some members attended the General Meeting in Basingstoke. We provided 100 bunches of daffodils and two cakes for Mothering Sunday; 100 Christingles for the Infant & Junior schools' Christingle service. We are grateful to Hilary Bartlett for skilfully creating a tree with the '140 years of Mothers' Union' theme for the Christmas Tree Festival.

On a personal note, my grateful thanks to the Committee Members who have worked so well together to provide an exciting and varied programme and to all the Branch Members for their support.

Our **Theme for 2017 is 'Faith in Action'**, and everyone is welcome to join in with our activities.

Carol Wicksteed

## **Bakewell C of E Infant School**

There are currently 76 children in the school in the capable hands of Mrs Tricia Outram, the Head teacher. Until Easter, the year 1 class teacher was Mrs Stokes who then moved on and was replaced by Miss Stanway. The Reception teacher, Miss Bradshaw left in July and was replaced by Miss Brown, who now has the Year 2 class. Mrs Leighton and Mrs Wilkinson now share the teaching in Reception. They are well supported by a strong team of Teaching Assistants and at lunchtime, Midday Supervisors. A lunchtime play leader helps the children with playground games. Mrs Louise Parkin, the school business officer is also clerk to governors and plays an invaluable role in making sure that we fulfil all the legal requirements. A new Chair of Governors, Clair Dathan, was appointed in September.

School follows the Enterprise curriculum which is embedded into all subjects, aiming to give the children skills for life. This year's enterprise week was Apple week - the school apple trees had such a good harvest that the children made apple products which were sold to raise almost £200 for the Bishop of Derby's Harvest appeal for the children of Kolkata.

British values are a new and important part of the school curriculum and a British values day saw the children reflecting on love, friendship and trust and making a wall display showing how these were part of the school's daily life.

The continuation of Sports funding means that every child can go swimming – it will also be used to provide inter school events, after school sports clubs, and learning rugby skills.

The children have enjoyed services in church, also attended by their parents – at Easter, Harvest and the Summer Leavers' Service. They made a well dressing and decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree festival, and came to church to sing to visitors and take part in the Christingle Service.

School receives visits from Canon Tony who takes assemblies on a regular basis. The Open the Book team also visit to bring bible stories alive for the children. Foundation Governors (Mary Creswell, Tony Kaunhoven, Kath Naylor) take part in the self evaluation of the school in the way it functions as a church school and make observations on Collective Worship.

We should be proud of our links with school and do all we can to maintain them and support it – the future of small schools is an uncertain one.

*Kath Naylor*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bakewell (Parish Church) Scout Group**

The year for Bakewell scout group has been a good one with a number of interesting and exciting events for all sections.

We try to be part of the community in Bakewell and I would like to thank the members of the church and the greater Bakewell community for their support over the year.

This year has been a very important celebration for the Cub section with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurring in 2016. A few important events were attended by our pack including a century camp. Somewhere at home I have a photo of myself in my Cub uniform 50 years ago.

In town all the sections took part in the Carnival and had a great time, we would like to thank the Carnival committee for their kind donation to the group.

As a group we have had one camp during October over at Walesby forest near Ollerton all the Beavers Cubs and Scouts enjoyed the weekend's events. I enjoyed watching the scouts and leaders attempting the wobbly pole.

In December Mike Horrod arranged another fiendish quiz, which was superbly supported by an excellent supper and raised funds for the group.

One of our supporters for many years Peter Couldwell passed away recently, he had spent time in scouting his whole life and had been involved with the Bakewell group up until recently. We would also like to thank his family who would like to have Peter remembered within the group by initiating a prize to be given to a group member who has shown excellent scouting skill.

As we progress into 2017 we have a wide and varied programme for all the Beavers Cubs and Scouts to enjoy, I must admit the leaders get enjoyment and a sense of fulfilment when they see the children progress through the years experiencing things in new and exciting surroundings.

So if you have a son, daughter, nephew, niece, or even yourself wishing to enjoy the great outdoors or even learn to cook on an open fire come to the Brigade hall and try.

*Nick Bailey*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bakewell (Parish Church) Guides**

It has been another busy and active year of activities at Bakewell Guides. The unit has been full all year, with up to 32 Guides, 2 Young Leaders and 3 Leaders and more new Guides joining each term.

