

All Saints Kettlestone Annual Report 2018

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 (Mrs.Dickson did not continue as CW after May)
Treasurer:	Martyn Proffitt
Secretary:	Erica Bishop
Fabric Officer:	Roger Townsin
Health and Safety:	Vacant
Electoral Role Officer:	Pat Dickson
Deanery Synod Rep:	Vacant

The average weekly attendance throughout the year is 8 but special, seasonal services produce much larger congregations. Harvest Festival - 34, Remembrance Service commemorating end of WWI - 65, Carol Service - 52. There were 4 funerals, 2 weddings and one baptism.

There are 2 main church services a month. Morning Prayer on the 1st Sunday at 11am alternating with a Eucharist every other month. On the 3rd Sunday Holy Communion is at 8am. Evening Prayer takes place on Tuesdays at 6pm with an attendance of 3 - 5.

We continued the practice of ringing the church bell on the anniversary of the death of our fallen heroes from the war memorial. During the year we had a concert (Ladies Who Sing), a Coffee Morning during Open Churches Week, and a Harvest Service & Supper, altogether raising over £1000 for the Church Tower fund. Polishing of church furniture has continued with great effect to visual impact and overall condition. Two Churchyard Tidies took place in March and Oct. These are popular and enjoyable for all parishioners. 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. In between these sessions we now have extra help from some "strong arm" friends who tackle the toughest jobs and we are extremely grateful for their work on the graveside hedge adjoining our small field. Another set of 80 daffodil bulbs was planted in the churchyard in October. Grateful thanks go to Pam and David for regularly mowing the church field.

Other Happenings :

The small church field was fenced off, making a clear boundary.. A Bat detecting machine was used in the churchyard. Seven different species were discovered . Just two parishioners took part in The Church Bike ride raising an incredible sum of £310.

An Exhibition on the life of Edith Cavell was shown in the church in October.

In November six members of the PCC and two friends were invited on an all expenses paid trip to London by the Church Insurers, Ecclesiastical for a special lunch and Award Ceremony. We had nominated Roger Townsin in their competition because of his exceptional work for our church and our village community, spanning over forty years. He was chosen as one of six winners out of 360 entries from churches nationwide. We were thrilled that he was awarded £2000 for our church funds.

The year ended with a well attended Carol Service and afterwards a happy evening shared with the Village Hall Committee ,enjoying mince pies and mulled wine.

Mary Townsin
Churchwarden 3.4.19