

St Margaret's Church, Tivetshall

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

For the year ended 31st December 2015

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>Warden:</i>	Mr Maurice Websdell Mrs Eleanor Henson	
<i>Representative Deanery Synod</i>	Mr George Otty	Sidesman Electoral Roll Officer
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Frana Dack Mr Paul Dack Mrs Carole Francis Mr Paul Francis Mrs Maggie Rowan Dr Peter Rowan	Treasurer
<i>Ex Officio member</i>	Mrs Maureen Huckle	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 9 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 (January, April, July, September and November) at the homes of Sue and Bryan Fletcher or Peter and Maggie Rowan. We thank them for their hospitality.

We have paid £4000 towards the Benefice Share this year, slightly more than the requested amount.

We continued to join with the Gissing congregation on those Sundays designated as 'Home Team' and we have been pleased to welcome them to our services on occasions during the year.

A Flower Festival with a 'Nursery Rhymes' theme was well attended and supported in June raising £600 for church funds. Our thanks go to those members of the parish who donated their flowers, time and skills so effectively. The church was beautifully decorated again 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.

The 'Memory Christmas Tree' was kindly provided and decorated by members of the PCC and a pleasing number of 'memory stars' were attached by members of the congregation.

A weekday Morning Prayer is read in church.

A Prayer Request Box 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. He has decided to hand over this role at the end of the year and we are extremely grateful for his devoted work over many years.

We would like to put on record our thanks to Julie Savory for her continued regular commitment in playing the organ at our Sunday services. Her excellent playing adds much to our worship.

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

Thanks also to all those who help with cleaning the church and providing and arranging flowers, contributions which help to make the church welcoming for our visitors.

The Friends of St Mary's have maintained the churchyard to a high standard.

Overseas and Charity 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 St Martin's Trust for their work with the homeless. Proceeds of the sale of harvest produce and

other donations were sent to Tear fund. The collection from one Sunday service was sent to support victims of the Nepal earthquake.

Deanery Synod Meetings

Meetings are attended by our Representative when possible.

Thanks

Finally we wish to thank our reader, Bryan Fletcher, visiting clergy and all members of the congregation who have led and participated in 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 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.