

**The 2018 Annual Report  
Of the Parochial Church Council  
For the Parish of  
St Mary Magdalene Helmdon**



**and**

**St Laurence Radstone**



## Reports for the APCM 2018

### St. Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

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Meeting Closed

Request that those persons present, not on the Electoral Roll – leave the meeting, thank you

#### APCM Meeting Welcome

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Note: Ckers has now closed due to lack of demand and leaders.

***These reports will not be read out at the APCM however questions pertaining to them may be asked.***

## **1. Minutes of APCM Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **Commencing at 7.30pm**

Attendance: Carole Peters-King, Celia Terrey, Judith Elkington, Karin Smith(Wiggy), Barbara Rawlins, Ann Smith, Audrey Beattie, Jenny Saunders, Ann Harman, Jenny Overson, Ann Netten, Cliff Netten, Penny Bonner, Carole Brookhouse, Jean Spendlove, Niki Phillips,

Chair: Rev. Carole Peters-King

Apologies: Vanessa Vicars

Welcome: The meeting commenced with a Reading, and Prayers.

**Vestry Meeting: Commenced at 7.30pm**

**Previous Minutes of meeting:** 29 April, 2016

The Minutes were taken as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Ann Smith, Seconded: Penny Bonner. **All in favour, 3 abstentions, no objections.**

**Matters Arising - Election of Church Warden:**

Bill Elkington agreed to stand for a further year. CPK expressed her thanks to BE for continuing as Church Warden.

**Proposed: Karin Smith. Seconded: Ann Smith. All in favour, unanimous agreement.**

The Vestry Meeting closed at 07.40pm.

APK asked that members of the public, not on the electoral roll, to leave the meeting. There were no leavers.

**APCM Meeting: Commenced at 19.40 hrs.**

Apologies: Vanessa Vicars, PCC member  
Sue Lidgley, member of the Electoral Roll

**Minutes of the APCM 2016:**

CPK asked if everyone agreed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting of the APCM (2016).

Ann Netten informed the meeting that having looked at the listing of Committee members, Ann became a member of the Worship Committee and not the Social Committee as indicated. Subject to correction, and the comment made by AS in respect of Vanessa taking over as Chair of the Social Committee in her place.

The Minutes were accepted as a True Record.

**Proposed: Celia Terrey, Seconded: Barbara Rawlings. All in agreement, no one against, 1 abstention.**

CPK confirmed that the APCM meeting looked back on the previous year, May 2016 to April 2017, only those matters raised during this period would be dealt with under AOB. The two items raised for this meeting, will therefore be dealt with during the PCC meeting at the end of the APCM.

**Report 21: Rev. Carole Peters-King.** Rectors Report. There were no questions raised from the Report.

### **Report 1. Electoral Roll**

Ann Netten requested that 'Joan Kimble' be removed from the Electoral Roll, as deceased. Also the Christian name for Wiggy Smith needs to be changed to 'Karin'. **Action: NP**

Niki Phillips confirmed that the address for Conrad and Elizabeth Woolley also needed to be changed as they had now left the village. NP to display an amended copy. **Action: NP**

CPK asked if a letter had been sent to Conrad and Elizabeth as they had left the village, asking if they wished to remain on the Electoral Roll. If they wished to be taken off then action should be taken to do so. CPK confirmed that members of the Electoral Roll were allowed to be on 2 records at any one time. Deceased members of the Electoral Roll should also be removed. All changes should be written up in the following year. **Action: NP**

NP confirmed renewal of the Electoral Roll was required every 7 years, the next renewal date is 2019. In preparation for the Electoral Roll and APCM for 2018/19, it was agreed that NP would, write to all members to confirm that they were happy to continue. **Action: NP**

On behalf of all present CPK expressed her grateful thanks to Niki for finalising the Electoral Roll this year and for reminding CPK to notify the church congregation of the opportunity for new members of the Parish to join.

### **Report 2 Annual Report on the PCC by the Secretary**

There were no questions arising. CPK expressed her thanks for the work done, commenting on the amount of correspondence received and circulated from the Diocese, detailing training, rules and regulations.

#### **Report 2.a Worship committee**

No questions were raised.

#### **Report 2.b Finance Committee**

BE was asked to speak on behalf of the Finance Committee. No questions were raised.

#### **Report 2.c Fabric Committee**

BE confirmed he would respond to any questions raised in the absence of Vanessa Vicars.

The architect John Barker, had confirmed that he was ready to issue the Quinquennial, on receipt of the Electrical Test Certificate which was duly sent. This report was expected within the next few days.

### Kneeler Project

NP expressed her thanks on behalf of everyone in respect of the Kneeler Project. This was a huge project to undertake. Congratulations to Jenny Overson and team together with Audrey Forgham for the work done to record a full listing of Kneelers, the history behind each depicted embroidery work. This has now been uplifted to the website.

Members were all in agreement, and expressed their thanks unanimously.

Jenny confirmed that it had been a pleasure to work with others on the project. The albums were almost finished. **Action: JO** to remind CPK once the task was completed, and a special service would be held to celebrate the work undertaken. No further questions were raised.

**Report 2.d Social Committee:** CPK confirmed her thanks to the Social Committee and to all those who offered their support, for the work undertaken, keeping the momentum going, with new fresh ideas, raising funds, keeping us afloat. Once again, many thanks to you all.

**Report 3. Treasurers Reports and Accounts,** ended December 2016. BE summarised the events of the past year, Philip Andrews, then Treasurer, had moved to Cornwall in February, trying to keep track of the accounts from a distance, however this proved to be very difficult. BE took over the accounts and ran it through to the end of the year, with exceptional results, being £1k short of the Parish Share and payments for Ministry.

Since January 2017 Ann Netten has worked on the accounts alongside BE, to date. The accounts have been Audited by Chris Thorpe, who has no contact with the Church as per church regulatory rules. The Accounts were given a clean bill of health. Details of the Accounts and Bank Statements incoming and out-goings were provided as part of the Audit. Sound & Vision system BE confirmed that the Sound and Vision expenses were high, however gift donations were received for which he expressed his sincere thanks, letters were sent to those concerned.

