

## **Astwell Benefice Church**

The open meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> voted with a more than 2/3 majority to keep the Benefice PCC Structure and BRICCs we have been working with over the last 3 years.

The BPCCC will endeavour to have better communications. All parishes are most welcome to give input to the BPCCC via their parish representatives/Church Wardens.

## **Social & Fundraising Events:**

The Barn Dance in August was a huge success, enjoyed by the 70 people attending and raising over £1000. There are plans to have another next year and we have room for at least 50 more people!

The committee would very much welcome any ideas for events and any new committee members – contact Sheena Warren or your church warden.

## **Finance**

At the end of September we will have contributed another £13,000 to the Diocese bringing our total so far to over £40,000 out of the £57,500 we promised this year.

Church Wardens & Revd. Diane will meet to revise the formula for allocating the share.

## **Pastoral Care**

Revd Diane and Wiggy need more input about folk who need or would value pastoral care visits. To this end, all BRICCS will be asked to add Pastoral Care to their agendas at each meeting so that they can share any needs to be passed back to the committee.

Frank Hunter agreed to join the committee to represent Lois.

## **Worship**

We have planned services for October and November, including Harvests and Remembrance. BRICCS will decide how they want to celebrate Harvest locally.

See dates on back page.

## **Safeguarding**

Our safeguarding officer is working on Safeguarding for the new Children's services in Helmdon. Some BPCCC members need to complete their training.

## **Mission**

It is important that all members of our churches recognise that they are part of representing the church in the community. We should value and celebrate all that we do and share ideas together. Revd Diane will be circulating a questionnaire in the near future to share ideas.

**The Hope Centre** runs are going smoothly. If you would like to know more about helping with this important work please contact Malcolm Orr-Ewing.

Each **BRICC** gave a report. Everyone is glad to be back to services and singing.

Please ask Church Wardens /Representatives if you would like to see full reports.

## Dates

### Harvest:

Wappenham Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 11:15am

Syresham October 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am

Helmdon October 10<sup>th</sup> 10am

Whitfield October 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Lois Weedon October 17<sup>th</sup> 11am

All Souls Helmdon Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 4pm

### Remembrance Day - November 14th

Helmdon 10am & 10:40 (Memorial)

Lois Weedon 10:55am in Church

Wappenham 10am (includes communion)

Syresham 10:50am @ Stone

Whitfield 10:50am @ Memorial

### Helmdon

24 October - Car Treasure Hunt

21 November - Concert by the Wilson and Wakeman Band

11 December - Christmas Fair

29 January - Church Race

26 February - Pancake Day

For further dates see

<https://www.astwellparishes.org.uk/parishes>

## BPCC Members

Chair: Revd Diane

Lay Chair: Bill Elkington

Lay Readers: Wiggy Smith

Paul Stothard

Safeguarding: Rachel Wheeler

Finance: Alice Palmer

Communications: Judith Elkington

Minutes: Sarah Rudkin

Fundraising: Sheena Warren

Helmdon: Ann Netten

LoisWeedon: Frank Hunter & Mike Streten

Syresham: Malcolm Orr-Ewing

Wappenham: Peter Oliver & Edwin King

Whitfield: Sue Timmis & Claire Bonner



## BPCC update

*Your Benefice PCC has been at work. Here are some highlights of what the various committees have been doing and discussing on your behalf.*

September 2021

*Please feed any comments, encouragement or problems back through your Church Warden.*