

# **St. Andrew's Church, Wickham Skeith Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council**

**Year Ended December 31st, 2011**

## **Administrative Information**

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Wickham Skeith. It is part of the Bacton Benefice in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who have served from January 1st, 2011 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: The Rev'd. Dr. Liz Varley

Curate: (ex officio) The Rev'd. Julia Lall

Reader: Mrs. Sheila Wright

Elders: Mr. Peter Paine  
Mrs. Jean Willoughby

Wardens: Mrs. Liz Davidson  
Mrs. Jean Willoughby

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs. Liz Davidson  
Mrs. Mary Paine

Elected Members: Mr. Philip Cutting (Treasurer)

Mr. Alan Kenny

Mrs. Doris Mullenger

Mrs. Mary Paine (Secretary)

Mr. Peter Paine

Mr. Oliver Richards

Mr. Ron Wright

Mrs. Sheila Wright

## **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC Members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

## **Objectives and Activities**

St. Andrew's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

## **Church Attendance**

There are 73 on the Electoral Roll, of whom 48 are resident within the parish and 25 non-resident. The average weekly attendance has been 14 for the Eucharist (one more than last year) and 19 for Family services (three more). Once again the Carol Service drew the largest congregation, 96, and as ever our very grateful thanks go to Alan and Lynne Watts for the wonderful mulled wine and mince pies which undoubtedly make the occasion particularly festive.

## **Review of the Year**

Once again the year has flown by, and from a PCC point of view a rather less busy one than previously. There are eleven members of the PCC, who have met four times. Throughout 2011, our full programme of worship has continued. The Family Service, on the first Sunday of each month has proved popular with parishioners who are less comfortable with Eucharistic services, and there are generally a few more attendees, though sadly rarely any children. Benefice services were held on fifth Sundays and throughout August. Healing has continued to be offered on third Sundays, with a steering group keeping the format under review in order to make the ministry comfortable for everyone.

During the year there were four baptisms, one wedding and three funerals.

Fund raising continued throughout the year, most notably with our biennial Open Gardens in May and Murder Mystery Evenings in the Autumn.

On Bible Sunday copies of Mark, the lectionary Gospel for this year were distributed and were well received. The Monday Morning Group, which arose from a previous Lent Group has continued to meet and to flourish, under the careful guidance of The Rev. Julia Lall.

Thanks must once again go to each and every person who contributes in any way to the life and upkeep of our Church, both the building and the community. Particular gratitude must go to Liz Davidson and Jean Willoughby, our stalwart Churchwardens, to Ron Wright, our organist and to Stuart Wilson who maintains the churchyard so beautifully.