Included in today's report is a Standing Order mandate for any who wish to increase their current giving or to commence giving.

Wiggy Smith asked for clarification of the Parish Share owing from the previous year. BE confirmed of the £12k outstanding £8k was paid in January, the remaining £4k (to be paid before April) was written off. The accounts were now up to date, Debtors have been included in the accounts to ensure we continue to understand our debts and true financial position at all times.

CPK confirmed that it was fair to say that we were not alone in this, the Diocese had previously encouraged people to carry on paying into the new year. However as a Benefice we, the Treasurers, agreed to say no, which has meant that each church can now see exactly what their balance is at Jan.1, enabling us to budget for the future.

CPK thanked BE for his dual work as Church Warden and Treasurer, and welcomed Ann Netten, thanking her for taking on the role of Treasurer. Thanks were also expressed to Celia Terrey for her continued work and help.

All agreed that they understood the accounts in their present format, providing a clear picture of both incomings and out goings. Again thanks were given.

CPK asked if there were any further questions based on the above.

BE confirmed there were no debtors to date other than the Parish Share.

BE outlined the past agreement with the Electricity Board, that bills would not be paid for a period of 3 years, culminating in a one off payment at the end of the agreement in February this year. Following discussions with British Gas, BE confirmed that we would pay for the electricity as used, plus an additional amount to reduce the areas. We now have a new tariff, and pay monthly for what is used.

CPK expressed her thanks to BE for reworking the Accounts to establish what monies were outstanding, and his negotiations with British Gas. There were no further questions.

CPK confirmed the need to adopt the accounts, as an official and audited record for 2016.

It was therefore proposed that the Accounts be adopted as an official and audited record.

**Proposed: BE, Seconded AN, All in favour, no abstentions, no objections.**

It was duly confirmed that copies of the full Secretary's report, in book form, were placed in the Church for review, 3 Sundays before the APCM. A copy was handed to Ann Harman to review, being unaware that copies had been placed on display in the church.

**Action: JE to announce documents for view next year.**

#### **Report 4. Church Warden's Report**

There were no questions raised following the report.

AS confirmed 53 mice had been caught, at a cost of 10p a mouse, for church funds. This exercise to be repeated next year.

A request was made for a 5 step step-ladder to donate to the Church. Jenny Overson asked BE to review the ladder currently stored in her garage, to be donated.

CT expressed general thanks on behalf of the PCC to BE for his work in a dual role. BE in turn, thanked all those who have helped him over the past months, and continue to help in support of the Church.

#### **Report 5. St. Lawrence, Radstone**

There were no questions raised.

CPK thanked Penny Bonner for her hard work in support of the Church, and the amount of pressure she was under from people questioning the subsequent closure. CPK confirmed that most of the damage is from bat urine, which needs to be cleaned professionally, we cannot take a vacuum to the job.

On a brighter side, St. Lawrence was now top of the list for the Pilot Scheme by English Heritage and English Nature to co-exist bats & humans together, however this will take time to come to fruition.

Richard Ormston (Archdeacon of Northampton) is on the Board to progress the scheme on behalf of St Lawrence.

PB continues to promote the Church, Ride & Stride, holding outdoor services where possible.

CPK encouraged the use of outdoor services, the Easter Dawn being a prime example.

PB was pleased to announce receipt of £3k, from the Solar Farm installed at Hall Farm, being money promised as good will for local community projects.

**Report 6. Deanery Synod** Representatives: Bill Elkington & Wiggy Smith.

No questions were raised. BE confirmed that we were nowhere near our quota for Deanery Synod representatives, emphasising that we need to be involved at this level. CPK confirmed that matters raised were fed into the Diocese, and then the General Synod. Members of the PCC were encouraged to go to the Synod meetings, not to complain when a decision is made that is not liked, get involved, have your say, use your voice, anyone can attend the Synod meetings.

**Report 7. Friends of the Church**

NP asked to add one or two points during the meeting on behalf of Hugh Walmsley, thanking everyone for their support this year for the 200 Club, all tickets have been sold. Thanks again were expressed for the Poetry and Pie evening raising £210 net, an excellent evening, supported and enjoyed by all.

Future events: a) 30<sup>th</sup> July Sunday £10 per car to enter – no details until entry fee paid. Numbers are limited. b) Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August Friends APCM

NP confirmed the cost of annual subscription to the Friends: Membership £20. And £25 for membership of the 200 club.

CPK asked NP to thank the Friends on our behalf for the work that they do in support of the Church. Thank you very much.

**Report 8. Safeguarding** Rachel Wheeler .

Rachel updated the meeting in respect of the Diocesan E-learning package on Safeguarding. This is available now for all PCC members on-line. **Action: RW** to circulate the link.

CPK stressed that this was a legal requirement, for everyone, including those who had previous undertaken Safeguarding training, they too have to do the training again. It is important that we all aware of this. We need to have an active Safeguarding Policy, the training also covers vulnerable adults, visits and children.

RW notified the meeting that she had attended a briefing, to deliver training face to face, confirming that she would like to go through an official course to upskill herself.

NP asked if safeguarding training was transferrable. RW confirmed that each organisation has to have their own Safeguarding Policy and training applicable to that company/business/activity. CPK emphasised that we, the Church, take people on trust and greet strangers with a hug during the peace regardless of age, or orientation, we can be a) over welcoming which may offend people who are vulnerable, and b) we have an 'open' building, with a vast range of ages, we are also vulnerable and could be targeted by paedophiles, people of unsavoury character. The training also covers visiting people - beware that you might overstay your welcome.

RW stressed that the on-line programme is open to everyone, not solely those members of the PCC, i.e. Tuesday Lunch group of helpers, the safeguarding programme is applicable to all groups.

**Report 9. Pastoral Group:** As asked how many people are visited by the Pastoral group. WS confirmed there could be 20 people at any one time, again vulnerability has to be considered.

CPK expressed a huge 'thank you' for all who visit, how wonderful that we have a group that care so much. that meets with prayers for those concerned, with visits in times of loneliness, sickness or bereavement.

CPK confirmed that communion is given when asked, mainly in the afternoons or early evening, whenever convenient for each individual. Wiggy also gives communion to assist CPK when required.

