

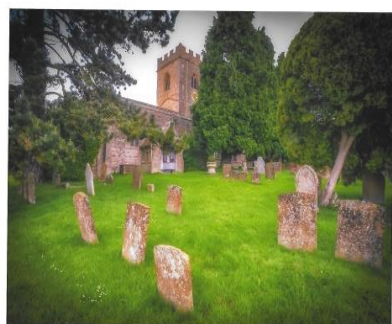
The 2018 - 2019 Annual Report Of the Astwell Benefice Parochial Church Council



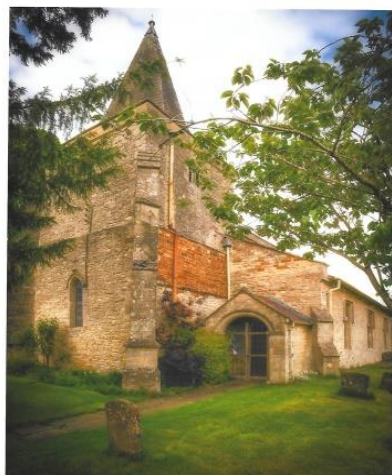
**St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon, and
St. Lawrence, Chapel at Ease, Radstone**



**St. Mary & St. Peter, Lois Weedon with
Weston and Plumpton**



**St James the Great, Syresham with
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield,**



St. Mary the Virgin, Wappenham





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

1. Rectors Report April 2019

Written by Wiggy (Karin) Smith, and Bill Elkington, as Lay Chair during the period of Interregnum.

2018 was a mementos year for our churches as we stepped forward into the unknown with our Diocese ground breaking trial of a United Benefice. We have now a regular pattern of worship with the first Sunday of the month a rotating Benefice Service. My thanks to all the efforts of the churchwardens, representatives and ex-officio members of the BPCC it would not have worked without you.

Creating a Vibrant Christian Community

Our wide ranging Christmas services were as popular as ever with large congregations at most services.

Our regular church attendances remain static but more people than ever are prepared to travel for Benefice Services; this is appreciated by the smaller churches. Despite still being closed due to the Bats Radstone Saints day service in the churchyard was well attended with many staying on for the bring and share lunch. Special thanks to John Coatsworth for erecting a marquee for this service.

Rev. Carole sadly left us in September for a new position in the Salisbury Diocese working for the Bishop. Our interregnum started with a meeting of the Church Wardens with Archdeacon Richard who explained the procedure and advice with regard to writing the Parish Profile.

Harvest festival was not as well attended overall as due to the service pattern Helmdon did not have a Sunday service. This needs reviewing in 2019.

Remembrance this year was very well attended as it was 100 years since the first service and well-advertised in the national media. A Beacon service also took place in Helmdon repeating the national celebration of 100 years ago.

Special thanks to all the lay people that have kept our service patterns vibrant and well attended during the interregnum. Our thanks also go to PTO's especially Rev. John Roberts for his continued commitment and Sarah Rudkin for making all the arrangements. Special thanks on behalf of the Benefice are due to Wiggy (Karin) Smith for taking full responsibility for the leadership of the Worship, Pastoral Care and Social & Fund raising committees.

2018 saw us meet our Diocesan commitment to parish share. Well done to all churches and thank you for supporting Benefice events as this is important to reach our targets. The quiz and bingo nights have certainly been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Something new is required this year as the quiz will not come again until 2020. Please support your Benefice Social and Fundraising Committee.

Sadly we had no response to our Church Times advert for a new Rector, after its first insertion, but we now have one approved applicant and an interview date for the 29th of April. Although, at the moment we only have the one applicant, we should always remember that God knows us and our needs, better than we do ourselves, and a very special person will become our Rector, please keep praying not only for that but for the interview, discernment.

We have had some wonderful news inasmuch that Radstone has been given the Lottery Funding to have the bats dealt with. The first survey will take place in August. An enormous thank you to Penny Bonner who has worked tirelessly to obtain this funding.

Although our Parish share has increased for the year 2019 I am confident that as we work together we will achieve our agreed objectives.

On a personal note I would like to thank all of you for your support and encouragement since Carole left. My especial thanks to our Lay Chair, Bill Elkington, Judith Elkington and Sarah Rudkin without whom I would be lost!

Wiggy (Karin) Smith, Lay Reader
Bill Elkington, Lay Chair

1a. Communications Report

The church year May 2018/April 2019 has seen many changes, commencing with the start of a 3yr Trial period as the Astwell Benefice Church followed immediately by a revision of Services across the Benefice providing a solid base to commence the Trial, and Year.

The decision of Rev. Carole P King to join the Salisbury Diocese on the 23rd September placed the Astwell Benefice Church in a period of Interregnum - a challenge in itself for everyone. This meant that Wiggy Smith re-align her gifting to assist as Lay Reader, across the Benefice Church, no small task to undertake.

The next major event was to provide the Diocese of Peterborough, and in particular, Archdeacon Richard, Bouverie Court, Northampton with the Astwell Benefice Church Profile, (six churches, working as one Church) giving a deadline of the end of October 2018.

The Profile gave an insight to all aspects of church life, including

- Vision & Mission, Future Direction,
- Buildings, Church Services,
- Attendance and collections,
- Finance, Youth and Children's Work,

to mention just a few, culminating with a person specification for the right candidate.

The Final copy was delivered to Bouverie Court, Northampton on the 31st October 2018 as per the given deadline.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Advertisement was delayed, being finally advertised in the Church Times near to Christmas. Unfortunately this resulted in a zero response - very disappointing for everyone, including the supporting congregations.

The opportunity was then given to review the advertisement, with the purpose of re-advertising the vacancy. Changes were made to the 'person specification', however to our knowledge, the vacancy, as at today's date, has not been re-advertised.

However, as of Friday, 1st March, we have now received confirmation that we have an applicant interested in the position, and that the interview process is to commence on the 29th April, 2019. We await confirmation and instructions in respect of interview arrangements, technique, and interview panel attendees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone across the Astwell Benefice working together to ensure the continuation of the Trial as one Church, the continuation of the committees – Finance, Worship, Social & Fundraising, Pastoral Care, whilst ensuring the upkeep of each church through the BRICC groups, the sharing of expertise and knowledge, and encouraging parishioners to 'travel' to services in support of each other.

I would also like to express our thanks on behalf of the Benefice, for the continued support of Sarah Rudkin, Secretary, and the work of Wiggy Smith, Lay Reader, the support of Bill Elkington, Lay Chair, and the work of the Churchwardens and Representatives during this 'testing' time.

Judith Elkington
Communications

2. The Astwell Benefice - Financial Statement for the year ending December 2018

- Benefice
- St. Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- St. Mary & St. Peter, Lois Weedon
- St. James the Great, Syresham
- St. Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- St. John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- St. Lawrence, Radstone - Church Closed (Bats)

Alice Palmer
Benefice Treasurer

The Astwell Benefice

Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

During 2018 the Benefice paid £45,500. We had promised £45,000 so paid more than our commitment this represents 75% of what they asked us for.

Other costs were paid in full funded by £3000 from Parish contributions £4624 from Wedding & Funeral fees, £3876 from fundraising and £310 from other events such as Rogation.

Charitable payments included donations from Lent Lunches to Christians Aid, to RABI and the Rogation speaker and the Children's society.

The balance in the books at the end of the year was £443.87, of this £147 is ring fenced for the choir, £149 for the diocese but we will claim £331 from the diocese for PTO interregnum costs. This leaves a final balance of £479.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £50,000 to the Diocese, this represents a realistic target, and a 11% increase on what we gave last year. They have asked for £67,760. We have agreed a Benefice budget of £12,000 to cover secretarial, organist, and mission and ministry costs.

We are rolling out a Stewardship campaign in each parish in an attempt to increase and broaden the base of the funds we receive via bank transfers. This would enable us to be more confident about our planning and less focussed on fund raising.

Accounts prepared by Alice Palmer

Approved by the Astwell Benefice Finance Committee on January 30 2019

Audited by Paul Stothard

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Alice Palmer
Benefice Treasurer

Astwell Benefice

2018

2017



Financial Statement 08/03/2019
BENEFICE ACCOUNT

Income

	£	
Contributions from BRICCS	47,970.00	10911.78
Donations	0.00	0
Benefice events	1,971.18	1745.53
Benefice Fundraising	4,347.26	1029.84
PTO claims from Diocese	179.55	
Sundry	258.80	573
Fees	6,912.00	6874
Choir	0.00	

TOTAL INCOME

61,638.79

21,134.15

Expenditure

	£	£
Travel	3,401.63	4436.68
Mission & Ministry	1,250.62	2406.43
Office expenses	1,592.47	1857.11
Printing	880.16	547.1
Secretary	2,970.25	2310
Church expenses	1,219.41	445.59
Copyright	272.33	254.38
Website	346.00	295
Benefice events	869.84	1056.48
Fundraising	470.89	
Charity	790.98	428.28
Diocese	45,500.00	0
Fees	2,288.00	9662
Choir	19.99	0
Interregnum PTO	510.65	
Sundry	235.20	573
Rector's Advance	0.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES

62,618.42

24,272.05

Excess receipts over payments

- 979.63

- 3,137.90

Start Balance

Bank Balance	1,411.72	4,014.00
Cash in hand	11.78	47.40
Balance brought forward	<u>1,423.50</u>	<u>4,061.40</u>

Balances today

Balance in bank	440.39	1,411.72
Cash in Hand	3.48	11.78
Closing balance	<u>443.87</u>	<u>1,423.50</u>

*Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance at 24/12	£13,893.36
Add uncleared lodgements	£2,520.00
	£16,413.36
Less unrepresented cheques	£15,972.97
	£440.39

£0.00

Accounts prepared by Alice Palmer - Tr
Audited by Paul Stothard 8/3/19

Bank Allocation

Contributions for Diocese	£ 149.00
Outstanding fees	£ -
PTO to be claimed from diocese	-£ 331.10
Ringfenced for choir	£ 147.01
Actual balance	£ 478.96

St Mary Magdalen Church Helmdon

Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

As at 31 December 2018 our bank statement showed a balance of £2,580. When all restricted assets held at Diocese and Radstone's dormant current account balance were included total assets were £12,863. Liabilities were outstanding cheques for £669 for oil and expenses and £44 raised at the Christingle service due to the Children's Society.

During 2018, Helmdon paid £16,223 to the Benefice, representing 100% of contributions due.

Income from collections was slightly up on the previous year and there was a rise in the level of planned giving, resulting from a generous response from parishioners to concerns raised during the year about our financial situation. Donations in 2018 were higher than in 2017. This reflects Friend's of Helmdon Church contribution of over £3,000 for works required as a result of the quinquennial survey and generous donations from individuals and funeral collections.

Charitable payments included donations from both 2017 and 2018 to the Royal British Legion as well as donations to The Children's Society and Mary's Meals.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £17,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs and we expect our BRICC expenses and contributions to charity to be £7,170. St Lawrence at Radstone is still not in use so no budget has been set.