We began the year with, what has now become, our annual Great British Bake Off competition! This year we had a cake pop challenge with some brilliant animal designs from chickens to pigs to zebras!

In February we had a series of evenings celebrating Thinking Day, when we think of our Guiding sisters around the world. We tried on traditional Indian saris, made Mexican hot chocolate and painted African savannah landscapes. We also had a Chinese New Year celebration night led by our Baden Powell Guides, who organised all the activities independently.

In March we went on a Night Hike with first aid challenges along the way. It's not easy to tie a sling in the dark with strong winds and sideways rain, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the challenge! We also stayed active by holding a circuit training evening of fundraising for Sport Relief whilst earning our Agility Badges.

After our Easter break we had a couple of great evenings at Glenbrook Activity Centre, our Girlguiding centre at Bamford. We took part in archery, made miniature boats, completed scavenger hunts and practiced our outdoor cooking skills by starting our fires with flints and cooking sausages, dampers and toasting marshmallows to finish. Yummy!

As summer continued we had a stroll around Chatsworth Park on the longest day, a games night in the Park, wide games in the woods and a bike ride along the Monsal Trail. Before we finished for our summer break we had great fun raft-building at Carsington Water on a beautiful sunny day.

In our final term everyone completed their team player badge by taking part in a number of challenging teamwork activities including making flapjack with no written instructions! We did yet another Night Hike and had a Strictly Themed night learning to waltz and country dance!

In November we had a weekend residential at Pax Tor, our Girlguiding house on Northwood Lane, Darley Dale. All of our activities and food over the weekend were Scandinavian themed. We made crafts from each Scandinavian country, made gingerbread men and enjoyed a Scandinavian Sunday lunch of Swedish meatballs and a whole roast salmon!

As we approached Christmas we had a thinking of others night where we collected donations for the Derbyshire Foodbank and for Aquabox. We also made bath bombs as gifts and mini Christmas cakes in baked bean tins which we baked and iced. All were gratefully received by friends and family.

A very active and creative year!

*Catherine Burn*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bakewell (Parish Church) Brownies**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Bakewell Brownies are encouraged to learn about themselves and others within their community.

They have been involved with a number of events within the community during the year:

- February 9 – we supported “National Doodle day raising money for “Epilepsy Action”
- February 23 – the girls supported & joined in with the songs at the local panto in Baslow “The Further Adventures of Toad of Toad Hall”.
- March 19 - Our annual fundraising event – Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale, was held in Bakewell Town hall, raising money for the Unit to spend on the Pack Holiday, badges and trips.
- April 19 – the Unit celebrated their 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday & we also raised money for “Air Ambulance” by wearing fancy dress & collecting loose change.
- May 20 –22- 17 girls and 3 Leaders went to “Glenbrook”, Hope Valley for our annual Pack Holiday, with a ‘Seaside’ theme, lots of activities, crafts and fun for all.
- June 12 – we supported the Parish Church Hog Roast & had an excellent afternoon.
- June 20 – June 26-The Brownies helped design our Well Dressing which was displayed in Bath Gardens, with the funds raised donated to local charities. This year the theme was “150 years of Beatrix Potter – Jemima Puddle -duck”. As always a big thank you to everyone who helped us.
- June 21 – we had an excellent evening completing the Parish Churchyard Quiz & Bell Tower visit. We also had 5 Brownies completing their Promise.
- September 17 – we had an excellent trip to the “Yorkshire Wildlife Park” in Doncaster and the girls learnt all about Meerkats, Insects and we saw lots of amazing wild animals.
- October 4 – we visited the Old House Museum in Bakewell & had an excellent evening learning about Tudor Dancing, hunting rats and playing traditional games.
- November 13 - Participation in the Remembrance Parade and Service is seen as an important part of being a Brownie and Leader & being part of the local Community.
- November 22 - the girls enjoyed making the decorations for the Parish Church “Festival of Christmas Trees”, this year they used sequins to add sparkle to the festive characters to go on our tree. We enjoyed being part of this wonderful community activity.

*Heidi Gray*

## **Friends of Bakewell Parish Church**

The FoBPC exist as an independent charity to raise funds for the benefit of the public, to help and support the PCC in the maintenance, preservation, repair and adornment of the church.

Trustees: Chris Shepley (Chairman), Joanna Bunting (secretary), Ben Roper (Treasurer), Angela Bird, Nigel Bartlett.