WS emphasised that the only way this works if we, the Pastoral Group and Rev. Carole are informed of those in need of care, without this information we are unable to help.



WS clarified the aims of the Group and meetings held to discuss the progress of visits and continuing need of care.

The Pastoral Group continues to welcome new people to the group.

CPK referenced a talk given by the Bishop Who's Ministry is it? - the response being 'It is every ones', not just the incumbent and lay people, these visits are a wonderful form of ministry.

**Report 10. Astwell Benefice Choir:** AS confirmed what a joy it is to have the choir. CPK thanked members of the choir, and the work of David Wright, confirming that the services and choir singing at Easter, and Christmas, were absolutely wonderful, and enjoyed by all. Opening the choir to others within the village, also helped lead the singing. AH expressed appreciation to Jeff Robinson, and his continued attendance at every choir practice and almost every services too – this was wonderful.

**Report 11. Ckers.** RW confirmed that there had been no additional helpers, with two willing helpers already on board, just 1 more would enable them to restart the Group.

**Report 12. Parish Lunches:** CPK expressed huge thanks for everyone taking part, emphasising the wonderful work of the team, providing an excellent resource for the Village, again many thanks to you all.

**Report 13. Mites:** CPK confirmed £200 raised during the year, an amazing amount. Thanks expressed to AB and to everyone for their generosity. AB confirmed the scheme will continue.

**Report 14. Friend of the Churchyard:** CPK expressed thanks to Rex for his attendance and work over the years, giving guidance and advice when required. The work of the Churchyard included the successful removal of trees due to storm damage and impending damage to the church building. CPK recommended that a joint get together be arranged with the PCC, and all who help and are involved in the various functions associated with the Church.

**Report 15. Mothers Union:** Congratulations to Ann for taking on the role of Deanery Leader. AS confirmed that Parents and Totts were also part of the Mothers Union, automatically continues throughout the year, with their £1 monthly subscription, given to the Church. The meeting is open to everyone.

**Report 16. Bell Ringers:** CPK confirmed it was lovely to hear the Bells rung during their Saturday practice, prior to Services on a Sunday, and for those special occasions with visiting Bell Ringers. The Bell Ringers are invited to join us for coffee and cake at 09.45am, prior to the Family Service at 10.15am. CPK expressed here sincere thanks to the team.

**Report 17. Church Cleaners** - On behalf of the PCC, many thanks were expressed to the team members maintaining the church in its beauty and as a place of tranquillity and worship.

**Report 18. Link Charity:** JSp requested that the report to be discussed at the PCC.

**Report 19. Sidesmen:** CPK confirmed that we no longer need to elect Sidesmen, this enables us to welcome others to join throughout the year, with the introduction of 'welcomers' into the Church.



NP confirmed that since we have 2 people on duty at any one time, that one person be responsible for the 'welcome', an ongoing review will be undertaken to assess additional help now that we are able to accept offers of help.

CPK expressed her thanks to NP and those members of the church who were elected as sidesmen.

NP asked to increase the number of people willing to do the 'intercessions'. CPK confirmed that those willing to undertake the 'intercessions' do not have to follow a set 'format', there are lots of different ways we can pray, these prayers are 'of the people, by the people', the saying "pray as you can, not as you can't" is good to keep in mind. CPK offered her help if unsure, there are numerous prayers for intercessions that can be adopted to your needs.

CPK emphasised the same ethos goes for those doing the 'readings' – read from the bible you are most comfortable with when reading Christ's words, use your favourite bible.

**Report 20. The Hope Centre:** CPK, on behalf of Barry, notified the meeting of the current situation with supermarkets, being overly generous with the donations of food. At the moment we are required in most instances to take two cars. We would like to expanded the service we provide for the Hope Centre, extending it to those people who are not directly members of the Church but are willing to help, the more people we have the more help we can give.

CPK expressed her thanks to all who currently provide this service for the centre.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Deanery Synod Representatives, Bill Elkington, Church Warden and Wiggy Smith Lay Preacher,(both ExOfficio:** to continue as Representatives.

**PCC & Correspondence Secretary, Judith Elkington (Ex-officio):** Annual renewal  
Proposed Ann Smith, seconded Rachel Wheeler, all in favour.

**Safeguarding Officer, Rachel Wheeler (Ex-officio):** Annual Renewal  
Proposed Wiggy Smith. Seconded Jenny Saunders. All in favour.

**Treasurer, Ann Netten (Ex-officio):** Annual Renewal  
Proposed Bill Elkington, Seconded Ann Smith. All in favour.

**Electoral Roll Officer, Niki Philips (Ex- officio):** Annual Renewal  
Proposed: Ann Netten, Seconded Barbara Rawlins. All in favour.

**PCC Representative, St. Lawrence, Radstone, Penny Bonner:** Term of Office 3yr  
Happy to remain. All in favour.

**PCC Member, Jean Spendlove:** Term of Office 2yrs  
To continue. All in favour.

**PCC Member, Vanessa Vicars:** Term of Office 1 yr.  
To be Co-opted at the first PCC meeting.

**PCC Member, Carol Brookhouse:** Term of Office 1yr.  
All in favour, Term of Office 1 yr.

**PCC Member, Celia Terry:** Term of Office 3yrs.  
Proposed BE, seconded JE. All in favour.

**PCC Member, Ann Smith:** Term of Office 2yrs.  
All in favour.

**PCC Member, Barbara Rawlins:** Term of Office 2yrs  
Happy to remain a member. All in favour.

CPK confirmed the vacancy of 2 additional members for the PCC, either as election as PCC member or having a roll as ex-officio.

**Chris Thorpe, Independent Auditor:**  
Proposed Ann Netten. All in favour.

CPK expressed her sincere thanks to all PCC members and Officers, who help to keep the Church in Helmdon afloat. Thank you for all your hard work.

NP requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Chris Thorpe. **Action: JME**

**Approval of Eucharistic Assistants:** CPK to approve, followed by the approval of the PCC at the APCM.

Ann Smith, Bob Isreal, Gerald Holt, Vanessa Vicars, Ann Netten, Penny Bonner.  
Show of hands, all in favour, All approved.