Accounts prepared by Ann Netten

Approved by Helmdon BRICC on 7 January 2019 and

Approved by the Astwell Benefice Finance Committee on January 30 2019

Audited by Chris Thorpe, Station Road, Helmdon NN13 5QT

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Ann Netten

Treasurer St Mary Magdalene Helmdon BRICC

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon

Financial Statement: Monday, 18 February 19



		2018	2017
Income			
	Regular Giving	9,312.00	8,890.00
	Collections & wallbox	3,355.97	3,117.55
	Gift Aid	3,482.80	7,152.83
	Donations	5,371.87	1,998.53
	Fundraising	5,287.08	5,535.09
	Rent	0.00	
	Churchyard	658.87	525.45
	Restricted Income	0.00	0.00
	Other	506.00	5,497.62
TOTAL INCOME		<u>27,974.59</u>	<u>32,717.07</u>
Expenditure			
	Benefice & Diocese	16,223.00	19,810.55
	Insurance	1,864.04	1,775.58
	Fabric	4,814.60	3,208.78
	Utilities	2,060.06	2,189.64
	Churchyard	153.31	701.29
	Charitable Donations	1,058.96	761.77
	Events	587.43	0.00
	Printing	175.80	0.00
	Sundry	338.00	3,669.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>27,275.20</u>	<u>32,117.38</u>
BALANCE		<u>699.39</u>	<u>599.69</u>
Start Balance 1/1/18	Bank	1,880.41	1,280.72
	Cash	0.00	0.00
	Balance brought forward	<u>1,880.41</u>	<u>1,280.72</u>
Balances Today			
	Bank Balance	2,579.80	1,880.41
	Cash		0.00
	Closing Balance	<u>2,579.80</u>	<u>1,880.41</u>
RECONCILIATION			
	Actual Bank 1/1/19	2,579.80	
Add uncleared lodgements			
Less unresented cheques		<u>669.25</u>	
TOTAL		<u>1,910.55</u>	
Bank Allocation			
	Churchyard	0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
Actual balance		<u>£2,579.80</u>	

St Mary Magdalen Church Helmdon

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted General fund	Restricted funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Assets				
Helmdon current account	£2,074.24	£505.56	£2,579.80	£1,880.41
Radstone current account	£2721.13		£2721.13	£3037.58
Churchyard Fund - 158 shares at valuation		£2,551.46	£2,551.46	£2,590.32
Churchyard Trust - 97 shares at valuation		£1,566.40	£1,566.40	£1,590.26
Mission fund- 97 shares at valuation		£1,558.81	£1,558.81	£1,582.55
CBF Deposit Funds		£1,885.41	£1,885.41	£1,771.52
Total	£4,795.37	£8,067.64	£12,863.01	£12,452.64

Liabilities

Outstanding cheques to the value of £669.25

Children's Society donation of £43.59

Notes

- 2017 accounts showed trust fund values at bid value rather than valuation. This has been corrected in this statement

St Mary and St Peter Church Lois Weedon

Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

As at 31 December 2018 the balance of our Operating Account was £3,740.39.
The balance in the Restoration Account (including Fabric and Water fund) was £16,434.70.
There were no outstanding payments or receipts to carry over.

During 2018, Lois Weedon paid £7,500 to the Diocesan Parish Share. £1000 of this was for the year 2017.

There was an increase in regular gift-aided donations throughout the year, but a slight decrease (£460) in money collected at services.

Income from fund-raising activities was down from £3,692.42 in 2017 to £1,430.95. Several events had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

In 2019 we have committed to try to pay £7,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs. At the moment we are firmly committed to paying £500 monthly in order to keep the bank balance healthy. We will review during the year and pay the extra if we can.

The Stewardship campaign has had a moderate but disappointing effect and we calculate that our income this year will increase by £881 in regular donations.

The Restoration Account (Restricted Fabric Funds) has gone from £26,713.67 to £16,434.70. This is because of paying £13,217.50 for Quinquennial repairs, £5,421.22 on a roof alarm and £96 for work to trees in the churchyard.

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Accounts prepared by Terry Tyler

Approved by Lois Weedon BRICC on 22nd January 2019

Approved by the Astwell Benefice Finance Committee on January 30 2019

Audited by Anita Brook, Certified Accountant.
9, Market Place, Brackley NN13 7AB

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Terry Tyler
Treasurer St Mary and St Peter, Lois Weedon BRICC

St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon



Financial Statement: January 2019

		2018		2017
Income		Restricted	Unrestricted	
	Regular Giving	275.00	1,739.00	1,696.30
	Collections & wallbox	42.90	2,909.15	3,369.17
	Gift Aid		2,386.78	0.00
	Donations	8,132.02	2,438.31	3,179.24
	Fundraising		600.00	3,692.42
	Events		820.95	0.00
	Churchyard		0.00	0.00
	Other	5.83	206.18	118.45
TOTAL INCOME		8,455.75	11,100.37	12,055.58
Expenditure				
	Benefice & Diocese		7,500.00	7,618.40
	Insurance		2,084.16	1,455.64
	Fabric	18,638.72	606.92	846.00
	Utilities		580.74	1,120.90
	Churchyard	96	846.00	0.00
	Charitable Donations			0.00
	Events			0.00
	Printing			0.00
	Sundry		402.00	1,432.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		18,734.72	12,019.82	12,473.78
BALANCE		-10,278.97	-919.45	-418.20
Start Balance 1/1/18	Bank	26,713.67	4,659.84	1,845.00
	Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Balance brought forward	26,713.67	4,659.84	1,845.00
Balances Today	Bank Balance	16,434.70	3,740.39	1,426.80
	Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Closing Balance	16,434.70	3,740.39	1,426.80
RECONCILIATION				
	Actual Bank 1/1/19		3,740.39	
Add uncleared lodgements			0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			0.00	
TOTAL			3,740.39	
Bank Allocation	Restoration Account			
	Water Fund	4,810.05		
	Fabric Fund	11,624.65		
		£16,434.70		

Accounts prepared by Terry Tyler
Audited by Anita Brook
February 2019

St Mary and St Peter Church Lois Weedon

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Assets				
Current account	3740.39	16.434.70	20175.09	31.373.51

Liabilities none

St James Church Syresham

Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

Our closing balance at the end of 2018 was £7,429. Of this £6057 was restricted income raised for roof repairs £305 was owed to the Children's society from our Christingle service and £25 is reserved bell fund, leaving a balance of £1037. The Friends of St James hold £1700 fundraising which has been allocated as a donation towards our insurance.

During 2018, Syresham paid £11,000 to the Benefice, representing 100% of contributions due.

Income from collections and regular giving (via bank transfers and the diocesan scheme) were £600 down on the previous year but we received a one off large donation.

Charitable payments included donations to The Children's Society, The Syresham Times , Christian Aid and a donation towards Wappenham's building works from the excess of our roof fund. We also gave various gifts to individuals in need at Christmas from the Hammond Trust fund.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £14,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs and we expect our BRICC expenses and contributions to charity to be £3,500.

Accounts Prepared by Brenda Faragher

Approved by Syresham BRICC on 23rd January 2019

Approved for audit by Finance Committee January 30th 2019

Audited by: Paul Stothard

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Brenda Faragher
Treasurer St James Syresham BRICC

St James the Great Syresham



Financial Statement: Tuesday, 19 March 19

		2018	2017
Income			
	Restricted	Non Restricted	
Regular Giving		6,187.29	6,823.40
Collections & wallbox		2,098.22	1,978.64
Gift Aid		1,876.70	1,706.97
Donations		5,081.60	863.49
Fundraising	2,045.62		4,600.11
Other Restricted Income	23,276.14		11,245.00 roof
Other		571.78	776.00 fees
Totals	25,321.76	15,815.59	2,076.00 trf from CBF accounts f
TOTAL INCOME		41,137.35	30,069.61
Expenditure			
Benefice & Diocese		11,000.00	14,650.53
Insurance	1,938.35		1,823.00
Fabric	35,407.09		2,566.80
Utilities	1,804.30		1,371.10
Charitable Donations		1,530.14	473.68
Events		130.00	159.14
Printing		142.30	161.57
Sundry		752.20	754.00
Totals	39149.74	13,554.64	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		52,704.38	21,959.82
balances	-13,827.98	2,260.95	
BALANCE		-11,567.03	8,109.79
Start Balance 1/1/18			
Bank		18,996.76	13,115.75 roof 7500
Cash		0.00	2,228.78 uncleared £2000+£63.1
Balance brought forward		18,996.76	10,886.97
Balances Today			
Bank Balance		7,429.73	18,996.76
Cash		0.00	0.00
Closing Balance		7,429.73	18,996.76
RECONCILIATION			
Actual Bank 28.12.18		7,853.38	20075.50
Add uncleared lodgements		50.00	0
Less unresented cheques		473.65	1078.74
TOTAL	0.00	7,429.73	18996.76
Bank Allocation			
Roof money		6,057.46	
Children's society		309.66	
Bells		25.00	
		0.00	
Actual balance		£1,037.61	

Accounts prepared by Brenda Faraghe
Audited by Paul Stothard 8/3/

St James Church Syresham

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Current account	1084.61	6392.12	7476.73	19,225.54
Madge Payne Trust		630,000*	630,000	659,200
Maud Payne Trust		23,000*	23,000	26,490
Hammond Trust		1789.09	1789.09	1377.38

£1700 Fundraising paid to the Friends Account ring fenced for church insurance.

Liabilities

£309.66 for Children's Society

£75.25 owed to Whitfield.

£600 from Hammond Trust for school outdoor reflection area.

* estimated figures

St Mary the Virgin Church Wappenham

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

Notes on accounts:-

A total of £202 was donated to charitable organisations from the general fund with a further £162 due to be paid this month. £150 was donated to the Village hall from monies raised from the Coffee mornings with another £150 for the Hope centre due this month.

A total of £10950 was paid to the Benefice in lieu of Parish share and Benefice expenses. Steps repair costs totalled £22.5K. £17.5K from 'The Friends' and the remainder from PCC funds (Restricted and general)

Collections from services was £2690, slightly up on 2017. Regular covenanted giving remained at approx. £8.5K.

Any fees (Weddings etc.) are now retained by the Benefice as part of 'the trial' to offset expenses.

Accrued assets.

A claim for £4.5K Vat refund is expected in the 1st quarter 2019.

A refund of approx. £400 for TVB electricity usage is expected in the 1st quarter 2019

Some restricted funds for the Bells and Graveyard are held in the current account. These are detailed on the final page.

The accounts are prepared under the 'Receipts and Payments' method.

V1.2 (Updated Britten and Fontaine figures, 23rd Jan)

Accounts prepared by Anthony Tucker.

Approved for audit by Finance Committee January 30th 2019

Audited by: Bernard Wilkins

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Anthony Tucker.

Treasurer St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham PCC/BRICC.

St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham



Financial Statement: Monday, 25 February 19

		2018	2017
Income			
	Restricted	Non Restricted	
Regular Giving		11,295.00	9,671.00
Collections & wallbox			1,831.00
Gift Aid		2,807.00	2,535.00
Donations		0.00	0.00
Fundraising		3,032.00	2,643.00
Other Restricted Income	12,773.00		1,050.00
Other		227.00	1,688.00
TOTAL INCOME		30,134.00	19,418.00
Expenditure			
Benefice & Diocese		10950.00	11,201.30
Insurance		1710.00	1,642.67
Fabric	13,430.00	0.00	1,200.00
Utilities		1558.00	1,377.11
Charitable Donations		352.00	749.00
Events		492.00	1,134.38
Printing		0.00	0.00
Sundry		2559.00	1,945.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		31051.00	19,250.00
BALANCE		-917.00	168.00
Start Balance 1/1/18	Bank (Current+Deposit)	984.00	
	Cash		
	Balance brought forward	984.00	
Balances Today	Bank Balance	61.00	
	Cash	6.00	
	Closing Balance	67.00	-565.00

St Mary the Virgin Wappenham

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

<u>Assets</u>	General Fund	Coffee Mornings	Fabric Fund	Bell & Clock Funds	Church yard Fund	Share Account	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current Accounts	-628	110	24	148	30		-316	799
Cash held at 31 Dec	6		(roof)				6	0
Deposit Account	377						377	16
Churchyard Deposit account					674		674	673
CBF Deposit Account			184		204		2271	2253
Bell				1869				
Clock				15				
Share Account						856	856	3827
Total	-245	110	184	2032	908	856	4235	7568
<u>CCLA Investment Management</u>								
Britten Bequest							1090	1140
Fontaine Trust							2422	2459
Total Assets							7835	11167
Liabilities								
Diocese Share 2017							0	2000

St John's Church Whitfield

Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

Our closing balance at the end of 2018 was £1,934.

During 2018, Whitfield paid £4560 to the Benefice, representing 100% of contributions due.

Income from collections and regular giving (via bank transfers and the diocesan scheme) were £700 up on the previous year.

Charitable payments of £284.26 included donations to the British Legion the Children's Society and FCN.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £4,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs and we expect our BRICC expenses and contributions to charity to be £2,200.

