

St Andrew's Church Alwalton



Annual Report January - December 2014

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TOGETHER "WE WILL!"

a passion for life

St. Andrew's, Alwalton
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting

Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the previous APCM

Matters arising

The Reports

- Electoral Roll
- Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2014
- A report on the fabric of the church
- Deanery Synod report
- Report of Parish Activities

Elections and appointments:

- Members for the P.C.C.
- Deanery synod vacancy
- Sidespeople
- The independent examiner

Any other business:

Please notify the chair at least 24 hours before the meeting

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Appointments:

- P.C.C. Secretary
- Treasurer
- Electoral Roll officer

Closing prayers

St Andrew's Church, Alwalton
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st April, 2014

Present: 15 Parishioners and the Rev Malcolm Ingham as Chairman.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Election of Churchwardens: Mr Ellard has served 6 years as a churchwarden. A resolution was passed by the PCC to extend Mr Ellard's term of service for 1 year. Mr Ellard was proposed by Mr Page and seconded by Mr Peel. Mr Page was proposed by Mr Knowles and seconded by Mr Peel. Mr Ellard and Mr Page were duly elected as churchwardens unopposed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Apologies for absence: Mr David and Mrs Michelle New, Mr Roger and Mrs Margaret Wilson-Hinds, Mr Raffaele and Mrs Tysha Rochira, Mr Robin Peel, Mrs Suzanne Knowles, Mr David Alvey, Dr Betty Chambers, Mrs Linda Smith.

Minutes: Mr Page proposed and Mr Habbin seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on Tuesday 16th April, 2013 and contained in the Annual Report were a true record. All who were present at that meeting agreed and Rev Ingham signed them,

The Reports

Electoral Roll: There are 60 on the revised roll.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer's report was accepted and is included with the Annual Report. A query regarding the presentation of the accounts was made and discussed outside the meeting.

Fabric Report: In the Annual Report.

Deanery Synod: Full report in the Annual Report.

Parish Activities: Covered in the Annual Report.

Elections and Appointments

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Deanery Synod:-

	Proposed	Seconded
Damon Habbin	Dilys Page	Barry Charman
David Neate	David Alvey	Michael Page

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year:-

	Proposed	Seconded
Dawn Alvey	Andrea Kirkpatrick	Stephen Knowles
Barry Charman	Damon Habbin	Michael Page
Stephanie Ellard	Michael Page	David Neate
Stephen Knowles	David Neate	Michael Page
Dilys Page	David Neate	Stephanie Ellard
Robin Peel	Damon Habbin	Dilys Page

All were elected unanimously and Rev Ingham expressed his thanks to those willing to serve on the Deanery Synod and on the Parochial Church Council.

Election of Sidespeople: Mr Stephen and Mrs Suzanne Knowles, Mrs Dilys Page, Mr Colin Leary, Mr Ian Kirkpatrick, Mr Robin Peel, Mr Peter Smith, Mr David Neate, Mrs Stephanie Ellard, Mr David and Mrs Dawn Alvey.

All were elected and thanks expressed once again to those willing to serve in this way.

Election of the Independent Examiner: Mr Knowles proposed and Mr Page seconded that Mr Paul Bakker be asked to act as examiner of the Church accounts. Thanks were expressed to Mr Bakker for auditing the accounts each year.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

PCC Secretary: Mr Knowles proposed and Mrs Ellard seconded that Mrs Page be elected as PCC Secretary. Mrs Page was elected.

Treasurer: Mr Ellard proposed and Mr Charman seconded that Mr Knowles be elected as Church Treasurer. Mr Knowles was elected.

Electoral Roll Officer: Mrs Page proposed and Mrs Alvey seconded that Dr Betty Chambers be elected as Electoral Roll Officer. Dr Chambers was elected.

A.O.B. Mention was made of future work needed on the trees in the graveyard.

The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May, 2014, in the Rectory at 19:30.

The meeting closed in prayer at 20:10.

Secretary's Report, March 2015

Electoral Roll: The number on the revised Electoral Roll is 66.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: This was held in St. Andrew's church on Tuesday 1st April, 2014. The PCC have met monthly with the exception of August and December. General business has been conducted and the following covers most of the year's activities.

Services: There has been an increase in numbers attending Sunday services.