CPK confirmed as a joint Parish with Radstone, Penny Bonner is able to act as Eucharistic Asst. at Helmdon. Certificates will be provided at the Pentecost Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. BE asked for confirmation that Radstone is a Chapel at Ease. CPK confirmed.

The APCM meeting closed at 21.10 hrs. finishing with The Grace.

**The PCC Meeting** commenced at 21.15. CPK welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Any Other Business: (1)**

Jenny Overson, proposed a request on behalf of the Stitchers, in relation to the Kneeler Project.  
There are 180 pieces of hand embroidery work – first 3 items E1 /E2 /E3.

E1) Tony Payne, Farmers Prayer

E2) Outside the Belfry door.

E3) Sheila Oakey Memorial embroidery, originally standing on the Alter frontal cupboard stitched by the Stitchers Group.

JO requested permission to hang the memorial on the wall. CPK emphasised that we were not allowed to hang anything on the walls of the Church unless it has the permission of the Rector and the DAC (presenting a Faculty). Permission will not be granted, once items are hung, they become permanent within the Church.

CPK confirmed that we are able to rotate the embroideries around the church. The decision was taken to place the memorial on top of the Altar frontal cupboard as previously. JO to arrange for the 'foot' to be replaced, to enable this to happen. CT offered to pay for the costs.

**Action: JME** to provide a letter, on behalf of the PCC, to Margaret and the Stitchers, explaining the situation and the placing of a new foot on the frame. (Actioned).

### **Election of Committee Members:**

Finance: Rev. Carole Peters-King, Celia Terrey, Penny Bonner, Bill Elkington, Niki Phillips and Karin Smith, Ann Netten. All in favour to remain.

Worship: Karin (Wiggy), Carole Peters-King, Carol Brookhouse, Bill Elkington, Jean Spendlove Judith Elkington, Ann Netten, Celia Terrey. All in favour to remain.

Fabric: Vanessa Vicars (Chair), Bill Elkington, Niki Phillips, Celia Terrey, Barbara Rawlins, Penny Bonner. All in favour.

### Social

Committee Vanessa Vicars (Chair), Celia Terrey, Carole Brookhouse, Bill Elkington, Barbara Rawlings and co-opted Jenny Saunders. New member, Judith Elkington. Ann Smith confirmed her wish to retire from the Social Committee. All in favour.

### **Any Other Business (2) Christian Aid**

Niki confirmed her discussions and proposals in respect of a Cake Stall and collection at the end of the Benefice service on the 21st at Wappenham. This being a Benefice wide event to raise money on behalf of Christian Aid, Niki to circulate a note requesting Cakes from each church in the Benefice.

Bans of Marriage CPK/BE to notify the Sidesmen when Bans of Marriage are to be read, in order to welcome each couple into the Church personally.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next general full PCC meeting. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 in Church.

BE notified the meeting that there may be a need to discuss the Quinquennial report within the coming month; this will be an Extra-ordinary meeting, to be scheduled as required.

The Meeting closed at 21.45pm with the Grace.

## 2. Electoral Roll APCM 2018 - Interim Report

### ELECTORAL ROLL

#### St Mary Magdalene Church Helmdon Electoral Roll 2018/19

Balch, Zena	The Annexe, Warren Farm Barns
Beattie, Audrey	36 Church Street
Berck-May, Alan	65 Wappenham Road
Bonner, Penelope	Cold Harbour Farm, Radstone
Brisby, Claire	Stockings Farm
Brisby, John	Stockings Farm
Brookhouse, Carol	Field Way
Brookhouse, David	Field Way
Brookhouse, Jean	28 Station Road
Burgess, Sarah	Lukes Close
Butterworth, Josephine	6 Hazel Close, Brackley
Carey, Rachel	High Barn, Manor Road, Sulgrave
Carey, Richard	High Barn, Manor Road, Sulgrave
Cross, Catherine	Astwell Mill
Crouch, Georgia	1, Bishops Close Brackley. NN136NA
Crouch, Joseph	1, Bishops Close Brackley. NN136NA
Crouch, Julie	1, Bishops Close Brackley. NN136NA
Elkington, Judith	9 Wappenham Road
Elkington, William	9 Wappenham Road
Hadfield, Douglas	28St Rumbolds Court, Brackley NN13 7BF
Hadfield, Joan	28St Rumbolds Court, Brackley NN13 7BF
Hodson, Robert	81 Halse Road, Brackley
Holt, Gerald	9 Shortlands Close
Johnson, Patricia	9 Valley Crescent, Brackley
Jones, Angela	Barnend, 39 Church Lane, Evenley, NN13 5SG
Lidgley, Susan	11 Shortlands Close
Mason, Fiona	Glebe Farm
Mitchell Sally	38 Station Road
Moody, Danny	30 Church Street
Moody, Kathryn	30 Church Street
Netten, Ann	Bailiff's Cottage, Falcutt
Netten, Clifford	Bailiff's Cottage, Falcutt
Ottomar, Joanne	Hill Cottage, Wappenham Road
Overson, Jennifer	The Wren House, 49 Church Street
Palmer, Lianne	11 Utah Lane, Brackley, NN13 6GX
Phillips, Eunice	1a Cross Lane
Priday, Alma	57A Church Street
Quiney, Kathryn	Hill House, Wrightons Hill
Reynell, Nicholas	6 Hazel Close, Brackley
Robinson, Geoffrey	4 Church Street
Sandilands, Charlotte	Falcutt House, Falcutt
Sandilands, Paul	Falcutt House, Falcutt
Saunders, Jennifer	Little Holme, 37 Church Street
Shears, Mary	The Granary, Grange Farm