Accounts Prepared by Brenda Faragher

Approved by Whitfield BRICC on 20th February 2019 (subject to 2 queries)

Approved for audit by Finance Committee January 30th 2019

Audited by: Paul Stothard

Accepted by the Benefice Church Council 25th February 2019

Brenda Faragher
Treasurer St James Syresham BRICC

Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

Bank Account £1934

Owed by Syresham £75.25

Liabilities £200.83 owed to Children's society for Christingle and Carol Singing

St John the Evangelist Whitfield



Financial Statement: Friday, 8 March 19

		2018	2017
Income	Restricted	Non Restricted	
	Regular Giving	1,938.00	1,225.00
	Collections & wallbox	958.55	984.55
	Gift Aid	0.00 2,896.55	1,008.00
	Donations	255.00	200.00
	Fundraising	2,178.00	2,777.01
	Other Restricted Income	0.00	0.00 roof
	Other	166.00	668.00 trf for roof & fees
TOTAL INCOME		5,495.55	6,862.56
Expenditure			
	Benefice & Diocese	4,560.00	4,623.00
	Insurance	1,421.16	1,302.33
	Fabric	0.00	83.21
	Utilities	10.64	11.87
	Charitable Donations	284.26	222.28
	Events	12.00	12.00
	Printing	133.20	152.50
	Sundry	317.65	158.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,738.91	6,565.69
BALANCE		-1,243.36	296.87
Start Balance 1/1/18			
	Bank	3,177.36	2,880.49
	Cash	0.00	0.00
	Balance brought forward	3,177.36	2,880.49
Balances Today			
	Bank Balance	1,934.00	3,177.36
	Cash	0.00	0.00
	Closing Balance	1,934.00	3,177.36
RECONCILIATION			
	Actual Bank 30/4/18	1,690.98	2985.43
Add uncleared lodgements		363.52	191.93 Christmas
Less unresented cheques		120.50	0 unknown
TOTAL	0.00	1,934.00	3,177.36
Bank Allocation			
		0.00	
		0.00	
		0.00	
Actual balance		£1,934.00	

Accounts prepared by Alice Palmer -
Audited by Paul Stothard 8/3/

3. Benefice and Committee Reports 2018-2019

3.1 Finance Committee Summary

The Finance committee met four times . During these meetings we have:

- Reviewed parish and benefice accounts
- Reviewed our Terms of Reference
- Discussed our 2018 contribution to the diocese which was £45,500
- Discussed our expected budget for 2019 now around £12,000 for Mission and Ministry and £50,000 for the Diocese.
- Agreed our plans for auditing and preparing accounts for 2018
- Shared strategies for raising and saving money.
- Reviewed the finance section of the Astwell Benefice Profile.
- Planned a stewardship campaign for each parish. We hope to broaden the base of our regular giving by standing order making our finances more secure. Lois Weedon has already distributed leaflets to church members outlining the need for more regular funds. Other parishes plan to complete this during 2019.
- Agreed an increase in pay for the Benefice Secretary
- Agreed budgets for the BRICCS – as proposed by the BRICCS.
- Prepared our report for the APCM

There has also been a lot of contact via email sharing spread sheets, concerns and ideas.

3.2 Worship Committee Report

The committee met several times during the year to discuss the service schedule and the form the services should take. After our Rector Carole Peters-King left in September, Karin (Wiggy) Smith took the chair.

Although a few services were changed, especially at Christmas, we have managed to keep to the agreed pattern of services during the Interregnum thanks mainly to Sarah Rudkin finding PTOs (Permission to Officiate), John Roberts and the Bishop Giving me PTO.

There are many people who have made our worship special and my especial thanks go to David Wright and all the choir members, all those who take part whether it be organising lay led services, doing the intercessions, reading or playing the organ. Too many people to mention by name, but without you all, we would not have been able to maintain the level of services that are scheduled.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee: Edwin King, Mike Streten, Alice Palmer, Sue Timmis, Penny Bonner, Sarah Rudkin, Judith Elkington and Bill Elkington for their hard work and support.

Going forward with the support of all Parishes, we should be able to maintain the number of services and the agreed pattern.

Karin (Wiggy) Smith
Worship Committee Chair

3.3 Social & Fund Raising Committee Report

In April Barry Peters-King took over the chair from Sheena Warren whilst she underwent surgery followed by treatment. In September Karin (Wiggy) Smith took over the chair when Rector Carole & Barry left to move to pastures new, but in April 2019, we are delighted to say, Sheena Warren will take over as chair again.

We were set the task of raising £5000 for our Benefice Share, I am delighted to report that, and although we did not quite achieve this, we did make £4457. Which was pretty amazing and accomplished by holding the following events:

Touring Benefice Bingo - £739

Benefice Quiz - £2762

Remembrance Concert - £430

Fiori Musicali - £525

All were well attended and very much enjoyed. My special thanks go to the Quiz sponsors, John Coatsworth for setting the Quiz questions, Anne Marshall for her catering, to Malcolm for arranging the Fiori and the Remembrance Concert and to all the members of the committee who have worked so hard to achieve this fantastic result. Therefore with such an amazing team, it is with great confidence that I look forward to the coming of our next year's fundraising.

Karin (Wiggy) Smith

Social & Fund Raising - Chair

3.4 Pastoral Care Committee Report

I am delighted to report that we now have representatives from all our villages and in January 2019 it was decided that the Helmdon Pastoral Care Team would join the Benefice team.

We have met four times during the year to discuss the progress of visits and continuing need of care for those we have concern for, as a direct result many have been visited and Holy Communion taken to those who wish to receive it at home.

A special Pastoral Training Day held in October was arranged and hosted by Linnet Smith from Peterborough Pastoral Care providing help and guidance when visiting, the majority of our team were able to attend and the day proved to be very informative.

Rachel Wheeler, Safeguarding Advisor keeps us abreast of Safeguarding matters.

Thank you to all the members of the team, you are very much appreciated.

Please bear in mind and let me know if you hear or know of anyone you think needs a visit or prayer.

Karin (Wiggy) Smith

Pastoral Care Committee Chair

3.5 Safeguarding Report for the Astwell Benefice, March 2019

Although as a Benefice we have made some good steps towards being a safer benefice there are still more steps remaining. We got off to a good start by adopting the Diocesan model Church Safeguarding Policy and Procedure at last year's APCM. I believe that each parish church is also displaying the Safeguarding poster and contact list. Our website was also updated to include our adopted policy. However, we have more to do to fully implement the policy.

Rev Carole Peters King and I reviewed the roles which needed DBS and Police checking and thought that we were in line with policy, as we do not do anything which can be regarded as Regulated Activity, we requested that members of the PCC complete a self-declaration form which many members duly did, However, on re-reading the guidance recently and checking with the Safeguarding Team in Peterborough Diocese, I think that a wider number of volunteer roles fall under the types that require a Criminal Records check. As a Benefice PCC we sponsor a couple of activities such as Secret Keepers and a Pastoral visiting scheme where there is an element of safeguarding risk. Not only should the volunteers who do these activities have a criminal record check but there are also implications for BPCC members as outline in the box below.

C. Charity Trustees of children's or vulnerable adult's charities.

The Charity Commission recommends that trustees always obtain a criminal record check when eligible to do so as it is an important tool in ensuring that the person is suitable to act.

If a governing body is registered as a charity and provided it sponsors and approves, in its own name, children's work or work with adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect then the members of the governing body will be eligible for an enhanced criminal record check without barring information. This may relate to PCCs, Cathedrals Chapters, Religious Communities, NCI Pension Board etc. In such cases all members of the governing body will be eligible.

For example

A PCC is a charity and provided it sponsors and approves, in its own name, children's work or work with vulnerable adults (e.g. a Youth Club, Sunday School, home visiting scheme for the housebound or a luncheon club for adults with special needs who require assistance with feeding or toileting) then this recommendation applies. It does not apply to all PCCs only those that sponsor and approve children's work and work with vulnerable adults.

So we have two options:

1. To be fully in line with the policy which was adopted last year **all** members of the Benefice PCC should have a Criminal Records check without Barring information, as well as the volunteers involved in the activities.

2. Or we could take a slightly more proportionate approach:

We could make sure that all the decision making around the pastoral visiting and children's activities come under one of the current sub committees and everyone on that sub-committee has a criminal record check. Anyone else on the BPCC but not on that committee would not be able to take part in decisions relating to those activities.

This second approach requires only the people with some connection to the activities to be checked but is not strictly in line with the policy. I recommend that whichever route we choose that the checks are done within a month of the new BPCC being voted in place. The checks will last for 5 years before they need to be renewed.

The policy adopted last year also had a requirement for all volunteer roles to have a written volunteer description so that anyone taking on that role understands their responsibilities. This is good practice regardless of whether the role works with children and vulnerable adults or not. This is an outstanding action on our Safeguarding Audit. Although some groups made a start only Secret Keepers have really provided suitable written role descriptions. This is something which each group should take forward. There are [example role descriptions](#) on the Peterborough Diocesan website and I am happy to help any group that requires it.

The other area where we have outstanding actions for our Safeguarding Audit is Risk Assessments. Again, it is only Secret Keepers who have provided a risk assessment for their activity. It is important that risk assessments are completed for the following activities:

Helmdon – parent toddler group
Helmdon & Syresham - Messy church
Helmdon & Syresham – Family service
Astwell Benefice – Pastoral Care team
Helmdon Tuesday Lunches - luncheon club for adults.

Advice and [example risk assessments](#) are available on the Peterborough Diocesan website and therefore this should not be an onerous task.

There is no reason that our current position without a Rector should be a hindrance although I think it has probably meant that we have taken our eye off the ball. It would be good for a new Rector to find us fully complying with the policy which we adopted.

3.6 Deanery Synod Report 2018

March 15th - Aynho : Liz Holesworth gave an interesting talk on “Finding, Keeping and Growing Rural Ministry” with many questions and answers at the end.

May 16th - Chipping Warden : Rev. Steve Benoy spoke of “Vocation and Ministry” a bit dry but the emphasis was more involvement by Lay Members. In hindsight preparation for interregnum, was this God in action?

July 17th – Byfield : Colin Chapman’s talk was “Abrahamic Faiths” but was an interesting talk on Islam rather than Christianity and Judaism, with questions and answers ran over time. Well worth the time spent and enjoyable.

October 18th - Middleton Cheney : Our Annual Deanery service followed by refreshments and a chat.

Bill Elkington,
Lay Chair, Helmdon Church Warden

3.7 Hope Centre Run Report 2019

This is the third year that the Astwell Benefice has taken responsibility for the delivery of food items to the Hope Centre in Northampton. I would like to pay tribute to Barry Peters-King for setting this up and it has been fairly easy for me to step into his shoes since I took over the organisation of the run last September.

We now have 18 drivers as some have retired but I am pleased to welcome Mike Yallop and Ian Duffield from Syresham to our drivers group and also Rob Dixon who is on standby as a reserve at the moment. Most drivers now make three deliveries per annum.

I am pleased to report that the Hope Centre, which we thought was going to have to move in December 2019 has had a stay of execution and do not have to move until ‘*they find somewhere they want to move to*’ which is generous of the Borough Council. They may have taken heed of some of the critical letters they received.

Deliveries take place on a Tuesday and involve picking up a variety of products, fresh fruit, bread, vegetables, fruit juices etc. from the Faith Dimension in Wolverton and delivering them to Northampton Hope Centre. Each 'run' takes about two hours round trip. Having got lighter last year, we have noticed that the loads are getting bigger this year. We have introduced a system where only ONE driver goes per load, as having a passenger means you cannot take as much to the homeless and hungry of Northampton. Even without a passenger, we have had instances this year when food has been left behind and this literally gets thrown away, so please do your best everyone, to get as much in your cars as possible, even at the expense of having to use your wing mirrors only!

The Hope Centre is very grateful for our deliveries and it enables them to provide free lunches to the homeless at least two days per week.

We can always do with more drivers, as drivers retire or get smaller cars, so please contact Malcolm on 01280 850218 if you know of anybody who might be interested in joining. Training is provided! Thanks to everybody who has helped in 2018/19.

Malcolm Orr-Ewing,
Hope Centre Run Co-ordinator.

3.8 The Benefice Choir

The Astwell Benefice Choir continues to be fully involved in the worship of our churches. Although we cannot guarantee to offer a contribution every week as our members come from three different churches, we try to get round the parishes during a typical year.