During 2016. Two lunchtime talks with lunch provided were well attended.

The 100 Club continues to raise about £1000 per year.

*Ben Roper*

## **St Anne's, Over Haddon**

St Anne's is a daughter church of All Saints Parish Church Bakewell and is administered by All Saints Parochial Church Council. Roger Truscott is acting churchwarden with delegated responsibility for the church.

The normal pattern of services is a 10am Communion Service held on the first and third Sundays of each month, having changed from the first and fourth Sundays during the previous few years. During 2016 most services were taken by the Reverend John Hargreaves, sometimes assisted by Judith, his wife. The average attendance at these services during the year was just over 12, representing a small increase over previous years for some time. Hymns were sung at the majority of services, mostly accompanied by cassette music, but it is gratifying to report that a recent village resident, Fiona Elliott, has agreed to play the organ on certain occasions and has done so three times so far. Refreshments (cakes with tea/coffee) were also served after a couple of services, which produced pleasant social occasions. The Easter, Patronal, Harvest Festival and Christmas services were well attended and the Remembrance service at the War Memorial in Main Street attracted record numbers (nearly 40) this year. Two weddings, a baptism and a funeral also took place at St Anne's in 2016.

The churchyard is maintained by a village resident Bob Foreman (paid for by Friends of St Anne's) and the church interior is looked after by a successful cleaning rota. The flower rota, both for altar flowers and church festivals, when all the windows are decorated, also operates successfully. The numbers of visitors to the church, both locals, walkers and those making special pilgrimages, seems to have increased again this year and thought is being given to providing more information for them in keeping with St Anne's being a popular "tourist" church. It also reinforces the view that keeping the church open at all times is the right thing to do.

In terms of church maintenance there have been some problems with keeping the building sufficiently warm, but the (ancient) central heating system seems to have improved recently, following boiler servicing and the storage heater at the back of the church is now working again following repairs. Nevertheless we will be considering the installation of wall-mounted electric heaters to boost warmth during services. Some additional work is also needed in the churchyard, partly as a result of a tree blowing down during high winds and in order to upgrade the main path. As far as the building is concerned the priority is roof inspection and repairs which it is hoped will be carried out in the near future.

*Roger Truscott*

### **Friends of St Anne's, Over Haddon**

Friends of St Anne's (Over Haddon) is a registered independent charity (No. 1117184) which operates as a sub-committee of the Over Haddon Village Hall Committee.

The charity raises funds by voluntary contributions, mainly from Over Haddon residents, in order to assist with the maintenance of the church and churchyard. Most of its expenditure is for the regular maintenance of the churchyard, which is carried out by Bob Foreman, a village resident.

The trustees consist of Christine Chresta, Dick Foxon, Mary Hall, Keith Renshaw and Roger Truscott. The late Joe Oldfield retired when he became resident in the Old Vicarage and he has been replaced by Zena Hawley. The committee officers are Dick Foxon (chair), Keith Renshaw (treasurer) and Roger Truscott (secretary).

During 2016 a committee meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July and the annual general meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, both at the Village Hall. The treasurer reported that funds stood at approximately £3,600, which was over three times the normal annual expenditure on churchyard maintenance, leaving some scope to help with other payments for church and churchyard maintenance or repairs. An article was supplied to a recent edition of the Voice, a quarterly village newsletter, giving an account of the origins and purpose of the charity and encouraging more local residents to join.

*Roger Truscott*

# **Ecumenical Activities**

## **The Association of Bakewell Christians**

In October the tenure of Canon Tony as Interim Chair of ABC on behalf of the Parish Church came to the end with the nomination of Ben, the Pastor of Elim Church here in Bakewell. I volunteered midway through our stint and actually enjoyed it! Reflecting on why, I think it is because ABC has found new energy and purpose that has continued to be reactionary to opportunities for mission together as Christians, rather than falling into the ecumenical trap of 'staying safe' and doing the regular things you often associate with Ecumenism (Week of Prayer Services, hymn sandwiches...!).

Of course over the last 50 years of ABC we have been blessed with initiatives and ideas for how we can better do something together, than doing it apart, which has seen Holiday Fun Week, Wonderzone, the Newsletter to Businesses, Good News, the Carnival Float, and the Building Bridges project. We are grown up enough to fully respect each other's integrities and traditions, whilst pushing at the boundaries to see where we can act and react as Christians together. Therefore the Ministers Fraternal is very friendly and engaging which helps to build a desire to co-operate and collaborate, giving permission for the ABC Committee sometimes to be forward thinking and challenging.