Smith, Ann	12a Church Street
Smith, Karin	48 Wappenham Road
Spendlove, Jean	7 Field Way
Stothard, Louise	Manor Farm, Church Street
Stothard, Paul	Manor Farm, Church Street
Stubbs, Sarah	18 Bell Close
Tope, Diane	16 Bell Close
Vicars, Ross	Elm Cottage, Wappenham Road
Vicars, Vanessa	Elm Cottage, Wappenham Road
Walmsley Hugh	Lilac Farm, 55 Wappenham Road
Walmsley, Lynn	Lilac Farm, 55 Wappenham Road
Wassink, Christine Klein	38, College House, High Street, Brackley
Watson, Alan	76 Wappenham Road
Watson, Gillian	Home Farm, 51 Wappenham Road
Watson, Phillip John	Home Farm, 51 Wappenham Road
Wheeler, Rachel	25 Church Street
Wiggins, Joyce	30 Station Road
Williams, Ailsa	39 Halse Road, Brackley
Wilmot, Anthony	2 Ellesmere Avenue Brackley
Wright, Lisa	40 Station Road
Yates, Tara	4 Luke's Close, Helmdon, NN13 5UQ
Yates, Tim	4 Luke's Close, Helmdon, NN13 5UQ

### **3. Annual Report on the PCC/BPCC - Benefice Communications. Secretary**

#### **St. Mary Magdalen, Helmdon**

It is with great sadness that we have lost several members of the church, during the year, 2017/18. Their friendship, community spirit, and help within the church will be missed by all. Thoughts and prayers are with their families.

The Year 2016/17 saw the beginning of change within the Benefice following a joint PCC meeting in January 2017 at St Lois Weedon Primary Academy during which discussions were held relating to the Diocese paper 'The Way Forward in Christ', and the Options available for consideration, culminating in a vote to establish a Working Party to review the options.

2017/18yr In early July, confidential recommendations of the Working Party were circulated to members of each PCC within the Benefice.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 a joint meeting was held, with representatives from each PCC within the Benefice. The Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton addressed the meeting, outlining a possible 4<sup>th</sup> Option, recommended by the Working Party for a trial period of 3 years, to share the responsibility as a 'Benefice Church'. Discussions across each Parish Church culminated in a unanimous vote in favour of the change to a Benefice Church commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Ratification of the change was duly minuted and signed during the PCC meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### **The Astwell Benefice PCC was formally initiated.**

The first meeting of the BPCC was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to formalise the structure going forward, namely, Officers, Council Members, Benefice Committees (Finance, Worship, Social & Fundraising, and Pastoral Care), and Parish based BRICC Groups (responsible for Building, Repairs, Insurance & Contents).

A Second meeting of the BPCC took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 during which procedures and timings were discuss for Auditing of Financial Statements, and general reporting to the APCM. Church members throughout the Benefice have been fully included in the changes made.

The last PCC meeting of St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon, held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 followed by subsequent BPCC/BRICC meeting(s), ensured weekly/monthly services, fund raising and charity giving (total in excess of £750.00) continued throughout 2017, and is ongoing.

A review of services across the Benefice, in January 2018 has taken place resulting in a cohesive, focused, fair and timely schedule of services across the Benefice. The general consensus across all Parish Churches within the BPCC has been most favourable. Changes to services/timing etc. as outlined in the Yearly Service Rota, will commence on the 1 May 2018, following the APCM.

#### **Judith Elkington, Benefice Communications & Agenda**

Thank you Judith I know how much you do.

*Bill*

#### **4. Church Wardens Report Helmdon 2017 - 2018**

It has been an eventful year with the loss of some very dear friends who's help and support will be dearly missed. With the loss of Ann our organist the sound system has now really started to pay back the investment and has proven to be a good choice by your PCC.

The quinquennial report came in with no major works required and the friends are to fund these works.

The major item this year was the acknowledgement that the Benefice was not working, followed by months of discussions resulting in a joint PCC meeting agreeing to form a united Benefice for a three-year trial. We are now in the first year and all is going very well with the committees finding their feet and the services from May being consistent.

A new Church Committee was formed charged with maintaining the church fabric only and fund raising to cover the running costs of the Church. This is referred to in the Benefice as the BRICC (Buildings Repairs Insurance Contents Committee). As we only have one Church Warden I am on the benefice PCC and chair the new church committee. This will be too much! after the APCM and another warden is required for the benefice PCC or the BRICK committee. Please think about what you can do for your church.

We have a memorial book and cabinet and are now able to enter names please see the notice in church if you are interested.

I completed a home group leaders course and will start a home group after Easter look for the forms in church with regards to days and times for feed back to me.

A big thank you to all the members of the old PCC and new members of the BRICC for their help and support over the past 12 months, I could not manage without your assistance. Also thank you for all the people that have produced a report for this APCM and your teams, your input does make a difference to the continuation of this place of worship.

A special thank you to all the people that do all the jobs for the church, I did not realise how many jobs that are done week in and week out without anyone knowing until it is not done. I think it would be wrong to mention some people as I am bound to miss someone out but you know who you are and what you do for the love of God, THANK YOU all so much.

I am looking forward with hope for the coming year with the new service pattern starting in May with a more structured format for every month, we should have more services and avoid not having a service for many weeks. The new Benefice combined PCC is also helping with our local committee only having to cover buildings and running costs.

Thank you Ann Netten for keeping our finances in good order, your help to me is much appreciated.

Finally a big thank you to Rev. Carole for giving the Benefice so many services, and your hard work towards all the many festivals celebrated throughout the year.

Just as important is thanks to our Lay Reader, Karin (Wiggy) without whose continued help and support has enabled Carole to grow and develop the services across the benefice. Thank you both so much.

*Bill*

**Bill Elkington, Church Warden**



## 5. Radstone Report 2017 - 2018

Redstone continued to have its Easter fire service at dawn Easter day, this really is a must do service at least once. A benefice service was held despite the church being closed thanks to the support of John Coatsworth in providing the marquee.

One burial was performed in the churchyard in 2017.

Due to the church closure and the moving out of long term residents (HS2 proximity) most houses are on short term lets and when the church re-opens Radstone will rely on Helmdon and the benefice to remain viable. Penny Bonner continues to look after Radstone St Lawrence alone and my thanks to her for her unfailing devotion, without Penny Helmdon Church Council (BRICC) would have to undertake more works.

Penny, thank you so much for your continued help and support in respect of both Radstone and Helmdon Parish Churches. Your continued updates relating of HS2 and Bats will no doubt continue and is much appreciated by all.

*Bill*

**Bill Elkington Church Warden**  
**Penny Bonner Representative**

## 6. Helmdon BRICC Report 2017 - 2018

The first meeting of the BRICC took place in November when the committee was formed and terms of reference discussed and agreed.