This is particularly the case at Christmas, and in 2018, we sang at Syresham, Helmdon and Whitfield. We were delighted to welcome back some familiar faces and our numbers were the best for several years. Our programme included John Rutter's lovely Nativity Carol, a lively negro spiritual: 'Rise up, shepherd and follow', a Tyrolean lullaby - new to our repertoire - and a beautiful arrangement of the medieval 'There is no rose'. Hopefully, we can resume contributing to Lois Weedon's Carols by Candlelight in 2019.

The Choir has also sung Choral Evensong twice at Lois Weedon, and expect to do so at Syresham (and perhaps Whitfield) in the near future. We also sing anthems at various whole benefice services, especially for Advent and Palm Sunday.

During Holy Week this April, we shall be helping lead the regular Taize service at Whitfield, as well as singing devotional pieces at the Maundy Thursday Seder meal and Communion (Syresham) and at various churches for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross meditations.

As always, we would be delighted to welcome new members (especially young ones!). Being able to read music helps, but isn't essential.

Finally, a big thank you to David Mason for his accomplished (and patient) assistance at the Yamaha for our rehearsals, which take place at Helmdon church on Thursdays at 6-30pm.

David Wright,
Organist

The 2018 - 2019 Annual Report
Of the Parochial Church Council
For the Parish of
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon



and

St Lawrence, Radstone



The Astwell Benefice Church APCM meeting, 24th April 2019.
Venue: The Village Hall, Wappenham, Towcester, NN12 8SG,
commencing at 7.45pm

St. Mary Magdalene, Helmdon, and St. Lawrence, Radstone

Content

1. Vestry Meeting

Minutes of Previous Vestry Meeting 2017/18

Apologies received:

Results of Elections April 2018:

Churchwarden(s):	2 Church Wardens required: Bill Elkington (BE); A/N Other
Representative(s)	Ann Netten (AN) Finance Penny Bonner (Radstone)
Electoral Roll Officer:	Eunice (Niki) Phillips, ER

2. 2019 Nomination of: Church Warden(s)

Representative(s)

Appointment of: Electoral Roll Officer

A short break will be held prior to commencement of the APCM meeting.
Those persons not members of the Electoral Roll will be asked to leave the meeting.

**St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Helmdon
and
St. Lawrence Church, Radstone**

BRICC REPORT
(Building, Repairs, Insurance and Contents Committee)
Including additional activities related to the Church

1. Helmdon Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

As at 31 December 2018 our bank statement showed a balance of £2,580. When all restricted assets held at Diocese and Radstone's dormant current account balance were included total assets were **£12,863**. Liabilities were outstanding cheques for £669 for oil and expenses and £44 raised at the Christingle service due to the Children's Society.

During 2018, Helmdon paid £16,223 to the Benefice, representing 100% of contributions due together with transfer payments of fees received.

Income from collections was slightly up on the previous year and there was a rise in the level of planned giving, resulting from a generous response from parishioners to concerns raised during the year about our financial situation. Donations in 2018 were higher than in 2017. This reflects Friend's of Helmdon Church contribution of over £3,000 for works required as a result of the quinquennial survey and generous donations from individuals and funeral collections.

Charitable payments included donations from both 2017 and 2018 to the Royal British Legion as well as donations to The Children's Society and Mary's Meals.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £17,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs and we expect our BRICC expenses and contributions to charity to be £5,640. St Lawrence at Radstone is still not in use so no budget has been set.

Accounts prepared by Ann Netten

Approved by Helmdon BRICC on 7 January 2019 and Astwell Benefice Finance Committee on January 30 2019

Audited by Chris Thorpe, Station Road, Helmdon NN13 5QT

Ann Netten
Treasurer

St Mary Magdalen Church Helmdon

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted General fund	Restricted funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Assets				
Helmdon current account	£2,074.24	£505.56	£2,579.80	£1,880.41
Radstone current account	£2721.13		£2721.13	£3037.58
Churchyard Fund - 158 shares at valuation		£2,551.46	£2,551.46	£2,590.32
Churchyard Trust - 97 shares at valuation		£1,566.40	£1,566.40	£1,590.26
Mission fund- 97 shares at valuation		£1,558.81	£1,558.81	£1,582.55
CBF Deposit Funds		£1,885.41	£1,885.41	£1,771.52
Total	£4,795.37	£8,067.64	£12,863.01	£12,452.64

Liabilities

Outstanding cheques to the value of £669.25

Children's Society donation of £43.59

Notes

- 2017 accounts showed trust fund values at bid value rather than valuation. This has been corrected in this statement

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, and
St. Lawrence, Radstone
BRICC Report (Building Repairs Insurance and Contents Committee)

2. Church Warden's Report

Fund raising and running costs were our main concern this year when we met all our commitments. We need to re-look at what we do this year otherwise our fund raising will seem stale. Following our successful Night in Tuscany with Andrea Bocelli we are looking at something similar. If you have any ideas please contact one of the team below. Our main fundraisers are Summer Fete and Christmas Fair and again if anyone can think of other fundraisers or how to improve our two main ones please contact one of the team.

Committee Members

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

Analysis of how we are doing.

In 2016 our annual attendance was 2,050 paying an average of £1.42 each

In 2017 our annual attendance was 1,731 paying an average of £1.30 each

In 2018 our annual attendance was 1,775 paying an average of £1.77 each

In 2019 so far attendance was 108 paying an average of £1.89 each

The crash in attendance in 2017 was due to missed Sunday worship and was addressed in 2018 with the new service rota from May. Even so we missed 17 Sunday services including Harvest.

Bill Elkington,
BRICC Chair/Churchwarden

3) BRICC Worship Group

The Worship Group concentrates solely on the monthly Praise and Prayer service, finding speakers for our Harvest and our Patronal Festival, both Helmdon and Radstone. All other worship items are for the Benefice PCC Worship Committee, although we can make suggestions to the Benefice. As we do not have an organist for this service the Sound System is more than paying for itself for Praise and Prayer and School services.

In the interregnum lay people are stepping up to the mark and becoming more involved, this is most appreciated.

One wedding took place in 2018.

Karin (Wiggy) Smith
Lay Reader

4) BRICC Finance Report

Ann Netten continues to maintain the accounts for the Helmdon church and keep a track of the BRICC maintaining our income and spending budgets in line with the Benefice agreement.

Helmdon Treasurers Financial Statement Report for the year ending December 2018

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Charitable payments included donations from both 2017 and 2018 to the Royal British Legion as well as donations to The Children's Society and Mary's Meals.

In 2019 we have committed to pay £17,500 towards Diocesan and Benefice costs and we expect our BRICC expenses and contributions to charity to be £7,170. St Lawrence at Radstone is still not in use so no budget has been set.

Accounts prepared by Ann Netten

Approved by Helmdon BRICC on 7 January 2019 and Astwell Benefice Finance Committee on January 30 2019

Audited by Chris Thorpe, Station Road, Helmdon NN13 5QT

Ann Netten, Treasurer

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon BRICC

5) Fabric Report 2018-19

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 Friends of the Church will meet the costs of the works as none of it is specifically for 'worshippers'.

A cable pull through is installed from the roof into the room above the ringing chamber using the old chimney. This is for installing Wifi in the church which is free once we have paid for the router and the receiver approx. cost: £100+.

The government are now pushing mobile phone coverage in rural areas, this may mean we could generate an income using our church tower. We will look at this in the coming year.

Two places in the east wall of the churchyard collapsed this year and they are now both repaired.

Bill Elkington
BRICC Chair

6) Radstone Fabric Report

Radstone church is still closed due to the bat infestation. We have just been advised that Natural England has received funding from the lottery fund for Radstone church to be included in the 2019-20 rectification project. After rectification the church will need to be professionally cleaned, the friends are to be asked if they can fund and organise this.

Due to the closure the church insurance has gone up and the electricity standing charge has to be met. Radstone bank account will be at zero balance in the coming year.

If the marquee can be put up early on the Saturday before their St. Lawrence Saints Day service in August it is hoped it may be used for fund raising events.

Penny Bonner
Representative

7. St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon & St. Lawrence, Radstone Social Committee

We had a busy year fundraising in 2018 with the following events:

i. Pancake Breakfast – February - £184

This proved to be a popular morning with individuals & families alike. The pancakes were well received along with the pancake tossing competition. We decided that we would hold again next year.

ii. Church Fete – July - £2,712

With all the usual stalls it was a successful day. The refreshments held in the Stables this year. 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 marques, which provide cover in the event of unpredictable English weather!

iii. Harvest Supper & Auction - October - £516 taken but no church service .

With a slightly different format, we held a ploughman's & 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.

iv. Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November - £1,408

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.

Vanessa Vicars, BRICC Member

Additional Church Activities – Reporting to the BRICC

8. Results of the 2019 Renewal of Electoral Roll for Helmdon & Radstone

Electoral Roll Report 2019

This year a completely new Electoral Roll had to be prepared. The current 2018 Electoral Roll was displayed on the church notice board in plenty of time to allow names to be removed and new names to be added. The new Roll will have been displayed on the church notice board for the required amount of time prior to the APCM, with a request that notification of any necessary amendments/alterations should be made **prior** to the APCM. We have six new members this year, and seventeen names have been removed either by request or by non-renewal of membership. This means we have a total number of 57 members on the 2019/20 Electoral Roll.

Niki (Eunice) Phillips
Electoral Roll Officer

St Mary Magdalene Church Helmdon

New Electoral Roll for 2019/20

Alfandary Lee	Helmdon
Balch, Zena	Falcutt
Beattie, Audrey	Helmdon
Bonner, Penelope	Radstone
Bowen-Jones Joan	Helmdon
Brisby, Claire	Falcutt
Brisby, John	Falcutt
Brookhouse, Carol	Helmdon
Brookhouse, David	Helmdon
Brookhouse, Jean	Helmdon
Butterworth, Josephine	Brackley
Elkington, Judith	Helmdon
Elkington, William	Helmdon
Harris, Jennifer	Falcutt
Harris, Simon	Falcutt
Hadfield, Douglas	Brackley
Hadfield, Joan	Brackley
Hodson, Robert	Brackley
Holt, Gerald	Helmdon
Lidgley, Susan	Helmdon
Marley, Pamela	Helmdon
Mason, Fiona	Falcutt
Moody, Danny	Helmdon
Moody, Kathryn	Helmdon

Netten, Ann	Falcutt
Netten, Clifford	Falcutt
Ottomar, Joanne	Helmdon
Overson, Jennifer	Helmdon
Phillips, Eunice	Helmdon
Priddy, Alma	Helmdon
Quiney, Kathryn	Helmdon
Reynell, Nicholas	Brackley
Sandilands, Charlotte	Falcutt
Sandilands, Paul	Falcutt
Saunders, Jennifer	Helmdon
Shears, Mary	Helmdon
Simmonds, Jean	Helmdon
Smith, Ann	Helmdon
Smith, Karin	Helmdon
Spendlove, Jean	Helmdon
Stothard, Louise	Helmdon
Stothard, Paul	Helmdon
Stubbs, Sarah	Helmdon
Tope, Diane	Helmdon
Vicars, Ross	Helmdon
Vicars, Vanessa	Helmdon
Walmsley Hugh	Helmdon
Walmsley, Lynn	Helmdon
Wassink, Christine Klein	Brackley
Watson, Gillian	Helmdon
Watson, Phillip John	Helmdon
Wheeler, Rachel	Helmdon
Williams, Ailsa	Brackley
Woodhams, John	Helmdon
Woodhams, Pat	Helmdon
Yates, Tara	Helmdon
Yates, Tim	Helmdon

Total: 57 members, 17 names removed, six added.

Names removed from the list by request or non-renewal:

Berck-May, Alan; Burgess, Sarah; Carey, Rachel & Richard; Cross, Catherine; Crouch, Julie; Joseph & Georgia; Johnson, Patricia; Jones, Angela; Mitchell, Sally; Palmer, Lianne; Robinson, Geoffrey; Watson, Alan; Wiggins, Joyce; Wilmot, Anthony; Wright, Lisa.