During 2016 the Town Nativity and Good Friday Passion both drew large interest and participation from the very people we are seeking to engage as they shop and enjoy the Town. My sadness is that as Christians together we haven't looked at how this could develop and to maximise more of the potential. There is scope for doing it differently, but if it is left to the ministers, together with the help and support of some of the Committee, then it remains something that will be good, but could be even better! The change to the Carnival service in creating a family fun afternoon was well received and provided the base to build upon in terms of potential for outreach and engaging with people.

The welcome of, and outreach to, refugee and asylum seekers in Sheffield has been a continuing focus for ABC with meetings to plan our programme of teaching English, and two visits of people to Bakewell. Although the media focus has moved away from the issue of people fleeing to Europe, the real needs of those in our Country are very real, especially for those who are awaiting decisions on their asylum applications, and those who are facing hostility in these post Brexit days.

Sadly Holiday Fun Week did not happen in 2016 due to a low take up of places. We are not sure why this is the case, but wonder if it is partly a sign that we need to review the programme and grow in our use of IT etc. We are committed to the aim of the week and when all of our churches are struggling to attract families and children, Holiday Fun Week, together with the monthly Wonderzone at the Junior School helps to enable children to explore Christian values and teaching. This remains a very important part of ABC's witness, further extended in the Open the Book team which goes from strength to strength, regularly sharing Bible stories in the Infant and Junior Schools, and looking to extend to S. Anselm's.

ABC is not a separate denomination, but a reflection of all of us as Christians. It is always good to promote opportunities to meet and share through Lent lunches, the commitment to Christian Aid in Bakewell and in enabling opportunity to worship and enjoy fellowship together. My prayer is that we don't stop there- but see ABC as a way of stimulating discussion, radical ideas and hopefully one day, the unity of God's Church in Bakewell.

Thank you to Jeff and Sue Marsh for their membership of the ABC Committee on our behalf, for the Good News distributors and all who contribute to the activities and interests under the ABC umbrella.

*Canon Tony*

## **Holiday Fun Week**

Sadly, we only had 7 children enrolled and therefore had to cancel.

We are hoping to have another try this year, by holding the 2017 Holiday Club during the last week of August. Hopefully, people will be back from holiday and parents will be glad for something to offer their children during the last week of the holidays!

*Joan Carr*

## **Open the Book**

Open the Book is a national initiative, linked to the Bible Society, which presents Bible stories to Primary School children in a lively, interactive and fun way.

Here in Bakewell we have an ecumenical team of 16 storytellers, drawn from All Saints, Bakewell, the Gospel Hall, the Methodist Church and St Katherine, Rowsley.

The All Saints members of the Team are: *Angela Bird, Brenda Jackson, Hilbre Marriott, Kath Naylor, Philip Proctor, Jane Proctor, Alyse Ross, Ian Ross and Penny Spaven.*

Three or so times each term we have visited Bakewell Church of England Infant School and the Bakewell Methodist Junior School to present stories. Separate arrangements are made with Rowsley Primary School, though this has been suspended during 2016 and is under review. We have a good working relationship with all the schools.

All Saints has a particular responsibility for linking with Bakewell Infant School. Here, with the help of some impressive props, amazing costumes and enthusiastic singing, we have presented stories about: *The Lost Coin; Jesus and the Taxman (Zacchaeus); The Great Parade (Palm Sunday); Elijah and the Ravens; Elijah and the Widow; and three dramatic stories about the life of Samson.* These have all been based on the Lion Storyteller Bible.

In July we were invited to present one of our stories to Youlgrave Parish Church in their morning service as they were considering setting up an *Open the Book Team* of their own and wanted to see how we did it. This was fun and very well received.

All our storytellers have been DBS checked, to comply with the *Open the Book* safeguarding procedures.

We have had great fun presenting these timeless Bible stories during 2016 and it has been hugely rewarding to see the enthusiasm and engagement on the faces of the children.

We have greatly appreciated the commitment of the team during the year.

*Philip Proctor & Kath Naylor*

## **Meditation**

Meditation continues to operate from Bakewell Church. Is it part of the Church's mission? What does it do? How does it help? Deeply rooted in Christian teaching, it's a practice which, quietly, unobtrusively maintains presence for a world that's mostly absent - rest for agitated, restless minds, and spirit for those depressed by ever more of less and less.