Activities: The monthly Power Point prayer meetings have continued along with Monday and Wednesday's housegroups. In January we welcomed two Historical Church groups from the University of the Third Age. February saw a number of



couples taking part in The Big Promise. Marriage vows were renewed in an attempt to surpass the record for the Guinness Book of Records. St Andrew's hosted a Lent lunch in April. Good Friday began



with hot cross buns followed by the beginning of a service. We then walked to Napier Place, singing outside Tesco before completing the service in the sheltered housing complex. This was followed by three hours at the cross in St Andrew's.



Joint services were held in the summer with St Michael's, Chesterton. In September the 10 week Christianity Explored was run. October's harvest celebrations were well supported. St Andrew's hosted Riding Lights Theatre Company in October who performed Fantastic Acts to a very appreciative congregation. The Light Party on 31st October was enjoyed by all.



the soaked items.

Fundraising: In June we had a World Cup Quiz including fish and chips. Chesterton Fete at the end of June turned out to be a wet afternoon. The rain began at 14:00 and finished at 16:00 as we began to clear away all



Church cleaning and flowers: Thank you again for the time and effort given by so many to keep the church clean. The flower arranging team also need our thanks for their time and consistency in providing colourful arrangements throughout the year.



Thanks: To all who help in so many ways in the church family at St Andrew's.



Rector's Report 2014

Was it really a year ago? That is always how I feel writing these reports. I look back through the diary and things which seem like only the other day turn out to be sometime last year. I suppose it shows how busy we can be, but business without purpose would be of little use so it was good in 2014 to lock into "A Passion for Life" a desire to be focused on reaching out with the Good News of Jesus, having a passion to share the Gospel of life with those in our communities, families and friendship circles.



We began the year with an interesting Deanery Synod at St. Andrew's where Revd David Kinder shared with us some of the joys and struggles of prison chaplaincy and ministry and I'm pleased to say that we have members of St. Andrew's who now help out with that ministry.

We also held a special service of marriage vows renewal as part of "The Big Promise". Unfortunately there were not enough people who took part nationally (or who uploaded the vast amount of documentation required by Guinness World Records) to break the Record for the number of people renewing the marriage vows, but none-the-less it was a great opportunity for those of us involved to reaffirm our love for and commitment to our wives or husbands.

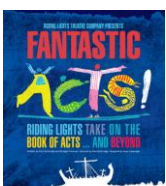


April was the focal point of "A Passion for Life" with an Easter Craft Day and a Sugar Craft evening, both of which were very successful and following on from Easter a group of us travelled down to the

capitol for the London Men's Convention.



In May I encouraged families to go the Key Theatre for Saltmine's production of Noah which some young people from St. Andrew's and elsewhere in the city took part in, it was a great production, but in October we embraced theatre fully when we hosted Riding Lights Theatre Company and their production of "Fantastic Acts". It was hard work and took a lot of effort to turn the church into a theatre where everyone could see but it was well worth it as it supported our sermon series on the book of Acts.

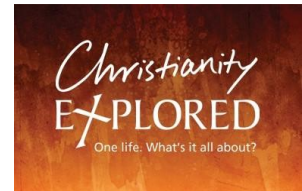


In the summer the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship opened up a

meeting with Sandy Millar to all church members, St. Andrew's hosted a great World Cup Quiz night (with fish and chips) and Chesterton fete was a success despite falling right in the middle of the wettest part of the weekend! In July I had the very different experiences of speaking at Orton Wistow Primary School's Leaver's service in their hall and the King's School's end of year service in the Cathedral.



Starting in September a group of us led a Christianity Explored course in the church which worked well as a venue after many smaller groups meeting in homes and in November we commemorated the 100 years anniversary of the start of the First World War by remembering especially the young



men from our community who had gone to war but never returned. The Men's group continued to enjoy their breakfasts and we closed the year with a wonderful Carols by candlelight which again picked up on the theme of the Christmas truce 100 years ago.

Of course all these events took many, many people to organise, run and participate in and the everyday running of the churches do too. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Church Wardens, Treasurers, members of the P.C.C's and frankly anyone who does anything. Most of all I would like to thank God for blessing us with fellowship, faithfulness and growth because we have seen people joining us over the last year. May we continue to be faithful to our Lord and Saviour as we seek his will for the future.