9. Report from the Friends of St. Mary Magdalene

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.

However the most recent quinquennial inspection, carried out in the previous year, did not identify any major repairs as necessary, and only just under £3,000 has had to be spent in this period on dealing with a number of relatively small points raised by the architect.

Fund Raising

Car Treasure Hunt : on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd July, 2018, over 40 people in 10 cars enjoyed a 'Treasure Hunt', following a 16 mile 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. The questions were set by Robert Alfandary and Hugh Walmsley, and were designed to be a mixture of easy, difficult and frustrating!

The winners with an excellent score were the Kirkham family, and they were presented with a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolates. There were also a number of consolation prizes. Cakes were kindly made by Lee Alfandary, Lynn Gartside, Cliff Netten and Lynn Walmsley, and were much enjoyed along with a drink after the Hunt.

Prizes were donated by the Alfandarys, the Gartsides, and the Nettens, so many thanks to them for their generosity.

Overall we raised £170 for the funds of the Friends of the Church and had a lot of fun doing it. My thanks to Robert Alfandary for his work in planning the Hunt, and to everyone who helped with the teas.

Legacy:

In July 2018, the Friends received a legacy of £5,000 from the estate of the late Celia Terrey. Celia had always been a strong supporter of the Friends, but nevertheless this generous bequest came as a surprise. The Friends are keen to ring-fence this money so that it can be spent on a project of which Celia might have approved, and following consultation with Helmdon PCC, the current idea is to fund new altar-cloth(s).

Overview:

Given all the above, and despite having held only one event in the last year, the Friends are able to report a healthy bank balance, of approximately £15,500 .

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.

Hugh Walmsley

Chairman , Friends of St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

10. Parish Tuesday Lunches

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 3rd Tuesday of each month with an incredible team of cooks and helpers who ensure a great meal is provided every month. We have welcomed both new guests as well as a new cook to the team. There is great comradeship, laughter and a caring approach at the lunches for about 34 to 36 clients.

Our Food Health and Safety inspection for the Reading Room kitchen took place in July 2018 and due to the teams hard work we again retained a 5 star rating.

The lunches continue to cost £5 per person for a 2 course meal, we currently hold £457.00 at the end of February, we have spent some funds on new aprons, and chef's probes, and also celebrate significant birthdays of our guests and helpers each year.

The Reading Room has installed new "easy use" taps on all the kitchen sinks during 2018 and the plan in 2019 is to install new LED ceiling lighting, a non-slip floor and get the kitchen repainted this year to meet the more stringent guidelines for the preparation of food and general cleanliness / hygiene regulations.

My thanks to everyone who attends the lunches and is also part of the team.
Angela Goodall

11. The Mites Scheme

This year we have been able to contribute £175.00 to UNICEF(UK) to buy Oral Rehydration salts for children with sickness and diarrhoea.

Over 8 million lives have been saved in places like India and Africa.

Many thanks to all who support the scheme.

Audrey Beatie

12. Friends of the Churchyard

Although last summer in 2018 was so dry and hot we still needed to keep the churchyard mown and tidy and our trusty volunteers continued to come along and slave under the sun, which was particularly bad on Tuesday afternoons. The old graves with kerbs present a problem as nobody is keen on strimming them, however Danny Moody cut the whole of the older part of the churchyard with the wheeled strimmer, which was a great help. Andy Pitt from the old rectory, now called Helmdon House, was also very good about mowing the newer lower part and the bank outside the wall, by the road. We still need more volunteers and were very pleased to agree when Hugh Davies asked if his son could come and help this year towards the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

We have had great trouble with people allowing their dogs to foul the churchyard in spite of pleas on the website about it. Putting red flags where mess had been left pointed out the problem, and the Parish Council gave us £80 towards the cost of new signs, which have helped but not completely solved the problem.

As well as the £80 the Council also gave us their annual donation of £400 towards the upkeep and the Hyhos very generously awarded us £200 from the Summer Ball proceeds. This will go towards servicing the equipment, and petrol for the mowers.

Judy Cairns
Secretary, The Friends of Helmdon Churchyard

13. Mothers Union

We held a successful and enjoyable year with a wide range of speakers. It is difficult to get speakers who don't charge a fee as the only income we have is the 50p. coffee money we donate each month. Speakers are very generous giving up their time. If the speaker is talking about a charity such as 'Having a first guide dog', members often give a donation for the charity.

In August Rev. Carole led the deanery Mary Sumner day service which was followed by a finger buffet. We were very glad to have Bill and Barry serving the drinks. After the sad loss of two members last year we were very pleased to welcome Wiggy back but sad to lose Carole when she moved to her new post in Salisbury diocese. We attended all deanery events and also held the Advent service in Helmdon, led by Wiggy Smith.

Jenny Saunders organised a very interesting guided visit to Bugbrooke church and this was followed by lunch at Buckby Wharf. As it was such a lovely day we sat outside by the canal to eat our meal.

We held a successful Musical evening in church with items from the church choir and also some wonderful contributions from some very gifted young local talent. From donations received we sent £170 to MU charity -Special Relief. In total we sent £296.90 to MU charities.

We continue to run Parents and Tots but the numbers are very low as the two year olds now go to the Preschool 'Acorns'. We were joined by a few of our former regulars when we visited the Pimlico railway by kind invitation of Rev John Roberts. This annual invitation is much enjoyed by adults and children. The programme with date and subject of our meetings is in the church porch and also in Pew News. As we are the Astwell branch we would love to welcome visitors and hopefully members from the other parishes in the benefice. Membership is open to all, men and women, who have been baptised and believe in the importance of family life.

Ann Smith
Branch leader

14. Bell Ringers Report

Scraping along! We were only asked to ring for one wedding this year, 2019 looks more promising with two booked so far. Practices continue most Saturday mornings and we ring for Sunday services whenever we can. Recruitment and retention of new ringers is a problem for us.

We welcomed one group of visiting ringers. It is always pleasing on these occasions to hear the positive comments on our bells, the ringing chamber, the stained glass bells hanging in the ringing chamber window, the stained glass in the church, and the church itself.

Concern was raised in the year regarding the headstock of our No.3 bell as it is slightly out of true. After detailed examination it was decided that as it was safe and ringing correctly, no action was needed. All bells and mechanism are inspected every 6 months.

The overhaul of pulley boxes mentioned last year has been completed, fitting new bearings where necessary, and re-fixing with new screws and bolts in place of rusty cut nails! Thanks go to Helmdon Hurlers for financing this project and to Ian Chapple (Branch Ringing Master), for his physical and engineering skills in helping me with this overhaul.

We have also received a donation for improving the lighting in the bell chamber.

The branch dinner was again held at Weston and our own at The Crewe Arms, Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Again we would like to thank Lois Weedon and Whitfield tower members for their help and support with our ringing.

2018 Ringers:-

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

**Julian Partis,
Chamber Captain**

15. Church cleaning and Church support team

I would firstly like to thank everyone involved in maintaining the church to such a high standard of cleanliness, not only with cleaning the church but also the Brass, altar and communion linens, and purifiers, during this time of Interregnum, ensuring that the feeling of spiritual love, warmth, healing, support and friendship on entering the Church continues.

With Karin (Wiggy) Smith taking responsibility for many services across all six churches during this time of interregnum, her responsibility for organising the cleaning roster has been passed

to me. Hopefully, following in Wiggy's footsteps our aim is to maintain the high standards previously set, and that the Church is proud to continue to host external events, including fund-raising, school concerts and special services throughout the year.

I would also like to thank those persons who prepare the church for services, the wonderful flower arrangements, setting the chalice, and plate for communion, the lighting of candles, changing of hymn numbers etc. a service often taken for granted, but one that is appreciated by all.

Once again my thanks are extended to all those in the day to day running of the Church.

Judith Elkington
Communications Officer.

16. Report on the Eucharistic Assistants

There are currently six volunteers on our list of Eucharistic Assistants. They are:

Bill Elkington,	Gerald Holt,	Bob Israel
Jean Spendlove,	Ann Smith,	Wiggy Smith

Thank you to you all for your help and support during the past year. Anybody else who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Assistant please speak to our Church Warden, Bill Elkington.

Niki Phillips

17. Sidesmen Report

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	
Tara Yates	Tim Yates		

There are now fifteen people on the roster. We welcome two new volunteers, Tara Yates and Tim Yates. 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 during the past year, including help with coffee and tea after services and breakfast before the Village Praise and Prayer services.

Niki Phillips.

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Results of Elections April 2018:

Churchwarden(s): 2 Church Wardens required:

Frank Hunter); A/N Other

Representative(s) Michael Streten

Electoral Roll Officer: Terry Tyler

2. 2019 Nomination of: Church Warden(s)

Representative(s)

Appointment of: Electoral Roll Officer

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**BRICC Report (Building Repairs Insurance and Contents Committee)
Including additional activities relating to the Church**

1. Churchwarden's Report

2018 has been a noticeably significant year for the Astwell Benefice. This has been not only the first year we have operated under a Benefice structure but also without a priest since September. This has resulted in a level of co-operation and support throughout the Benefice which is unprecedented for our Church.

As a sole Churchwarden for our Parish I am conscious that I am at risk of neglecting duties I am yet to encounter. However, I am supported most generously by members of our BRICC and churchwardens in the Benefice. I hope I am forgiven for lapses that cause problems with our Communications/Agenda officer (JE), Benefice Secretary (SR) and our Reader, Wiggy (Karin) Smith.

The challenges facing our new BRICC committee were familiar ones that have been the subject of many meetings of the former PCC. However with our focus more on the practical aspects of keeping the Church and its environs up to scratch we have made progress.

1.1 Quinquennial repairs

The Quinquennial repairs proceeded at their own gentle pace to completion whilst the decision to install a roof alarm system took but months to gain permission and to install. The Friends of the Church provided support for the Quinquennial work whilst Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust helped with the Alarm.

1.2 Fabric

The project to provide a servery and toilet in the Church has been on the Agenda of the PCC (now the BRICC) for many years. This year we submitted a pre application to the DAC based on plans that had been on the table for some time. The response was not as expected (a change of approach) but provided us with an opportunity to fulfil this long-held wish to make the church more accessible and usable for community functions. We will have plans drawn up within the next two months depending on a detailed survey of the drainage capability. A water supply has already been installed. Subject to approval by the DAC we hope to have the work completed by the end of 2019. We already have money raised in the past for the provision of these facilities (£4,000) and plan to apply for grants and donations to cover the total cost.

1.3 Churchyard/Trees

The general upkeep of our churchyards and trees has been resolved with help from the Parish Council. In the past mowing has been the responsibility of 'volunteers' who were once fit young chaps. Sadly we are an ageing band so we have had to resort to a different charity. Through the Council and the New Homes Bonus the Churchyard will continue to be a visual asset.

All of this progress does, I'm afraid, depend upon our ability to raise funds. Simply put, if we cannot support a Priest (the 'Parish Share') we become a 'redundant' church. These are sold or gifted to organisations willing to preserve them. (Plumpton is an example) Their use as a place of worship is restricted and therefore the congregations which provide the people who keep the Church going (PCCs BRICCs) are disbanded. Their management falls to 'Trustees' who may meet occasionally but are not necessarily involved in the local community.

1.4 Fundraising/Regular Giving

We have made some progress in our fundraising. Our appeal for regular giving has brought us some extra donations and our congregations continue to support us most generously.

We have regular coffee mornings and lunches but our attempts to provide entertainment at the church or village hall have not been supported. Our endeavours are more focussed on Benefice events. The monthly Astwell Benefice Quiz and Bingo evenings have raised money for the Benefice which benefits each church by potentially reducing the amount needed to be raised by each Parish.