Who comes? From all faiths and none - those who seek a deeper peace or love or meaning in their lives; who cannot fit within conventions of religion, preferring to find God in depths of heart – those who follow contemplative Mary rather than her sister, Martha.

TV / Internet exposure last September has continued to attract widespread attention. What is the attraction? As many have said, it isn't so much the interview, but rather its quality of stillness. Is this what appeals to the 'silent majority' who seek God on their own?

Meditation works discreetly, behind the scenes; it rarely speaks unless first spoken to, but it isn't secret. Its peace, unity and concord are available to all. We purposely choose to meet in the public space of a church. No door is closed. Anyone interested may approach and be included.

Helped by local support, further videos and publications are under way. Some may find the free leaflet 'Clouds' at the back of the church by the card stand, a useful introduction.

While religious fashions change, faith will always reappear. What is it that can look the world, the flesh and devil in the face and turn to something better – that sees death fair and square and says, 'Not so'? When prayer falls silent, meditation starts ... our faith leads on.

Guidance, if required, is usually given one to one, though a group meets every Tuesday at 4.00pm in the Newark. If you are interested please contact me.

*John Butler*

## The Churchyard – Wildflowers

This year we managed to be vigilant in removing grass clippings from the wildflower area so as to reduce grass fertility and to give the flowers space to thrive. Yellow Rattle sown in 2015 established well but long grasses, though beautiful in themselves, unfortunately continued to crowd out more delicate blooms. The lower churchyard area was again protected by a low barrier during part of the mowing season. We hope to see a greater variety of wildflowers in summer 2017. A list of species planted and dates seen flowering will be available in church.

Primroses and violets appeared on the left bank by the lower steps; we hope to introduce more and protect this area from strimming too early in the year. Clumps of bluebells have been added along the south edge of the churchyard and care has been taken not to introduce the Spanish variety; conservationists are keen to protect the indigenous species. Wild daffodils and cultivated varieties can be seen in various areas and we hope to introduce snowdrops which will naturalise in drifts, planting in 2017.

*Julia, Bakewell in Bloom*



From the smallest of beginnings in a warehouse in Newcastle more than 35 years ago, Traidcraft now works with over 100 producer groups in over 30 countries and sells for them upwards of £20 million worth of goods a year. This makes a substantial contribution to the lives not only of each worker but also to their families and communities. Through Traidcraft the Fair Trade Movement began in the 1990's, and now has total sales in the UK of over £1 billion a year.

Here in Bakewell, where Traidcraft goods have been sold for the last 28 years, our turnover in 2016 was £8,128 of which £1,440 was through the stall at All Saints' Church, and so £144 was passed to the Church account. Goods are sold regularly in other local Churches and there are stalls at many local functions and indeed anywhere where an opportunity presents itself. Most of our local sales are of foodstuffs supplemented by clothing, paper goods, craft items and a considerable number of Christmas cards.

Looking to the future, there is a continuing need to raise the profile of Fair Trade and Traidcraft in particular. It would also be good to have more involvement in our local schools and businesses. However the greatest need is for those who buy the occasional product regularly to try some of the others available, for those who express their support, to buy more products, and for those who take a passing interest to take the plunge and buy something. Don't forget – if you are replacing items or buying presents, THINK TRADCRAFT.

I have been your Traidcraft Rep in Bakewell for the last 12 years and will be stepping down later this year. I very much hope that, by the beginning of September, somebody else, or somebodies, will have taken over. If you would be interested in hearing more of what is involved, I would be pleased to talk with you about it. In the meantime, on behalf of all the many people worldwide who have benefitted from Traidcraft's work, a huge thank you for your support.

*Peter Bird (01629 813087 – pabird@gmail.com)*

## Treasurer's Report

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and are in line with the regulations and guidance issued by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England in response to the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC.

My thanks to Kath & Rick Naylor for their counting & banking of moneys each week and for the recording of the weekly envelopes. Also to John Foster for examining the accounts.

### All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell

We have accounts with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) & the Central board of finance of the Church of England (CBF) and now the Community Bank. The general funds are the RBS current a/c, the RBS general deposit a/c, the Open Door current a/c, the CBF general reserve & the community bank a/c. The restricted accounts are at RBS for Bells & Organ, at both CBF & RBS for Fabric & Roof fund. There is also a small amount of miscellaneous restricted funds in the current a/c.