### Committee Members

Bill Elkington Chair	Vanessa Vicars	Ann Smith	Ann Netten
Jenny Saunders	Niki Phillips	Judith Elkington	Penny Bonner
Carol Brookhouse	Wiggy Smith		

### 6a. BRICC Worship Report

The BRICC Worship responsibility is solely for Praise and Prayer services once a month, finding speakers for our Harvest and Patronal Festival(s). All other worship matters are for the Benefice PCC Worship Committee. The BRICC committee are able to make suggestions to the Benefice when necessary.

#### Wiggy Smith

Thank you and your team Wiggy, for all your help and support, and that Messy Church Club will be provide to be successful for children far and wide.

*Bill*

## **6b. Fabric Report 2017 – 2018**

Bill will head the team to carry out the quinquennial works which are generally of a minor nature.

### **Helmdon Report:**

This year we received the quinquennial report which although lengthy has no major works, they can all be done in-house without specialist contractors.

Generally the fabric is sound and the friends will meet the costs of the works as none of it is specifically for worshipers.

The PCC agreed to proceed in 2018 with installing Wifi in the church which is free once we have paid for the router and the receiver £100+.

An old fir tree next to the tower had to come down as the quinquennial report asked for a branch to be removed. On inspection by 2 tree surgeons due to a wire rope cutting through the tree trunk at a substantial height, it was considered dangerous to traffic, pedestrians and the church tower. The decision was taken to remove the tree. It is important that in future any trees planted should not exceed 8m on maturity such as the Glastonbury Thorn.

The sound system is proving to be a good investment and we are planning to show 6 films during Lent.

The portable sound system used for the fete and Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial is sadly no longer fit for purpose. We are hoping to get a grant from the parish council for a new system that will also enable us to use it when we do Christmas Carolling.

### **Radstone Report:**

Sadly St Lawrence Church is still closed and now due to insurance demands locked, I find it frustrating that the only Grade 1 listed church has to close due to Bats that are slowly destroying the inside of the church. Penny Bonner and I attended a Bat seminar and saw what could be done to alleviate the problems. Trials are starting this year on 4 churches that are open and Radstone is in the first 100 to be looked at following this hopefully in 2019. There are another 500 churches on the list awaiting dates. Talk to Penny or myself if you want more information. Please support Radstone (which is a Chapel at Ease to St Mary Magdalene), at the Easter Fire Event and its Benefice event in a marquee. Costs still accrue without any regular income.

**Bill Elkington**

**Helmdon BRICC Chair**

A huge thank you Vanessa for all your support. *Bill*

## **6c. Helmdon BRICC Social Committee 2017 - 2018**

We had a busy year fundraising in 2017 with the following events:

**Pancake Breakfast** – 25<sup>th</sup> February - **£330** This proved to be a popular morning with individuals & families alike. The pancakes were well received along with the pancake tossing competition. We had a general raffle and a raffle for a photography package that had been donated. We decided that we would hold again next year.

**Easter Quiz - £48** Bill prepared a sheet quiz to hand out with the prospect of winning Easter eggs!

**Wedding Fair teas** – 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June - **£109** Although not a fundraising event, we did make a little money on tea and cakes provided and were able to purchase a fridge to help with all our events in church.

**Church Fete** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July - **£2,433** With all the usual stalls and the Morris Men performing, it was a successful day. The refreshments held in church, were enhanced by the flower displays from the Wedding Fair the weekend before.

The raffle pre-sales are a significant part of our success, as it involves those who may not attend on the day. We are very appreciative to John Coatsworth for the use of his marquees, which cover us in the event of unpredictable English weather!

**Wimbledon Men's Final** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July - **£123** This was not particularly well attended but those who did enjoyed strawberries & cream refreshments and Andy Murray's success in winning! The debate lingers as to whether we would hold it again, especially if there wasn't a British finalist....

**A Night in Tuscany** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August - **£523** This was a very successful evening with the Italian supper, along with Andrea Bocelli's beautiful voice entertaining us in the film showing on the big screen. Including the raffle and a few drinks. A good time was enjoyed by all. We will almost definitely hold another evening next year, probably with a different country theme.

**Harvest Supper & Auction** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August - **£600** taken but **£209** of that figure donated to charity.

With a slightly different format, we held a casserole & pudding supper in the Reading Room with some readings & hymns. This was followed by the Produce Auction, which was very ably taken by Mervyn Humphrey who persuaded people of their need to buy all the lovely produce so kindly given.

**Christmas Fair** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - **£1,178** This went well with the usual stalls, games, raffle, refreshments, and of course Father Christmas and his Elf helper in his Grotto, which is an essential part of the event for families with young children. We may consider slightly changing the format in 2018 following a discussion at the time.

The total amount raised from these events after donations made to charity (i.e. Harvest) is **£5,135**

Thanks to the work of the committee, other willing helpers and all those who supported our events.

**Vanessa Vicars**

**Social Committee Chair**

Thank you Vanessa to you and your team, not only raising funds towards the upkeep and running of the Church, but also support for those many special charities too. Well done to you all.

*Bill*

## **7. The Friends of St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon 2017 - 2018**

1. The amount of funds that we raise each year remains much the same due mainly to the success of the Helmdon 200 Club, which by itself raises £1300 each year for the Friends of the Church. Our target is to raise at least £2,000 each year so that over the 5 years leading up to each quinquennial inspection of the church, we should be able to build up our funds so that we can make about £10,000 available towards the cost of repairs and maintenance recommended by the architect. I am pleased to report that we have achieved this target and as at the end of December 2017 we had £11,000 in the bank. Currently we are waiting for an estimate of the costs of implementing the recommendations from the latest quinquennial survey, which was carried out in August 2016.

Since my last report, we have held three events as follows:

**2.1 Car Treasure Hunt:** on the afternoon of Sunday 30th July, 2017 over 40 people in 12 cars enjoyed a 'Treasure Hunt', following a 16mile route around the local area.

Whilst no one achieved the maximum score, everyone did pretty well and the scores were close. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake in the church after the Hunt.