2. Electoral Roll, St. Mary & St. Peter, Lois Weedon

Atkins	Colin Ian	Weston
Burbidge	Oliver Clyde	Lois Weedon
Clarke	David	Weston
Clarke	Margaret Lynne	Weston
Cockrell	Christopher	Lois Weedon
Field	Trevor John	Lois Weedon
Field	Jenny Anne	Lois Weedon
French	Patricia Ann	Lois Weedon
Getley	Bridgit	Weston
Getley	Christopher	Weston
Greenaway	Susan Margaret	Lois Weedon
Gregory	Alfred John	Lois Weedon
Gregory	Iris	Lois Weedon
Hillman	Geoffrey Donald	Lois Weedon
Hunt	Caroline Ann Heidi	Towcester
Hunt	Diane Cecilia	Greens Norton
Hunter	Francis Noel	Lois Weedon
Hunter	Maralynn Caroline	Lois Weedon
Jones	David Montgomery	Lois Weedon
Jones	Penelope Christine	Lois Weedon
Jones	Jillian Dawn	Weston
Liversidge	Jennifer Irene	Lois Weedon
Mackaness	Anna Sophia	Lois Weedon
Mackaness	Jean	Weston
Pinder	Gill	Lois Weedon
Raven	Caroline Susan	Lois Weedon
Seckington	Christine	Weston
Seckington,	Margaret Ann	Weston
Sitwell	Susanna Carolyn	Weston
Storer	Andrew William	Whittlebury
Streten	Victoria Jane	Lois Weedon
Streten	Michael William	Lois Weedon
Tyler	Teresa	Lois Weedon
Webb,	Sarah Tracey	Weston

Total: 34

Overall, there were 8 people who came off the Electoral Roll (moved) and 4 new people added.

3. Lois Weedon BELL Ringers

We have a Monday night practice for bell handling and a Wednesday night practice for method ringing. On the whole we have good attendance and are usually able to ring 6 bells for Sunday morning service.

This year we took part in the Ringing Remembers campaign, the 100th anniversary of the armistice, commemorating the 1300 bell ringers who lost their lives in the war. Due to the shortage of bell ringers in the area, some of our ringers travelled to 3 or 4 other towers to ring their bells, enabling all the bells in the Culworth branch to be rung.

We have had several groups of visitors during the year and a quarter peal was rung in February by the Daventry branch ringers.

We rang to celebrate the Royal wedding in May and also three local weddings in the village. The latter highlighted the need for better communication between the church and bell ringers on timings.

Bell Chamber – the very hot, dry, weather in the summer resulted in a few issues with the wooden bell frame shrinking, all is well now. The bells are maintained on a regular basis.
Church Clock – In the summer we had difficulty in keeping the church clock running but hopefully this has now been resolved.

We had 1 new recruit during the year and have just started teaching 3 others in 2019. If you would like to know more about this fascinating and challenging hobby please get in touch with one of the ringers in the Benefice, they will be sure to welcome you.

Joy Kirkham,
Dave Kirkham, Tower Captain.

4. Lois Weedon and Weston Village Trust (Previously known as Poors Charity)

LWWVT was originally set up to relieve poverty amongst parishioners within the two villages and has been in existence for some 148 years. The Trust's income derives solely from rental of an 11 acre field to the north-west of Weston. In recent years, the annual distribution at Christmas has consisted of hampers and other foodstuffs to elderly or infirm plus gifts of pot plants to the recently bereaved and to all new residents of the parish. There is a small surplus which can be given to anyone who has an unexpected need for financial assistance. This is at the discretion of the Trustees.

Income during 2018 was £750 plus derisory bank interest.
Expenditure was £583.
Bank balance @ 31 December 2018 was £265.

(The field rent is reviewed regularly and has increased to £1000 paid on the 1st January 2019)

As our Rector resigned in September, Mr Frank Hunter , Churchwarden, has become temporary Chair of Trustees, awaiting the appointment of a new incumbent. Mrs Peggie Clarke is a Trustee.

**David Clarke, Secretary
Administrator**

5. St Loy's Church of England Primary Academy

Despite a troubling year in which the headmaster resigned and the school roll dropped by 30% the school continues have a weekly assembly attended whenever possible by our Lay Reader during our interregnum.

The school attends church for all the major festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas and the new headmistress has settled in and is putting her ethics and standards into practice and improvements are readily observed.

We look forward to a successful year and the increase in the school role as parents appreciate the efforts going into their children's education.

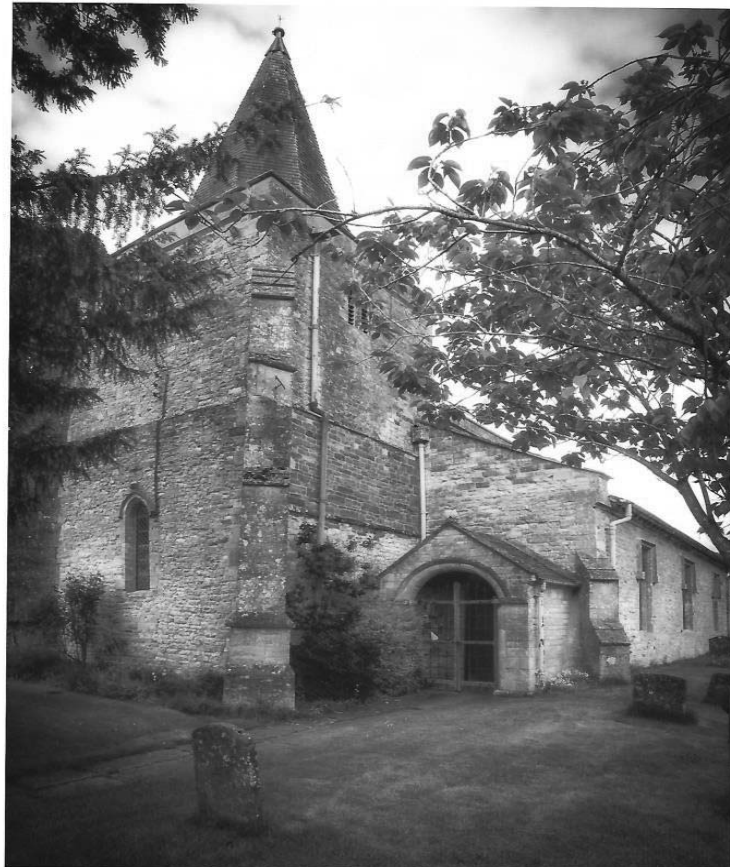
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St. James the Great, Syresham

BRICC REPORT **(Building, Repairs, Insurance and Contents Committee)** **Including additional activities related to the Church**

1. Churchwardens Report 2019

1.1 Church Fabric.

The Quinquennial Repairs called for in our 2014 report have now been completed and scaffolding is still on the church tower.

Following our lead theft in August 2017 the church roof lead has now been totally replaced byterne-coated stainless steel. I have been fortunate to have received grants and insurance money which exceeds what we required for the roof repair. The bills came £25,000 and £7500 of this was paid for by Ecclesiastical Insurance, the rest was raised from grants. In fact when the VAT was claimed back, there was a surplus of some £3500. Of this, after discussing the surplus with the Archdeacon, it was decided to give £1500 to Wappenham Church for their roof repair. The remaining £2000 is being held as 'reserves' by Syresham. We have also received £2062 in VAT repayment (Listed Places of Worship) from the Quinquennial repairs. This is also being held as 'Reserves' by Syresham.

Our new Quinquennial is due this year 2019 and I am in touch with the architect to arrange an inspection. As repairs recommended in 2014 were only completed in 2018, it is unlikely that any major expenditure will be required.

1.2 No faculties requested yet this year (up to March 2019).

1.3 Additions or removals from church. None.

1.4 Services & Occasional Offices

Three baptisms and one funeral were held in 2018. Also one wedding.

Pattern of Services. We started family services in November 2016. Initial attendances were good, 15-20, but sometimes very few come. In January 2018 we spontaneously turned one family service into a communion one for the 10 (non-family) members present. We must monitor these family services in the future to see if there is enough support for them.

Village Praise & Prayer has usually been well supported with 12-20 attendees. Our thanks to Alice Palmer for masterminding these services. Choral Evensong, led by David Wright, in conjunction with Whitfield, started from Summer 2018 on the fifth Sunday of the month, where there is one.

Happily our Christingle Service returned to Christmas Eve in 2018, resulting in a 43% increase in attendance and over £300 sent to the Childrens Society.

Average attendance at Communion services 2018: 14 adults, 0 under 16; Messy Church 4 adults and five children; praise and prayer 15-20 adults.

Attendance at major festivals: Christmas 344 (+43%), Easter 27 (-38%), Harvest 39 (+69%).

1.5 Work undertaken by Churchwardens

Visited sick with a member of the BRICC December 2018. Distributed money and plants. Suspended R&R Robinsons of Silverstone from church mowing following complaints. FOSJ have appointed a new contractor for 2019.

1.6 Ministry 2019

Lent course being led by Bill Elkington at Helmdon.

Lent lunch in Syresham raised £65 for Save the Children Yemen crisis.

1.7 Fundraising

In 2017 we raised some £1700 via Church Fete £950, St Nicholas Fair £720 towards our Parish Share. 200 Club raised a further £1500 from members. Autumn 2018 Syresham raised £620 from the Armistice Eve Concert 100th anniversary and £530 from the *Fiori Musicali* Concert. These were Benefice fundraisers.

Planned for 2019: Christmas Concert by Music Makers of Milton Keynes and Brackley Wind Ensemble. Possibility of re-staging The Syresham Martyr play.

1.8 Our thanks to Carole for her work in the benefice up until her resignation in September and all our good wishes to her in her new role in the Salisbury diocese.

During the Interregnum our thanks to Wiggy and visiting priests and in Syresham particularly to Alice Palmer who takes two services per month: Family Service and Praise & Prayer. She also maintains the connection between faith school and the church in Syresham. Thanks also all those who help with the church in Syresham.

Also to church organist and choirmaster David Wright. We would also like to thank sidespeople, churchyard workers & mowers, cleaners and all those who help to keep St James Church safe and clean.

**Malcolm Orr-Ewing,
Churchwarden**

2. Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of St James the Great, Syresham.

Mrs I Atkinson	Mrs J Haycock
Mrs H Bartlett-Syree	Mr A Hornby
Mrs W Bartlett-Syree	Mrs A Hornby
Mr J Braybrook	Mrs M Hunt
Mrs M Braybrook	Mr C Lloyd
Mrs C Brisby	Mrs S Mclean
Mr J Brisby QC	Mrs C Orr-Ewing
Mr V Brooks	Hon M Orr-Ewing
Mrs J Brooks	Miss A Palmer
Mr M Brown	Mrs S Palmer
Mrs S Brown	Canon the Rev J Roberts
Mrs K Brunning	Mr A Scott
Mrs S Connery	Mrs C Scott
Mrs L Dimbleby	Miss J Shaw
Mr N Dimbleby	Mrs D Sims
Mrs B Faragher	Mrs I Wright
Mr E Faragher	Mr D Wright
Mrs E Harris	Mr M Yallop

Total 36 Mrs Atkinson has joined.
Dr & Mrs Rathborne have not renewed, nor has Mrs Widdowson
or the_Hornby children.

Kathleen Brunning
Electoral Roll Officer

3. BRICC Report - St. James the Great, Syresham

We still have not replaced our secretary, Debbie Sims, but the undersigned is filling the role of Secretary, aided by Kathleen Brunning as Minute Secretary.

We had three BRICC meetings in 2018 and at the January 2019 BRICC meeting, it was agreed that the Maud & Madge Payne Funds, together with the FOSJ (Friends of St James) would be able to help the BRICC with payments for church maintenance such as Insurance, Electricity Bills, Maintenance and Repair Bills, Oli supply. These were deemed to be areas where church preservation is concerned, fitting the articles of association of the Friends of St James and of the Maud/Madge Payne Funds.

Current members of the BRICC as at APCM are:
Malcolm Orr-Ewing (Chair); Brenda Faragher (Treasurer); Alice Palmer; Martin Brown (Madge & Maud Payne Funds Manager); Kathlen Brunning (Minute Secretary); Sallie Connery (200 Club and Hammond Fund Manager); Sue Crossley and David Wright.

Malcolm Orr-Ewing,
Acting Secretary

4. The Payne Will Trust Funds – Annual Report 2018/19

A review meeting with Chris Bowner (IFA) of Fortitude took place on 7th March 2019 and the current positions of the two trusts is as follows:

The Marjorie Payne Trust Fund

As a result of the good performance of our investment portfolio, the value of the Trust has increased to £657,033

Outgoings for the year have been £11835 which includes final payments for the Quinquennial Repairs 2014-2019, including architect John Barker's fee.

