**All Saints, Kettlestone, Parochial Church Council, Annual Report 2016**

**Report for the Annual Parish Meeting May 2017**

**Membership**: Members of the PCC are elected by the annual Parochial Church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.
Incumbent: Rev. James Muggleton — Chair
Warden: Mary Townsin — Lay Chair
Treasurer: Martyn Proffitt
Secretary: Judy Manuel / Erica Bishop (from April)
Fabric Officer: Roger Townsin
Health and Safety: Maurice Jones
Electoral Role Officer: Pat Dickson
Deanery Synod Rep.: vacant

**Church Attendance**: The average weekly attendance throughout the year is 6 but special, seasonal services produce much larger congregations: Harvest Festival – 46; Remembrance – 45; Carol Service – 75. There was a funeral in January, a wedding in June, and a baptism in October.

There are 2 **church services** a month: Morning Prayer 1st Sunday at 11am and Eucharist 3rd Sunday at
8am. Evening Prayer takes place on Tuesdays at 6pm. From November to March in the home of Mrs Pat
Dickson and from April to October in church: attendance 4 – 7.

We continued the practice of **ringing the church bell** on the anniversary of the death of our fallen heroes from the war memorial.

**Fund Raising** Our Purcell Concert July 9th raised £502.40, and on Oct.1st a concert by operatic singer Emma Nuule raised £117.25. On Nov.3rd a digital slide show by Roger Townsin raised £80. Sept.23rd Harvest Supper raised £207.64 and Sponsored Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride raised £300. All money raised has been towards our Church Tower Fund.

**Fabric, repairs and maintenance** Routine cleaning of gutters and downpipes; ivy removed from church walls and yard walls and villagers took part in two ‘Churchyard Tidies’. Gravestones checked and found sound. Lower branches of Limes pruned for easier mowing and debris burned. Yew bushes cut and tidied. A few more daffodil bulbs planted. The lower double gates were creosoted. Inside: woodworm treatment where necessary. A twin electrical socket fitted on wall in the carpeted area near vestry. Every month during the growing season the churchyard continued to be cut and maintained by M and D Boddy, but they cannot continue in 2017.

**Other Happenings**

In April we dismissed our Architect, R. Waite as we felt there was no progress being made with our requests and on high recommendation we appointed N Warns of Norwich. He carried out our Quinquennial Inspection in Dec. and suggested that we apply for a Heritage Lottery Grant.

Sept 15th: Visitation of Bishop Jonathan of Lynn when he met churchwardens and took a Group Service at Lt Snoring Church.

Oct: Discussions began about updating our Church Insurance Policy.

Due to the poor state of the current altar frontals it was agreed to purchase a new “All Seasons” frontal with funds from a small legacy. This required a Faculty which was applied for.

Sadly, our Reader, Tony Sims announced his retirement. He has been a faithful friend to Kettlestone.

Our grateful thanks go to Judy Manuel who has retired as secretary after 12 years and we were very pleased to welcome Erica Bishop who has taken on the job.

Although we are small in number it is the aim of Kettlestone PCC to preserve and maintain our beautiful and historic church building for future generations to enjoy.