Revd Malcolm Ingham
March 2015

Buildings and Fabric Report 2014

It has been a relatively quiet year with regards to maintenance work on the Church building. There have been no major or ongoing projects although a great deal of planning has been done around the trees in the church yard. This has involved liaising with Huntingdonshire District Council about which trees and by how much we can cut them back or remove them. The trees that will be affected are the two mature limes by the boundary wall with the road, pruning and stabilizing/strengthening work. A sycamore and an ash (both self seeded) opposite the porch, removal. Finally the horse chestnut in the rear of the church yard, again, removal. Many thanks to Mike Page who has again put a tremendous amount of work in to this project.

A new tap has been fitted to the double basin in the kitchen unit. Also a small number of regular maintenance tasks were carried out in the church.

I would like to thank all of the people contribute to the day to day running of the church because without their help and the grace of God we would not have such a nice building to worship in. Finally if any would like to help out in maintaining the church, whether it's cleaning or cutting the grass, please just contact one of the church wardens.

Jake Ellard



Yaxley Deanery Synod

The new year saw a new beginning when Rev. Dr Donald McFadyen was commissioned as the new Rural Dean by the Archdeacon, Ven. Hugh McCurdy, at the meeting at St Andrew's Alwalton. Following this, Rev. David Kinder spoke about prison chaplaincy.

The second meeting of the year was at Farcet CofE School. David Neate gave an overview of synodical governance in the Church of England.

Elections took place for the Deanery Standing Committee.

Lay Chair: Vacant; Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Liz Rose (Folksworth)

Deanery Liaison Group (DLG) Rep: Grahame Ibsen (Orton Longueville)

Other Reps: Hildegard Hall (Orton Waterville), Bryan Jeffery (Stanground)

Clergy Reps: Rev. Sarah Gower, Rev. Jon Randall.

Rev. Donald McFadyen spoke about working together in the deanery, and the Diocesan Mission Statement 'We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ'.

In June, Bishop Stephen led the deanery confirmation service, which took place at St Mary's Orton Waterville.

Two curates were ordained deacon at the Petertide Ordinations at the end of June: Rev. Sid Bridges is at Orton Waterville and Orton Longueville; Rev. Imogen Falvey is at Sawtry and Glatton.

The new building for Christ the Servant King, Hampton was dedicated in September by the Bishop of Ely, and the Bishop of Peterborough gave the sermon. The deanery made a gift towards some of the furnishings.

Christ Church, Orton Goldhay was the venue of the final meeting, where the speaker was Rev. Peter Wood, Diocesan Director of Mission.

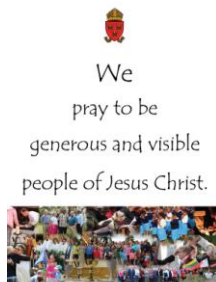
In October, Rev. Jamie McKay announced that he would be leaving the Stilton/Elton group of parishes in the New Year.

Another curate, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Winfrey, joined the deanery, in Orton Longueville and Orton Waterville, at the end of November, continuing her curacy from Diocese of Peterborough.

The deanery paid its ministry share target (£253,865) in full. The diocese is planning to reduce subsidy to deaneries in the coming years. Yaxley Deanery currently receives a subsidy of approximately 50%. The target for 2015 is £258,942.

Alwalton has a vacancy for a synod rep, let me know if you would be interested in that role.

David Neate



Tiddlywinks

During 2014 / 2015 the Tiddlywinks pre-school group has maintained an average of 10 children and 10 carers attending each Monday morning, during term time. Consisting of a mix of regulars and people who do the occasional session when it's convenient. In 2013/14 the Tiddlywinks group was being run by Fiona Schneider and Jo Ruff. With Christine Leary providing refreshments and Dilys and Mike helping to clear, reorganise and tidy up. This year both Fiona and then Jo had to pass on the responsibility due to work commitments. As the group had been important in bringing me into the church, I felt very strongly that I would like to help it continue to run. It's not just a stay and play group, but provides bible teaching, praise, singing and craft activities too, so I have relied upon the support and guidance of Malcolm, who has re-devoted some of his time to us. As a result attendees have given very positive feedback about the group and attendance is consistently good.