The BRICC has agreed that the Trust can contribute to expenditure amounting to £3750 per annum, including meeting the balance of church Insurance

The Maud Payne Trust Fund

During this period, the fund value has increased to £26,349. It has been agreed that an annual contribution to the church insurance of £900 should be made from the trust.

M N L Brown

Payne Trust Funds Manager

5. Syresham St James 200 Club Annual Report 2018/19

Over the past year the monthly draw continues to produce winners from a wide spectrum, both within and without the village. In 2018 we had 172 paid members totaling £3440, which has allowed us to give £90 as first prize, £35 as second prize and £20 as third prize, the balance £1700 going to the Friends of St James and thence to the parish treasurer.

The draw continues to take place at the village hall coffee mornings on the last Thursday of each month which proves to be popular, hopefully encouraging more people to join.

My thanks to Ruth at the Post Office for all her help persuading people join/rejoin and for being a drop off point. Also to everyone who helps at the draw and to Alice Palmer for all her help with the accounts.

Once again a big thank you to the late Alan Clube and the late Keith McLean for setting up the 200 Club in 2010.

Sallie Connery

6. Bellringers

We have had several visiting groups of bell ringers this year and all have contributed to our Wall box.

The home band consists of Sheila Brown, Ian Duffield, Penny Potter, Emily Potter and Vicky Powell. Sara and Ian Chapple often fill in when the band is incomplete.

We have tried to hold a weekly practice at 5.30 on a Thursday, depending on who is available.

Additional Activities related to the Church

Alice & Sue Palmer

1. Beacon Centre

The Beacon Centre provides lunch to homeless people in Banbury on three days a week. We take Baked Beans, spaghetti and sometimes cheese to the centre along with donations from the school harvest. They are always very grateful for our modest donations.

2. Lunch Club

The club finished with the change to the service pattern in May.

3. Mums and Tots

Mums and Tots was originally founded by Church and Chapel but is now run by a group of mums with the help from a founder member.

We meet every Wednesday during term times between 10 and 12 in the Village Hall. There are between 15 and 25 babies and children with their mums, dads, grannies, and/or child-minders. There are lots of toys and activities and often a simple craft. More help setting up would always be appreciated.

4. Secret Keepers

Secret Keepers is a free group for 8-11 year olds. We meet in the chapel school room. The leaders are Alice Palmer and Cathy Corns(chapel) with support from other chapel members or Kathleen when needed.

This year we have around 12 members and have looked at some famous bible figures such as Esther and Abraham.

5. Messy Church

We have lost some of our older members from this session but have welcomed some new younger members. Numbers of children range between 2 and 8.

In and around the church

6. Rotas

We currently have 18 people on our lists of rotas helping with cleaning, coffee making, flowers, brass, reading, leading intercessions and mowing. Many thanks to all who give their time so generously to help our services and church run smoothly.

7. Sidespeople:

Welcoming folk to church is a very important part of the service and we are grateful to the team of people helping namely: John Braybrook, Brenda Faragher, Andrew Hornby, Margaret Miller, Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Kathleen Brunning and Sue Palmer.

8. Friends of the Churchyards

A group of us meet on the second Saturday of most months. We work alternately in the Churchyard and Cemetery removing quantities of ivy from gravestones, cutting back brambles, elder and holly suckers and maintaining flower beds and shrubs. There are sometimes seven friends – more would be welcome.

9. Friends of St James

The Friends of St James had a very successful 2018 both socially and financially.

John Braybrook organised another excellent Quiz for the Friends in *March*. Antionette Hornby masterminded a popular safari supper in May.

At our Christmas social we enjoyed mulled wine and delicious nibbles then in February more good food at our Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday.

We have 29 members.

Our only regular commitment is paying for the mowing of the Churchyard – that is £1500 per year. In 2018 we also bought a new urn for the church and we have reserve money due to the church towards insurance.

In March 2019 we are planning a Mediaeval Banquet and in May Vanessa and Anna Murby are returning to give a spring concert and John Braybrook will be setting another quiz.

We are discussing a series of improvements to the church in partnership with our trust funds. Our main focus is to provide welcoming social entertainment for all in the village.

Alice Palmer, Representative

Sue Palmer.

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Results of Elections:

Churchwarden(s)

2 required BPCC & BRICC

Edwin King; Churchwarden and Chair of the BRICC;
Howard Mordue.

Representative(s)

1 required

BPCC Representative: Howard Mordue
BPCC Representative: Peter Oliver

Electoral Roll Officer:

Phyllis King

2. 2019 Nomination(s) for:

Church Warden(s)

Representative(s)

Appointment of:

Electoral Roll Officer

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St. Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

BRICC REPORT

(Building, Repairs, Insurance and Contents Committee)

Including additional activities related to the Church

1. Churchwardens' Report

The BRICC has continued its work and our thanks are expressed to all for their support, inspiration and sheer hard work – ably chaired by Edwin King, these included Howard Mordue, Sheena Warren, Peter Oliver, Anthony Tucker, Jane Mordue, Angus Wade, Michael Bath, Di Watts, Barbara Gundle and Sue Corbishley. Members were deeply saddened by the death this year of Sue Corbishley who has played a vital role re safeguarding.

1.1 Building and repairs

Works to make good the Tower steps were completed and signed off in June and all agreed the repaired steps look splendid. There is no access to the stairs for individuals without supervision, to mitigate any risk. A service of dedication was agreed and will take place once a memorial board had been produced. The cost of stair repairs was £21,606, all paid. A VAT refund was being sought, to be repaid to the share account and to the Friends.

Repairs to the clock, cost £1,000, to replace the motor, were completed by March 2018. The clock is regularly maintained – due again in March 2019. A colony of bees has occasionally made this task more difficult.

Further works featured in the Quinquennial review were put in hand:

- a) Church porch roofs – quotations were sought
- b) Steps behind pulpit – repair in hand
- c) Electrical inspection – PAT testing completed

Continued discussion about the feasibility of creating a kitchen; agreed a free-standing unit. Huge thanks are expressed to Anthony Tucker and Roy Abbott for maintaining the church yard and cemetery. Robert Tomkinson kindly continued to mow the grass in the churchyard extension. Grateful thanks also to all those who give their time to do the flower arrangements, clean the church, provide coffee and biscuits and fulfil numerous other jobs which ensure the church continues to have an attractive aspect.

1.2 Fabric

There have been no additions or removals from the Church.

The Church continues to house equipment providing high speed broadband for the village and surrounding area.

1.3 Worship and attendance

In 2018 there were no weddings, funerals or baptisms. The basic monthly pattern of services continued as 1 benefice communion, 1 parish communion, one village led praise and prayer and one breakfast church.

Attendance at major Festivals was Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: 130, Easter: 27 and Harvest which was held again in Sheena and Ashley Warren's barn jointly with Lois Weedon also attracted a good crowd. Donations including collections and regular giving, totalled £14,102.

Members were sad to say farewell to Revd Carole Peters but continue to play their full role in supporting the Church during the interregnum.

Edwin King
Howard Mordue

2. Results of the 2019 Renewal of Electoral Roll for Wappenham

The Electoral Roll for Wappenham was completely renewed in 2019. Six new members joined and six left, mostly due to bereavement.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

Robert Tomkinson	Amanda Ayres
Joanna Tomkinson	Dene Ayres
Brian Watts	Alan Gundle
Diane Watts	Barbara Gundle
Michael Bath	Jennifer Anderson
Renee Watt	Peter Anderson
Clive Watt	Peter Oliver
Howard Mordue	Kathryn Oliver
Jane Mordue	Catharine Cross
Sheena Warren	Ashley Warren
Edwin King	Charlotte Supple
Phyllis King	Richard Culley
Philip King	Anthony Reid
Anthony Tucker	Rob Corbishley
Jennifer Szczerbowski	
Rupert Fordham	Total 35
Georgie Fordham	
Hilary Wickham	
Sara Wales	
Angus Wade	
Laura Wade	

3. Eucharistic Assistant(s)

There is currently one Eucharistic Assistant, Rick Culley, to whom warm thanks are expressed.

Anybody else who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Assistant please speak to our Church Wardens Edwin King and Sheena Warren.

4. Funding

4.1 Expenditure

Donations: A total of £202 was donated to charitable organisations from the general fund with a further £162, paid in January 2019. £150 was donated to the Village hall from monies raised from services was £2690, slightly up on 2017. Regular covenanted giving remained at approx. £8.5K. Accrued assets: a claim for £4.5K Vat refund is expected in the 1st quarter 2019. A refund of approx. £400 for TVB electricity usage is expected in the 1st quarter 2019. the Coffee mornings with another £150 for the Hope centre due this month.

Benefice: a total of £10,950 was paid to the Benefice in lieu of Parish share and Benefice expenses.

Steps repair costs totalled £22.5K. £17.5K came from 'The Friends' and the remainder from PCC funds (Restricted and general).

4.2 Income:

Collections from

Statement given overleaf:

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WAPPENHAM

Financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2018

General Fund Receipts & Payments Account

			2018		2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted			
Restricted income					
Bell fund	40			60	
Coffee morning	183			210	
Steps giving and grants	1205			440	
Txfr of shares	3500				
Roof alarm grant	1000				
Clock fund	460			340	
Insurance claim (roof)	<u>6385</u>				
			12773		1050
Incoming resources from donors					
Collection & other giving		1530		1795	
Covenanted giving (Service and regular)		9720		9671	
Tax reclaimed		2807		2535	
Wall box		<u>44</u>		<u>36</u>	
			14102		14037
Other voluntary incoming resources					
Fete		2146			
Harvest in the Barn'		566		912	
Winter Supper/Barn dance		0		1232	
Drinks & canapes		<u>0</u>		<u>499</u>	
			2712		2643
Bank interest		<u>127</u>		<u>125</u>	
			127		125
Income from charitable and ancillary trading					
Village hall rent -		100		0	
Electricity refund from TVB		0		495	
Fees		0		1068	
			<u>100</u>		<u>1563</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS carried forward			<u>29813</u>		<u>19418</u>

5. Fund-raising

5.1 Church

Events organised in 2018 raised a healthy £2,712. Foremost was the revived Church Fete, held in September 2018, courtesy of Angus and Laura Wade at their house. Everyone worked extremely hard and the result was excellent. Lots of people, lots of activity and a great time was had by all.

The Harvest in the Barn which was held jointly with Lois Weedon also proved successful.

A Winter Supper with silent auction was proposed and is now being held in April 2019.

5.2 The Friends of St Mary the Virgin Wappenham, 2018

The Friends are: Jane Mordue (Chair), Anthony Tucker (Secretary), Alastair Judge (Treasurer), Howard Mordue (Churchwarden), Edwin King (Churchwarden) and Di Watts.

5.3 Friends' Treasurers' Report

The Friends' funds stand at £4,740 (£17,100 in 2017-18) of which £750 is earmarked for the WC. Income in 2018 was £4,550 and outgoings were £17,500 (Steps). There is also outstanding Gift Aid awaited of approx. £2,000.

5.4 Works and Faculties

Tower Steps and north porch roofs - following the Quinquennial Review of 2014, the decision was made to focus primarily on repairs to the tower steps and then tackle the Church porch roofs. The cost was approximately £300 a step, totalling £21,606. The bulk was paid by the Friends and the rest coming from the PCC accounts.

In 2016, the Friends had invited residents to 'sponsor a step' in memory of a loved one, to be commemorated on a plaque in the Church. 22 steps out of a possible 61 (9 further steps needed no repair) were funded in this way, with a further 5 promised. Other funds came from events and individual donations. The work took place in January and February 2018 and is complete. A service of dedication is being planned to mark this very happy occasion once the memorial board is complete.

Quotations for repairs to the north porch roof are being sought by the Churchwardens. Thanks are expressed to all the hard working and enthusiastic members of the Friends and our supporters.