**The General fund:** A fair year, but again we have lost a some donors which will reduce the future planned giving. Thank you to the people who have increased their giving after the figures were printed in Parish Pump, these increases and an unexpected cheque saved us from a deficit situation . Having said that the planned giving is now lower than it was 5 years ago, as is the plate collection. We desperately need to rectify this situation.

Budget surplus	874
Other Receipts	1764
Other Payments	-342

### **Resulting actual surplus of £2,296**

**The restricted accounts:** the main receipts & payments this year are again mainly for the roof project, Thanks again to the Christmas Tree Festival we now have a some money in the repair fund and a small amount of money restricted for 'equipment' in the General Fund. The bell fund remains stable and thanks to donations in memory of Glyn, the organ fund is no longer empty.

### St Anne's, Over Haddon

The general funds are the current account at NatWest and the reserve account at CBF. The interest from the CBF shares feeds the general reserve account but the share capital is restricted by the conditions of the legacy "absolutely for the maintenance of the fabric of St Anne's church".

**General Fund:** a better year than predicted, less oil being purchased than expected. Statutory fees for weddings & funerals are not part of St Anne's budget as they are too unpredictable but they make a big difference to the overall receipts. No repairs have been done this year but the QI has raised several issues that need addressing.

Budget deficit	-131
Other Receipts	1806
Other Payments	-158

### **Resulting Actual Surplus of £1,517**

The mowing of the churchyard (£1,000) was again paid directly by the Friends of St Anne's.

### Parish Accounts

From January 2017 the PCC agreed to consolidate the accounts into one Parish Account for the registered charity that we are - we will 'sink or swim' together. The restricted funds will not be affected, they will remain, as they have always been, for the purpose that they were given / raised. The decision was taken because of the overlap in congregational giving, the new formula for the parish share (now called Common Fund) and the fact that lots of things are already bought as a parish and then re-allocated. It was felt that the time was right for simplification. Next year there will only be one financial statement for the parish as a whole.

*Joyce Glencross*

# All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell

## Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2016

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>				
<u>Giving</u>				
Planned giving - gift Aided	37,183.00	4,800.00	41,983.00	42,512.25
Income tax recovered	9,658.32	1,832.02	11,490.34	12,771.75
Planned giving - not gift Aided	1,394.00	60.00	1,454.00	1,952.00
One-off donations	1,869.91	182.20	2,052.11	2,125.07
Collections in Church	3,757.98	810.50	4,568.48	5,822.69
	<u>53,863.21</u>	<u>7,684.72</u>	<u>61,547.93</u>	<u>65,183.76</u>
Other voluntary receipts (note 3)	6,093.36	13,394.32	19,487.68	47,696.97
Receipts from activities for generating funds (note 4)	7,054.02	6,003.46	13,057.48	12,779.61
Wedding / Funeral fees	3,845.00		3,845.00	3,617.00
Income from investments (note 5)	965.55	296.80	1,262.35	1,460.56
Other Receipts (note 6)		109.80	109.80	2,100.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>71,821.14</u></b>	<b><u>27,489.10</u></b>	<b><u>99,310.24</u></b>	<b><u>132,837.90</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Diocesan Share	36,288.96		36,288.96	35,575.01
charitable giving	1,600.00	860.50	2,460.50	4,371.25
Other payments (note 7)	31,636.08	147,536.25	179,172.33	62,159.65
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>69,525.04</u></b>	<b><u>148,396.75</u></b>	<b><u>217,921.79</u></b>	<b><u>102,105.91</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over payments</b>	<b><u>2,296.10</u></b>	<b><u>-120,907.65</u></b>	<b><u>-118,611.55</u></b>	<b><u>30,731.99</u></b>
Guide books costs returned to capital				240.00
	<u>2,296.10</u>	<u>-120,907.65</u>	<u>-118,611.55</u>	<u>30,971.99</u>
Account Balance at 1st January	52,843.14	135,365.41	188,208.55	157,236.56
Account Balance at 31st December (note 8)	<u>55,139.24</u>	<u>14,457.76</u>	<u>69,597.00</u>	<u>188,208.55</u>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Bank Accounts- Royal Bank of Scotland	8,203.79	10,878.20	19,081.99	49,204.53
Community Bank	3,000.00		3,000.00	
CBF Accounts	43,935.45	3,579.56	47,515.01	139,003.52
	<u>55,139.24</u>	<u>14,457.76</u>	<u>69,597.00</u>	<u>188,208.05</u>
<u>Investment Assets</u>				
£15.3742 840 Units M & G Charifund	12,914.33		12,914.33	£14.3387 12,044.51
	<u>12,914.33</u>		<u>12,914.33</u>	<u>12,044.51</u>
<u>At Bank</u>				
Parcel of Silver				51.50
<u>Other Assets</u>				
Old House Museum - shuttle bus				500.00
Bank error				5,773.52
Gift Aid to be claimed	3,713.23	630.57	4,343.80	
Vat to be claimed		15,414.75	15,414.75	
	<u>3,713.23</u>	<u>16,045.32</u>	<u>19,758.55</u>	<u>6,325.02</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Tower Plumbing & Heating		291.60	291.60	144.00
Central Highrise		10,362.00	10,362.00	
Norman & Underwood		1,575.88	1,575.88	
		<u>12,229.48</u>	<u>12,229.48</u>	<u>144.00</u>