First place: Ross and Vanessa Vicars, Jenny and Helen Overson.

Second place: Roger and Val Miles, Alex Corrin and Judy Cairns.

Third place: Mark, Naomi, Cerise, Edward and Katherine Alfandary.

The event raised about £190 for the Friends of the Church.

My thanks to Robert Alfandary for his work in planning the Hunt, and to everyone who helped with the teas.

**2.2 Safari Supper:** 41 people enjoyed a safari supper on the evening of Saturday 18th November. As on previous occasions we started in the Reading Room with some delicious canapes and a glass of prosecco (or two!).

Then we divided into smaller groups for our starter, main course and pudding, and people were mixed up so that one's dining companions were different at each venue.

Finally we re-joined as a larger group at Fountain House where we were royally feted with drinks and chocolates.

The evening raised a net profit of £640 for the Friends of the Church for the maintenance of the fabric of the Church building, which is an excellent result.

I am very grateful to the 13 houses where a course was hosted for this event, to those who provided food, to Niki Philips for organising the raffle, to those providing drinks at the start, and above all to Angela Goodall for initiating and co-ordinating the event (as well as doing a lot of cooking). And we had a lot of fun!

**2.3 Music Quiz** : on the evening of Saturday 3rd February, 2018, 45 people in 10 different teams enjoyed a Music Quiz in the Reading Room.

Chris Gartside kindly prepared all the questions, which covered a wide range of topics, including geographical associations, cryptic questions, and knowledge tests.

The equipment in the Reading Room demonstrated its value so that we could all hear properly. The team called the 'Suepremes' were the winners, after a fairly closely fought competition, and were presented with the prize of £25.

The evening raised over £280 for the funds of the Friends of the Church.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this event (and the raffle, which alone raised £106 towards the profit), and above all thanks to Chris for all the work he put into devising the format and the questions.

3. There are forms for joining the Friends; it is hoped that some more residents will become a member of the Friends, by paying a small annual subscription, even if they cannot attend the events which we put on. The Friends are very grateful for these annual subscriptions, and are also grateful to a number of village organisations and businesses which support us with donations, including the HYHOs, the Parish Council, and the Hurlers.

4. In 2017, Julia O'Brien resigned as Treasurer after serving in that capacity for many years, and I would like to record our thanks to her for her work as Treasurer and for her support of the work of the Friends. Lynn Walmsley has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

### **Hugh Walmsley**

**Chairman, Friends of St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

Hugh many thanks to all those involved in the Friends, for their support in keeping our church viable, with friendship, entertainment and laughter.

*Bill*

## **8. Safeguarding 2017 - 2018**

It has been a thankfully quiet year on the Safeguarding front. Three members of the PCC undertook level C1 Benefice Training at Aston Le Walls village hall certificates were issued.

### **Rachel Wheeler , Safeguarding Officer**

Thank you Rachel for keeping us within the law.

*Bill*

## **9. Helmdon Pastoral Care 2017 - 2018**

Sadly due to several people dying and some moving away the numbers on our care list has dropped from fifteen to nine. We have also, very sadly, lost Celia from our care team. Her absence will be keenly felt and those she visited will miss her, as will we all.

Our next meeting is on February 28<sup>th</sup> after the Wednesday communion when we will discuss, not only those we visit but if there are any other people in need of a friendly chat over a hot drink, and help in any form.

Should anyone either wish to join us or know of anyone that might appreciate a visit please contact Wiggy on 01295 760953.

### **Wiggy Smith, Chair**

Thank you Wiggy and all your team here in Helmdon, your support to those in need has certainly been tested over the past 12 months. It's good to know that a friendly face and comforting words are cherished by many .

*Bill*

## **10. Parish Lunches 2017 to 2018**

The Tuesday Lunches continue to go from strength to strength and is an integral part of Helmdon Village routine. Angela Goodall and Judith Elkington continue to run the Tuesday lunches which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month with an incredible team of cooks and helpers who ensure a great meal is provided every month for our village clients. There is great comradeship, laughter and a caring approach at the lunches for about 34 to 36 clients. Our Christmas lunch last year was a huge success where we again had live music and a singer throughout the lunch and then carols afterwards sung by the children of Helmdon School.

Unfortunately we have lost three members in the last 3mths, Ann Harmon, who played the piano at some of our lunches, Celia Terrey and Trude Buxton; a huge loss to the village and the Lunch Club.

Our Food Health and Safety inspection from January 2016 still stands for the Reading Room kitchen as a 5 star rating, the inspections are less frequent however we continue to make stringent checks to ensure "cooking at home" follows the same Health procedures.

The lunches continue to cost £5 per person for a 2 course meal, we currently hold £547.37 at the end of January, with £90 due in April this year for the last six months Oct 2017- April 2018 allocated to the rent of the reading rooms.

During 2017 the Reading Room has had some major building works, which in August 2017 meant we cancelled one of our lunches for Health and Safety reasons. However we are still awaiting the installation of "easy use" taps on the kitchen sinks, we are also hoping to install new lighting and get the kitchen repainted this year to meet the more stringent guidelines for the preparation of food and general cleanliness / hygiene regulations.

We still need to purchase new aprons for kitchen staff, separate aprons for the waiting volunteers; lightweight coffee pots and update our main cooks Food Hygiene Certificates in

accordance with EU Regulation 852/2004 Hygiene for Foodstuffs. **In addition we need to raise awareness of the lunches to get more clients to attend and also we urgently need more volunteers to cook and serve.**

My thanks to everyone who attends the lunches and those who are part of the team.

**Angela Goodall , Team Leader**

Angela, you and your volunteers bring a good meal and companionship to many people in our village, thank you all.

*Bill*

## **11. The Mites Scheme**

We have sent **£180** to UNICEF (UK) this year. The project to send re-hydration salts for children with sickness and diarrhoea is now active in 26 countries. This is more than double that achieved in 2015.

To date over 8 million lives have been saved thanks to all the people that participate in the Scheme. We are always open to more people joining.