**Jane Mordue,
Chair, Friends of St Mary's**

Additional Activities linked to the Church

6. Link Charity reports

The Wappenham Thomastide Charity (formerly known as the Wappenham Poors and Church Charities)

Statement of Accounts for Year 2018/19

Date	Details	Withdrawn	Received	Balance (£)
Feb 2018	Balance brought forward			2,636.22
Dec 2018	Received from Trustees		800.00	3,436.22
Jan 2019	Withdrawn to cover Thomastide Grants	834.21		2,602.01

Details of the recipients are confidential but are available to any person – in confidence – nominated by the Parish Council. The Chairman confirms that all awards and gifts were safely received. Rupert Fordham continued as Chairman of the Trustees for the distribution of the awards, and Phyllis King, Jenny Szczerbowski and Hilary Wickham served as Trustees.

The sum made available for distribution for the St Thomastide Grants by the Trustees was £800. Two cash awards were made. As last year, we also made small gifts to a number of residents who it was felt had suffered a period of distress for whatever cause, (perhaps illness, losing a job or family issues). Eleven gifts of this nature were delivered, and as before, these were well received. In addition, the trustees decided to make a specific, additional award to a particular individual to help with the cost of a new washing machine and fridge freezer. The amount given was £300. The total amount distributed, including the special award, was £834.21.

The charity currently has £2,602 in reserve. The purpose of the charity is to help people in Wappenham who find themselves distressed for whatever reason, and the Trustees would therefore be happy to consider requests, perhaps of a practical nature, during the course of the year, as well as at Christmas time. They would welcome the help of the PCC and the Parish Council in this respect.

As ever the accounts of the charity can be made available to any independent Auditor nominated by the Annual Meeting should this be deemed desirable.

Rupert Fordham, Chairman
January 2019

7. Coffee mornings report 2019

Set up to provide a regular community get together following the closure of the shop, the coffee morning, held on the first Wednesday of each month, has continued throughout 2018/19 with a continued average attendance between 16 and 30 people. Although set up by Rev Will Adams and facilitated by St Mary's PCC, the Coffee Morning is nominally a secular event for the village. Although not intended to generate a profit, funds continue to be raised, and these are normally divided between our hosts, the Village Hall committee charity and the Northampton Hope centre. As per 2017, the October 2018 event was styled as part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' with the proceeds of the day going to Macmillan Cancer Support. The monies raised during 2018 were £230 for Macmillan and £150 each to the Hope Centre and the Village Hall Committee.

Very many thanks to all the cake bakers and helpers who have worked their magic over the last year. There is always room more helpers, so if you can spare a couple of hours on the first Wednesday of each month or can provide a cake or two, please do not hesitate to contact me or come along and talk to the servers on the day.

Anthony Tucker

8. Bell ringers

The bells are available to be rung and we are now to have a regular Monday night group who require a more challenging set of bells such as Wappenham's where the bell ropes are of a good length.

Michael Bath

The 2018 - 2019 Annual Report

Of the Parochial Church Council

For the Parish of

St. John the Evangelist Church, Whitfield



**The Astwell Benefice Church APCM meeting, 24th April 2019.
Venue: The Village Hall, Wappenham, Towcester, NN12 8SG,
commencing at 7.45pm**

St. John the Evangelist Church, Whitfield

Content

1. Vestry Meeting

Minutes of Previous Vestry Meeting 2017/18

Apologies received:

Results of Elections April 2018:

Representative(s)	Claire Bonner Susan Timmis
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Electoral Roll Officer:	Claire Bonner
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2. 2019 Nomination of: Representative(s)

Appointment of:	Electoral Roll Officer
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St. John the Evangelist Church, Whitfield

BRICC REPORT

(Building, Repairs, Insurance and Contents Committee)

Including additional activities related to the Church

1. Church Representative(s) Report

The BRICC committee has met 3 times during the year. There are 7 members of the committee. Members of the Friends and Fete committee have also attended for views on completion of the Benefice Profile and organising fund raising events.

A faculty application was applied for and granted for reservation of a grave space. Details held on file.

Claire Bonner
BRICC Chair

1.1 Fabric - Repairs and Maintenance

No major repairs have been undertaken in 2018.

We have service contracts for the annual service and repairs to the Organ, and the Fire extinguishers and safety check.

A verbal risk assessment survey was carried out by Ecclesiastical Insurance, which recommended Electrical and Lightning conductor certificates to be completed, locking the Church during the hours of darkness, safe use of portable heaters and no storage of fuel at the church.

Arch Deacon Richard Ormston visited the Church in August, to inspect the registers and offer advice prior to the interregnum he also recommended keeping a Log book to record maintenance works small and large.

1.2 Services

In May the new service pattern was introduced across the Benefice. Services in Whitfield were reduced to a Communion service on the fifth Sunday of the month i.e. 3 times a year plus festival services. A very successful Songs of Praise service was held in May to celebrate our Patronal Festival, with hymns chosen by parishioners, a duet and readings. A similar format was used for the Harvest Festival. The Act of Remembrance service was held in the churchyard with a special display of poppies made by the Craft group to mark 100 years since the end of WWII. A welcome return of the Christingle service on Christmas Eve was well attended. As was the Carol service and Communion on Christmas Day.

1.3 Summary & Thanks

We are very grateful for all help and support from parishioners and friends in running and maintaining services and the building.

Thank you to Rev. Carole Peters-King for her work during her term in the Astwell Benefice. Rev Carole resigned at the beginning of September to take up a position in Salisbury Cathedral. Huge thanks to Wiggy Smith who has taken the helm during the ensuing interregnum with care, dedication and good humour! Many thanks also to Bill and Judith who were instrumental in putting together the Benefice Profile and guiding us through all the official forms and documents to Sarah Rudkin for her organisation, Pew News, and the added task of booking Priests to cover services.

Thank you to The Friends of St John who organise social events and raise money for the Fabric of the Church.

Special thanks to Hilary Walton, Juliet Shepherd-Smith and Amy Sullivan for the Fete, and the Walton family for opening up their garden to host the event.

Thank you to Sara and Ian Chapple for all they do in the Churchyard, and the Bell Tower. Thank you to the teams of cleaners, readers, flower arrangers, Sacristans, Sidesmen, Ringers, mowers and all the other people who are just there to help when needed.

Claire Bonner & Susan Timmis
Church Representatives

2. Electoral Roll

St. John the Evangelist, Whitfield New Electoral Roll for the Year 2019/2020

The Electoral Roll was due for renewal in 2019. A letter and application form was sent to members of the 2018 Roll inviting them to re-enrol.

5 members have moved away and 4 members have not re-applied.

William Thomas ADAMS	Whitfield
Linda Evelyn ADAMS	Whitfield
Claire Elizabeth BONNER	Whitfield
John C S M BRISBY QC	Whitfield
Robin Edward DIGBY	Whitfield
Janet DIGBY	Whitfield
William James DODD	Whitfield
Dorothy DODD	Whitfield
Gloria Joyce GARDNER	Whitfield
Nicholas GOODWIN	Rugby
Carol RHODES	Whitfield
Jane RYMELL	Whitfield
Wendy PROCTER	Whitfield
Jonathan SAYERS	Whitfield
Peter STUBBS	Whitfield
Betty May STUBBS	Whitfield
Susan Yvonne TIMMIS	Whitfield
Nicholas TOWERS	Whitfield
Jane TOWERS	Whitfield
Brenda Joan WALLACE	Whitfield

Total - 20 names

Claire Bonner
Electoral Roll Officer

Additional activities related to the Church

3. Whitfield Tower

There is very little change since last year. Sara and Ian Chapple are active ringers, and Bo Wallace and Jo Taylor ring but only for services. We have to ask ringers from elsewhere to give us a full service band.

Practices are flourishing with regular attenders from Brackley, Lois Weedon, Evenley and sometimes Marston St Lawrence. Without this support practices would stop. However Ian and Sara support practices elsewhere.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find bands for weddings within the Culworth Branch. To date there are 27 weddings to cover in 2019, between Brackley, Whitfield, Lois Weedon, Wappenham, Aynho and Kings Sutton. There are at least two clashes of time between the three 8 bell towers, (16 ringers required at one time). Without more recruits able to give good quality ringing, the time is coming when we shall be unable to ring for some weddings.

4. Whitfield Churchyard

As always thanks go to the band of willing helpers. The mowing rota comprises Sara and Ian Chapple, Bill Dodds, Mark Rowland, Roy Spittal, Jo Taylor, Ian Timmis. Mark is hoping to move away, but someone else has said that they may be able to join the team. In addition Bill has kept the hedges trimmed and tidy.

Early in the year we had a team in to reduce the extent of the branches in the copper beech. They were reaching over the roofs of the two adjoining cottages, causing concern.

Pam and Mark Vallis have recently trimmed back some of the shrubbery which is close to their kitchen window, and we have now taken the lilacs even further down to encourage them to sprout from nearer the base. At the same time the dying elms behind the war memorial were removed and burned, and some of the top heavy ivy on the box tree removed. Yew trees have been recently trimmed, and we hope to give them a more frequent "haircut", to improve their shape and appearance. One yew tree has been taken back to its base. It was spreading too far, and too big to tie back in. It will be encouraged to form a new neater pillar.

The horse chestnut planted as a memorial to Andrew Bell is now badly diseased and recently a large branch fell off. The tree will probably have to be cut right down. The Bell family is aware of this and would like to provide a new tree (probably an almond) in a different position.

Sara Chapple

5. Friends of St. John the Evangelist Church, Whitfield

5.1 Funding Position

The balance in the bank account on 1 January 2018 was £8,661.25, providing a reserve for work required to the church. During the year £1,050.00 was incurred in respect of tree maintenance in order to prevent a risk of damage to neighbouring properties. A further £80 was required for organ repairs.

We are still awaiting the Quinquennial Review which has the potential to use up any funds very quickly.

5.2 Events

The annual quiz in January as ever was a very enjoyable evening, once again devised and organised by Sue Timmis. Ian Timmis presented the questions with his customary aplomb and a net amount of £88 went into the coffers.

In June we held a splendid cheese and wine evening with first rate food, drink and company. It was such a warm day that quite a lot of the event took place outside at the front of the village hall. Net proceeds of £106.87 were raised.

5.3 Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the staunch members of the committee for their hard work during the year, together with the loyal band of helpers who are always willing to join in and contribute time and effort whenever needed.

Nick Towers
Treasurer

6. Whitfield Charities

6.1 The Charities Trustees Meeting was held on 27th November 2018 at The Old Rectory, Whitfield. Present were Tim Walton – Chairman, Stephen Brooker – Treasurer, Sue Timmis, Bo Wallace, Shelia Brownsell, Claire Bonner, Linda Adams

Current Committee members were reappointed at the Village Meeting held at the Village Hall earlier in the year. It was agreed to approach others in the parish as potential replacement committee members in the future.

As applications to the Charities have dwindled in recent years it was discussed how the money could be used. Charity Commission details for the 3 Charities were examined and it was agreed money could be spent throughout Northamptonshire provided we adhere to the principles of each Charity.

It was agreed to; 1)Spend what is earned 2)Prioritise need 3)Distribute within the parish first, expanding to Brackley if necessary. Treasurer's report is held on file.

6.2 Awards

Forest Allotment

6 awards were made ranging in size from £250 to plants and festive gifts.

In addition awards were made to Brackley Food Bank, and Livability. With the option of another award after further investigations to identify potential recipient Charities.

Listers

No applications at present

Old School

3 one-off gifts of bibles were made to children under the age of 5 who have lived in the village for more than a year.

Tim Walton
Chairman

7. St John's Coffee Morning, 2019

Our monthly coffee morning, held on the first Tuesday of every month, has been well attended throughout the year.

We are still saving our 5p pieces into a beautiful Dimple bottle which has already paid for a toilet in Burundi for the price of £60 which is twinned with the Village Hall toilet through the Tear fund 'toilet twining' charity. We are now aiming to pay for a block of four for a school and are well on our way to the £240 required for this.

£150 was paid for the hire of the VH from September 2018 to August 2019

We held a MacMillan coffee morning in October and this raised £227

Thank you to everyone who helps with the baking of delicious cakes and setting up and clearing up the village hall.

Sue Timmis
Representative