

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, LITTLE SNORING

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 14 MAY 2018

At the end of 2017 there were 8 people on the Church Electoral Roll, three of whom were not resident in the parish. The average weekly attendance during the year was six. This number increased at the Christmas Carol Service, when several families attended, and at Group services. Sunday service usually took place on the 4th Sunday of the month with Group services held on the first Sunday after Easter and Christmas. During the year three children were baptised. There were two funerals, one followed by burial in the churchyard and the other by cremation. The PCC met four times during the year, in January, April, July and October.

An electrical safety report was carried out in June and an electric wall heater replaced and a new contract for servicing fire extinguishers was established. The external earthing cable was piped and buried at the architect's suggestion. The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in August. This revealed that work was required to the Tower and following discussion of the report at the PCC meeting in October, the architect was asked to prepare the necessary specification. We await the response from three builders asked to submit tenders. A new exterior notice board is being made and given by the family of a former long-serving churchwarden in her memory.

In November the church was broken into; the lock on the door, two altar frontals and a two branch candlestick on the pulpit were taken. This was reported to the insurers and the police. We expect that a new lock will be fitted by the end of May.

During the summer months the grass in some areas of the churchyard was cut on a monthly basis and the PCC is grateful for the donation from the Parish Council towards this expense. The remainder of the churchyard was mown twice by a volunteer.

Fund raising/social activities during the year included a coffee morning at a member's home in May; a cheese and wine evening, in conjunction with Thursford church, took place in August; a very successful Flower Festival was held in July, and a Mince pie and Coffee Morning at the Community Room in December. The PCC is most grateful for the help and support given by parishioners for all these events. Monies raised are divided between the General Fund (from which the general expenses of the church are met), and the Fabric Fund which is used for repairs and maintenance of the building.

Fund raising/social activities arranged for 2018 include a coffee morning on 6 June and a cheese and wine evening, in conjunction with Thursford Church, on 4 August.

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