

St Margaret's Church, Tivetshall

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

For the year ended 31st December 2017

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>Readers:</i>	Mr Bryan Fletcher	Lay Vice-Chairman
	Mrs Alma Noble	

<i>Warden:</i>	Mrs Maggie Rowan
	Mrs Eleanor Henson

<i>Verger</i>	Mr Maurice Websdell
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<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Frana Dack	Treasurer
	Mr Paul Dack	
	Dr Peter Rowan	

<i>Ex Officio member</i>	Mrs Maureen Huckle	Secretary
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Mrs Sue Fletcher is the PCC's named person responsible for Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

Elizabeth and Harry Henson act as our (junior) Sidesmen.

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 8 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The congregation has maintained an average of 8 at normal Sunday services.

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Review of the Year

There were 4 PCC meetings held during the year (February, June, September and November) at the home Peter and Maggie Rowan. We thank them for their hospitality. The Annual Meeting was held at the Church in April

We have paid £4000 towards the Benefice Share this year.

We were pleased to welcome members of the Gissing congregation to our services during renovation of their Church and, also when possible, joined them for services designated as 'Home Team'.

We were pleased to participate in the village fete organised by the Tivetshall Friends and Family Group and thank them for the grant of £225 received after the event.

A successful Flower Festival was held in July on the theme of 'Hymns we have loved' and this raised almost £450 for Church funds.

Proceeds from the sale of produce after the Harvest Festival were, as usual, sent to Tear Fund.

The Remembrance Sunday service was opened by Kevin Hegarty's playing of the Last Post and Reveille at St Margaret's.

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

Members of the PCC were pleased to provide and decorate a 'Memory Christmas Tree' a good number of 'memory stars' were attached by members of the congregation.

Two weddings and two Christenings took place during the year.

A weekday Morning Prayer is read in church.

A Prayer Request Box placed in the church is used occasionally.

Church Fabric and Ornaments

The report submitted following the Quinquennial Review included a number of recommendations for work to be undertaken and progress is being made with these as time and funds permit.

The increased Parish Council grant for churchyard maintenance was very gratefully received. The churchyard was maintained by a rota of volunteers to whom we are grateful.

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.

Deanery Synod Meetings

Meetings are attended by a representative when possible.

Thanks

Finally we wish to thank all those who support us in keeping our church open for visitors and able to hold regular services throughout the year.

This includes our readers, Bryan Fletcher and Alma Noble, members of the congregation who have led and participated in services during the year; Maurice Websdell, our vergger and organ blower; our junior sidesmen Elizabeth and Harry Henson and those who bring coffee and biscuits for the services.