# All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell

## Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2016

Note 1 The financial statement of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
<u>Note 2</u> <u>The changes to the funds were:</u>				
General	2,296.10	-245.39	2,050.71	18,792.78
Fabric		-862.06	-862.06	2,619.93
Roof		-123,075.30	-123,075.30	9,446.30
Organ		2,943.87	2,943.87	
Bell		331.23	331.23	112.48
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,296.10</u></b>	<b><u>-120,907.65</u></b>	<b><u>-118,611.55</u></b>	<b><u>30,971.49</u></b>
<u>Note 3</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
Grants	689.70	9,393.32	10,083.02	23,845.84
Visitors / Donations	5,403.66	3,501.00	8,904.66	5,851.13
Roof appeal donations		500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Friends of Bakewell Parish Church Legacy				15,500.00
	<u>6,093.36</u>	<u>13,394.32</u>	<u>19,487.68</u>	<u>47,696.97</u>
<u>Note 4</u> <u>Generating Funds</u>				
Book Stall	1,493.83		1,493.83	1,613.04
Users of the Church	720.00		720.00	458.15
Traidcraft sales				148.00
Open Door cafe	3,703.05		3,703.05	6,604.03
Fund Raising	1,137.14	6,003.46	7,140.60	3,956.39
	<u>7,054.02</u>	<u>6,003.46</u>	<u>13,057.48</u>	<u>12,779.61</u>
<u>Note 5</u> <u>Income from investments</u>				
Interest & Dividends	815.55	296.80	1,112.35	1,310.56
Medway Centre Lease	150.00		150.00	150.00
	<u>965.55</u>	<u>296.80</u>	<u>1,262.35</u>	<u>1,460.56</u>
<u>Note 6</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
War Stock				2,100.00
Sale of Asset		109.80	109.80	
		<u>109.80</u>	<u>109.80</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
<u>Note 7</u> <u>Other Payments</u>				
Clergy expenses	3,034.82		3,034.82	3,697.62
Heating lighting etc	7,504.34		7,504.34	7,435.72
Insurance	5,625.02		5,625.02	5,625.50
Church Maintenance	3,008.55		3,008.55	2,624.28
Upkeep of Services	1,710.42	745.79	2,456.21	1,494.62
Major Projects - Roof repairs		141,012.45	141,012.45	24,067.23
- Other Building repairs etc		1,044.00	1,044.00	678.00
- Bell Repairs				253.99
- Kitchen				175.84
- Boilers		801.92	801.92	
- Sound systems				252.00
- Organ repairs		663.00	663.00	
- Viking-age sculptures				
Children	69.30		69.30	139.87
Honoraria	4,413.40		4,413.40	5,400.00
Bookstall costs	628.73		628.73	838.67
Fund Raising costs	45.00	1,938.92	1,983.92	1,264.67
Open door costs	1,628.98		1,628.98	1,442.17
General Administration	2,491.91		2,491.91	2,924.86
Mission initiatives	1,271.61		1,271.61	1,744.61
New Equipment	204.00	160.47	364.47	1,524.00
Professional fees		1,169.70	1,169.70	576.00
	<u>31,636.08</u>	<u>147,536.25</u>	<u>179,172.33</u>	<u>62,159.65</u>
<u>Note 8</u> <u>Balance of Accounts</u>				
General	55,139.24	1,164.62	56,303.86	54,253.15
Fabric		5,394.18	5,394.18	6,256.24
Roof		1,267.30	1,267.30	124,342.60
Organ		2,943.87	2,943.87	
Bell		3,687.79	3,687.79	3,356.56
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>55,139.24</u></b>	<b><u>14,457.76</u></b>	<b><u>69,597.00</u></b>	<b><u>188,208.55</u></b>