*The Mites scheme is based on the “Widows Mite” story in the bible where the widow gave (though small) all that she had. Our Scheme requires us to save 5p coins in an old film canister which when full is given to Audrey who empties it and returns the canister. Last year we raised over £200.*

**Audrey Beatie**

**Mites Co-Ordinator**

Many thanks Audrey, another job done behind the scenes, helping those in need. From might Oaks, little acorns grow - well done.

*Bill*

## **12. The Friends of Helmdon Churchyard 2017 - 2018**

During 2017 our small band of volunteers managed to keep up to date on churchyard grass cutting, strimming and gardening, with our fortnightly Tuesday afternoons and Saturday morning sessions. We are very grateful for their continued support and are always looking for new volunteers to lighten the load.

Sue Lidgley and I do gardening as we are no longer up to mowing and Sue provides welcome refreshments for the workers.

Last spring we applied to the Parish Council for a grant in order to buy a wheeled strimmer. After some discussion the Council decided it was simpler for them to buy the strimmer and give it to us, which was much appreciated. Danny Moody devoted a whole day to using it to strim the older, north side of the churchyard and found it far easier and less tiring than using the conventional type of strimmer. Thank you to Danny for his sterling effort.

Audrey Forgham and I are continuing to update the recording of churchyard inscriptions. We have sadly had several new ones to add to the list in 2017 and early 2018.



In the extension we requested that no more burials be added to the back row parallel to the fence and that the designated area should be used. This is now being complied with. The future management of the whole extension area is under discussion.

The compost heap is a problem to be solved as it is becoming far too large and long. We would welcome suggestions as to how it could be removed.

**Judy Cairns**

**Secretary**

Many thanks to you Judy and the team for keeping our churchyard so beautiful, your hard and attentive work in up-keeping the Churchyard and recording and updating inscriptions, is much appreciated by all.

*Bill*

### **13. Astwell Benefice MU AGM 2017 - 2018**

Sadly two of our members have died in 2017 but we have one new member so our numbers are only slightly down.

- We have had a variety of talks during the year including a very interesting one by Valerie Anslow from the Diocesan speakers list on Poetry as a reflection of the psalms. We are looking forward to Valerie's new talk later this year.

- We attended all deanery events and hosted the Mary Sumner day service and buffet supper. We also went on the outing to Lichfield cathedral and were privileged to meet Bishop Michael Ipgrave and go into the Bishops house for drinks and a look around. Michael's father had been headmaster at Helmdon school and Michael was well known to many of us.

- We organised a successful musical evening with items from the choir and young people from Helmdon and Falcutt. They showed us what wonderful talent we have among our young people.

- We continue to run Parents and Tots but our numbers are lower as our older children moved to Acorns or school in September. Most of our children are 2 years old or younger. From Christmas until Easter we held one meeting a month to save on heating costs. After Easter we move back to our regular weekly meetings.

The MU branch's only income is the 50p each month which we get for coffee and biscuits at our monthly meetings but with money raised at our Musical evening and some added from our funds we sent £200 to the Special Relief Fund. We try to keep no more than £30 in our account and are very grateful to our speakers who come free of charge.

Membership is open to both men and women and we would be very pleased to have members from other parishes in the benefice too.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, details of which are published in Pew News.

**Ann Smith**

**Branch Leader**

*Bill*

Thank you Ann as Branch Leader, Jenny Overson, Treasurer and Jenny Saunders, Secretary, and to all your members, not only for your support locally, but also for the Diocese and the many good causes overseas.

## 14. Bell Ringers' Report 2017 - 2018

Another routine year! We were asked to ring for two weddings this year, (two more than last!) and we rang at several funerals. We have welcomed several groups of visiting ringers to our tower from near and afar, one visit coincided with our church fete which certainly helped boost the takings at the tea stall in the church!

Overhaul of the bearings in the pulley boxes has been postponed until warmer weather in the spring, but I am pleased to report that we have been given a most generous grant by The Helmdon Hurlers to cover our expenses for this project.

As usual members attended the Culworth Branch annual dinner which was held at Weston and we had our own dinner at the Falcon at Warmington.

Numbers remain static. We are grateful to members of adjacent towers, namely Lois Weedon and Whitfield, for their help and support with our ringing.

Current ringers:-

Ian Duffield	Matthew Dunkley	Lynn Gartside
Danielle Jackson	Joan Bowen-Jones	Brian Morris
Julian Partis	David Powell	Chris Klien-Wassink

**J F Partis**

**Tower Captain**

Julian many thanks to you and your team, your dedication and skills are much appreciated by all. Thank you.

*Bill*

## 15. Helmdon Church Cleaning 2017 - 2018

We now have 17 willing volunteers and the work they do is wonderful.

An executive decision was made to reduce the numbers of weeks covered but have teams of two people where possible, this was possible due to the number of Benefice services.

However, due to the new service order as from May 2018, this will need monitoring and a rethink!

My grateful thanks to all who help. New volunteers are always welcome.

**Wiggy Smith**

Thank you to you and your team of helpers Wiggy, who help to make the Church the comforting, warm and spiritual space that it is.

*Bill*

## 16. Sidesmen Report 2018

### Names of Sidesmen currently on the roster for 2018:

Audrey Beattie	Sarah Stubbs	Judith Elkington
Di Tope	Bob Israel	Lynn Walmsley
Ann Netten	Hugh Walmsley	Cliff Netten
Gill Watson	Niki Phillips	Ailsa Williams
Ann Smith		

There are now thirteen people on the roster. In addition, Jo Ottomar is always willing to help out as a sidesman on Christmas Day. This is much appreciated since it is not always easy to find anyone able to be on duty that day.

Very sadly, two of our sidesman, Barbara Rawlins and Celia Terry, are no longer with us. Both will be very much missed. Celia, especially, did so much in the way of duties and we will miss her and the important contribution she made in this respect.

We welcome two new volunteers, Di Tope and Gill Watson. Thank you to both for their willingness to help, but more volunteers are always welcome. We are also still rather short of volunteers to lead the Intercessions. If there is anyone who would be willing to help with this or with sidesmen's duties please let me know.

Once more, a big thank you for their help and support to all who have done these and other duties at services during the past year.

### **Niki Phillips**

Thank you Niki you always manage to find the people for every service, which is much appreciated. And keep us all on our toes.

*Bill*