

All Saints Kettlestone Annual Report 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
Wardens: Mary Townsin — Lay Chair and Pat Dickson
Treasurer: Martyn Proffitt
Secretary: Erica Bishop
Fabric Officer: Roger Townsin
Health and Safety: Maurice Jones (resigned in September)
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-37, Remembrance -40, Carol Service 54. (There was a funeral in June and a Celebration of Life Service in July.)

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 with an attendance of 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 : During the year we had two talks, a concert, a Coffee Morning, a Car Boot Sale and a Harvest Supper raising £1,135.10 for the Church Tower Fund.

Fabric, Repairs and Maintenance : After being granted a Faculty the new 'All Seasons' Altar Frontal and lectern falls were ordered and arrived in June. An oak cover for the font was designed by Roger and approved by the Arch Deacon without faculty.

After the Quinquennial Report by architect N.Warns it was obvious that the tower roof was a priority for repair so with his help we applied for an HLF grant. In spite of much work and effort we were unsuccessful. We were also interested in a new, safe access to the tower so in May ten members of the DAC led by Matthew McDade came to look at the site and did not seem opposed to our ideas. Sadly without the grant we do not have the funds. In Feb. we appointed M.Basham as our new grass cutter and have been satisfied with his work.

Routine clearing of gullies, gutters and drainpipes and further ivy treatment on the church walls has been done. There is still some leaking of the north door but it is mainly cured. The yew bushes near the porch were trimmed, nettles sprayed and the 'Neech' field mowed twice with thanks to Pam Whitehead. The 3 interesting poppy bench ends were cleaned by Roger and Erica polished several items of furniture -all made a great improvement. Two Churchyard Tidies took place in May and Oct. These are popular and enjoyable with more people joining now. Old graves and headstones have been cleared, trees and hedges cut and debris has been burnt. We thank Erica for the excellent 'after work' lunches. 80 more daffodil bulbs were planted in the churchyard. A swift box was put up and Roger completed a bat survey and wrote an information sheet about his findings to display in church.

Other Happenings :

Aug.5-12 We took part in 'Open Churches Week' and held a Coffee Morning. Roger gave a Church Talk and set up an exhibition of our past links with Canada.

Sept.29 : During the Harvest Festival Service our new 'All Seasons' Altar Frontal and Font Cover was dedicated by Rector James. The Rural Dean was our guest preacher at the service.

Nov.7 : Our War Memorial was awarded a Listed Building Status Grade 2 by Historic England. The year ended with a well attended Carol Service and a happy evening with mince pies and mulled wine.

Mary Townsin
Churchwarden 27.4.18