# St Anne's Church, Over Haddon

## Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2016

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>				
<u>Giving</u>				
Planned giving - gift Aided	814.00		814.00	1,211.00
Income tax recovered	521.92		521.92	612.61
Planned giving - not gift Aided				
One-off donations	559.89		559.89	502.37
Collections in Church	406.74	80.00	486.74	426.37
	<u>2,302.55</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>2,382.55</u>	<u>2,752.35</u>
Other voluntary receipts (note 3)	406.30		406.30	340.99
Receipts from activities for generating funds (note 4)	64.49		64.49	
Wedding / Funeral fees	1,633.00		1,633.00	1,237.00
Income from investments (note 5)	1,684.53		1,684.53	1,987.07
Other Receipts (note 6)				674.84
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>6,090.87</u></b>	<b><u>80.00</u></b>	<b><u>6,170.87</u></b>	<b><u>6,992.25</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Diocesan Share	1,512.00		1,512.00	1,485.00
Payments to charities	300.00	80.00	380.00	388.00
Other payments (note 7)	2,761.85		2,761.85	4,200.27
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>4,573.85</u></b>	<b><u>80.00</u></b>	<b><u>4,653.85</u></b>	<b><u>6,073.27</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over payments</b>	<b><u>1,517.02</u></b>		<b><u>1,517.02</u></b>	<b>918.98</b>
Account Balance at 1st January	<u>5,123.90</u>		<u>5,123.90</u>	<u>4,204.92</u>
Account Balance at 31st December	<u>6,640.92</u>		<u>6,640.92</u>	<u>5,123.90</u>

The mowing of the churchyard has been paid by the **Friends of St Anne's**

## **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

### Monetary Assets

Bank Accounts- Natwest	1,259.54		1,259.54	1,427.05
CBF	5,381.38		5,381.38	3,696.85
	<u>6,640.92</u>		<u>6,640.92</u>	<u>5,123.90</u>

### Investment Assets

£15.0370 3800 CBF Investment Fund Shares		<u>57,140.60</u>	<u>57,140.60</u>	£13.3529 <u>51,431.48</u>
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### Other Assets

Gift Aid not yet claimed	450.00		450.00	538.38
	<u>450.00</u>		<u>450.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>

### Liabilities

	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
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# St Anne's Church, Over Haddon

## Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2016

Note 1 The financial statement of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Note 2</u> The changes to the funds were:	<u>1,517.02</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,517.02</u>	<u>918.98</u>
<u>Note 3</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
Grants				
Visitors / Donations	406.30		406.30	340.99
Friends of St Anne's				
Legacy				
	<u>406.30</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>406.30</u>	<u>340.99</u>
<u>Note 4</u> <u>Generating Funds</u>				
Users of Church & Equipment				
Sale of cards, leaflets & teas	64.49		64.49	
	<u>64.49</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>64.49</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Note 5</u> <u>Income from investments</u>				
CBF Shares	1,664.40		1,664.40	1,965.36
CBF Deposit	20.13		20.13	17.94
Interest on trusts				3.77
	<u>1,684.53</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,684.53</u>	<u>1,987.07</u>
<u>Note 6</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
Vat Refund				274.84
war stock				400.00
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>674.84</u>
<u>Note 7</u> <u>Other Payments</u>				
Clergy expenses	100.25		100.25	123.29
Heating, Lighting etc	1,142.16		1,142.16	2,241.40
Insurance	769.96		769.96	770.00
Church Maintenance	522.33		522.33	143.31
Upkeep of Services	54.85		54.85	37.87
Upkeep of Church Yard				
Repairs	158.40		158.40	
General Administration	13.90		13.90	92.40
Professional fees - Inspections				792.00
	<u>2,761.85</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,761.85</u>	<u>4,200.27</u>