

St Margaret's Church, Tivetshall

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2011

Incumbent:

**Rev. David F. Mills
The Rectory
Church Lane
Winfarthing
Diss
Norfolk**

Bank:

**Barclay's Bank plc
Norwich St Stephen's Branch
5/7 Red Lion Street
Norwich NR**

Auditor:

**Mr Geoffrey Shields
Radnage
Mill Road
Winfarthing
Diss IP22 2DZ**

Background

St Margaret's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev. David F. Mills in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has insurance responsibility and oversight of the ruined church of St Mary within the parish.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Rev. David F. Mills	Chairman
<i>Reader:</i>	Mr Bryan Fletcher	Lay Vice-Chairman
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mr Maurice Websdell Dr Peter Rowan	
<i>Representative Deanery Synod</i>	Mr George Otty	Sidesman Electoral Roll Officer
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Frana Dack Mr Paul Dack Mrs Sue Fletcher Mrs Carole Francis Mr Paul Francis Mrs Maureen Huckle Mrs Maggie Rowan	Treasurer PCC Secretary

Mrs Sue Fletcher is the PCC's named person responsible for Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

Church Lands

The PCC is entitled to receive, for the upkeep of the church, the rents from 6.25 acres of land held in Great Moulton from Jeffrey Neve's charity. 6 acres is currently let to Mr Richard Wright, New House Farm, Aslacton and 0.25 acres to Mrs Marie Webster, Tivetshall St Margaret.

Church Attendance

There are 11 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The congregation has maintained an average of 10 at normal Sunday services.

Review of the Year

There were 5 PCC meetings held during the year at the home of Sue and Bryan Fletcher. We thank them for their hospitality.

We have paid our Parish Share of £4000 in full this year.

Home Team services were held throughout the year but will be suspended in 2012 we will be joining the congregation at Gissing for our worship instead.

A very successful Flower festival with a theme of 'musicals' attracted many visitors to the church in June.

In August the church took part in Open Churches Week. A book stall and cake stall raised funds and a photographic exhibition of 'Village Memories' was held.

The church was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Festival in September.

The Remembrance Sunday service was opened by Kevin Hegarty's playing of the Last Post and Reveille at St Margaret's. The Rector conducted an Act of Remembrance at St Mary's attended by children from the school and with the Last Post and Reveille again played by Mr Hegarty.

Children from the school attended their Christingle Service at the church and a Carol Service by candlelight was well attended in December.

A weekday Morning Prayer is read in church.

A Prayer Request Box has been placed in the church, and is used occasionally.

Church Fabric and Ornaments

The Parish Council grant for churchyard maintenance was very gratefully received. Maurice Websdell has continued to maintain the churchyard to a high standard. We are extremely grateful for his devoted work.

The Friends of St Mary's have maintained the churchyard to a high standard and organised work from Community Payback.

Our thanks go to Mr David Baker for his continued help when electricity is needed in the church.

Overseas links

We are in Partnership with Tear Fund for their general work with children.

We continued to support the Leprosy Mission by collecting stamps, and the Lent Giving jar.

The proceeds of the Carols by Candlelight service were given to the Salvation Army for their work with the homeless and the collection, proceeds of the sale of harvest produce and other donations were sent to FARMAfrica.

Fundraising

The Flower Festival raised over £470 for the Restoration funds.

Deanery Synod Meetings

There were 2 meetings in the year attended by our Representative.

Thanks

Finally we wish to thank our reader, Bryan Fletcher and all members of the congregation who have led and participated in Home Team services during the year; our organist Julie Savory; Maurice Websdell, our organ blower; sidesman George Otty; those who bring coffee and biscuits for the services, and all who clean the church and arrange the flowers to make it a welcoming place for visitors.

Without such dedicated support from all these people the weekly round of worship could not be maintained. Their work glorifies God, who has continued to bless us during this past year.