Alice Briant



Children's Church Annual report 2014/15

Children's church is run by Mrs Stephanie Ellard & Mrs Fiona Schneider with Mrs Dawn Alvey & Charlotte Ingham helping. We have eight children, ages ranging from 4- 10 on the register who attend regularly. We are using the Scripture Union Mosaic book for small groups with a wide age range. At the moment we are looking at the stories Jesus told through exploring four parables which tell us something of God's love. During the sessions, which are an hour long, we use various methods to help to understand the message. We explore the bible through storytelling, bible readings, art & crafts, dramas, prayer and games.

Stephanie Ellard

Youth Group (14-18's) 4G

The group continues to be small but committed and started up again after Sunday's at six finished. We have been meeting on the second and fourth Sunday evenings at the Rectory and began by looking at a series which addressed issues facing young women from a Christian perspective. Later on in the year with the loss of our Pathfinders' leaders the young people from that group joined with 4G, this gives us a wide age range which is sometimes difficult but has also introduced boys into the group which helps the group to be more varied.

We have gone on to look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians as well as enjoy a Christmas craft night where we made lots of festive treats – some of which were edible :)

Malcolm Ingham

Music Group Report 2014/15

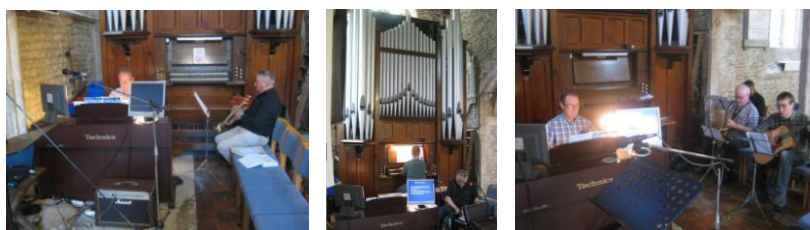
A big thank you for all who put time in to enhance our worship, especially, Barry, Di, Tim and Malcolm. Thank you all for giving your time and talent for the benefit of the music we all enjoy at St Andrews. It's great to have Tim join us in the "band" and expand the range of instruments.

Malcolm and I try to choose hymns and songs which reinforce the theme of each service, ensuring that the songs are "God" centred and are there to add to the service, helping us praise God, teach each other, and give joy.

If there are any more budding musicians who wish to join us, you'd be very welcome.

As ever, we look forward to the remainder of this year, singing familiar songs and learning new ones.

David New

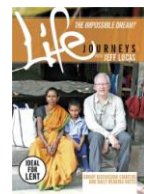
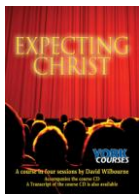


Monday Fellowship 2014

Our studies this year covered the York Course entitled Expecting Christ; which led us neatly into Lent with a six part study on the subject of Jesus and the marginalised. In April we started a series looking at faith in action - with lessons from the church in Myanmar. This course came from a visit to the Christian Resources Exhibition by David.

Later in the year we looked at the Old Testament, an area we had not covered for a while. 'Esther, a Royal Rescue' is proving to be very thought provoking. We thank Colin and Christine Leary for hosting us through the year. Why not join us on Monday evening at 7.30 ?

Michael Page



Wednesday Fellowship Group

The Wednesday fellowship group has continued to meet through out 2014 on a Wednesday ("does what it says on the tin") evening. Many thanks to Malcolm for stepping in to lead for the first half of the year when work commitments took me away. As well as the usual range of small group bible studies this year we ran a Christianity Explored session in the early autumn and it was a pleasure to welcome some new faces and have the opportunity to learn more together about our Christian faith from the teaching and from each other. The year finished with a series of Jeff Lucas video's that prompted us to look at Micah and "The Impossible Dream" with challenging reports from India. The start of 2015 has seen us answering the question Really? In seven session we have explored the real truth, identity, wisdom, purpose, security, treasure and hope that our Christian faith gives us. Thank you to Malcolm for hosting our regular sessions and Michelle, Charlie and Grace for lovely social events. You are most welcome to join us in 2015 and help us to continue our journey in Christ.

David Alvey

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Team Report

This has been a difficult year for the St Andrew's CAP Money team. After poor attendance at courses held in church, we tried to hold courses in a new venue - Orton Wistow Primary School. The first course in the Spring was attended by only one delegate. The second course in the Autumn had to be cancelled as no delegates had signed up one week before it was due to start, and one CAP Money Coach stepped down from the position. The team are committed to supporting CAP, but are pausing to think how best to continue this support through St Andrew's Church.

Andrea Kirkpatrick



Children's Society Fundraising for 2014

Children's Society fundraising sale. We held the craft fundraising sale over two days again, and were blessed with our best total ever. We have now built up a reputation for a sociable occasion with friends who come every year and enjoy the companionship and the lovely refreshments provided by my devoted team of volunteers. The total raised was £242.10 from Christingle collections, and £1,157.90 from the Craft Sale. This year we are planning to hold two separate fundraising events, both to be held in the village hall. The first will be Afternoon Teas on May 30th, and the second on Saturday 5th December.

Chris Leaves

Charitable Activities

St Andrew's has continued to support a number of Christian Charities during the year. Details of their activities can be found on their websites.

The Christian Aid collections take place during May each year, thanks to Colin Leaves for co-ordinating this in the parish. Please see Colin if you can help with delivering/collecting envelopes.

St Andrew's has also continued to support the Peterborough Foodbank, in conjunction with Trussell Trust, and some of the congregation volunteer at the Orton distribution centre each week. The Foodbank moved from the Ortons to new premises in Woodston in 2014.



<http://barnabasfund.org/>



www.childrenssociety.org.uk



www.cms-uk.org



<http://crops.org.uk/>



www.options-peterborough.org.uk



www.tearfund.org/



www.leprosymission.org.uk



<https://capuk.org/>



www.christianaid.org.uk/



<http://peterborough.foodbank.org.uk/>



www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/

Cleaning Report

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who helped keep our Church clean during the last year, with particular thanks to those who after many years service are standing down.

The cleaning of the church is arranged on a rota basis. Typically over the past several years there have been enough volunteers to reduce any individual's contribution to about seven or eight times a year.

In order to keep St. Andrews neat and tidy we need about three additional volunteers – more would be welcome – to lighten the load on the few currently carrying out this service to our beautiful church.

Over the past few years we have lost a number of volunteers and those remaining have continued to do their very best to keep the church clean and tidy not only for its own sake but as a witness to our love of God and all that he has done for us.

Please come forward and volunteer – and please note from the graphic you don't have to be a woman to volunteer - the more volunteers the less demanding is the role on each person, and help us glorify God by keeping His Church building clean.

Please contact Christine Leary in church or by telephone 239572 to find out more and volunteer.

Christine Leary

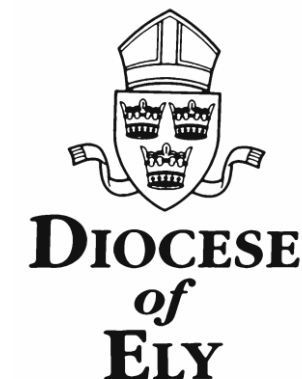


Flower Arranging Report

I would like to thank all the ladies who, week by week, provide the flowers and arrange them to ensure the church is properly decorated. I especially thank Dylis who is charged with getting the flowers for special festivals. When there are no flowers during Advent and Lent, I am sure they are missed, so if there were not willing flower arrangers that sense of sadness would be regularly present. Unfortunately, the group of arrangers is small so the duties come round quickly. We would, therefore, welcome anyone who would like to join the group. You **do not** need to be an expert arranger, I am certainly a real amateur but keep doing my best. The 'anyone' includes men. I know a man who enjoys arranging flowers and has produced excellent displays in the cathedral.

Betty Chambers

Mission Action Plan 2013
Diocese of Ely
 Parish of St. Andrew's Alwalton
 Summary of Mission Action Plan



	List up to 4 objectives:	Action Involved	By whom	Resources Needed	Timescale
1	Music Group	Identify musicians and organise rehearsals	Rector	People and music	By first fifth Sunday in 2014
2	Restart Preschool Group (Tiddlywinks)	Training leaders and Equipping group	Rector Fiona Schneider Jo Ruff	Equipment Publicity	Establish by Christmas 2013
3	Strengthen links with Orton Wistow Primary School	Advertise Light Night and Christmas Services run a CAP course in school	Rector CAP leaders	Publicity Build on links	October 2013 and ongoing. CAP by Easter 2014
4	A Passion for Life Outreach	Evangelism training. Event planning. Resources	Rector and Planning Group	Dependant on events planned	Meeting by mid-October 13. Events by Easter 14.

Signed: Minister

Churchwarden(s)

Date: