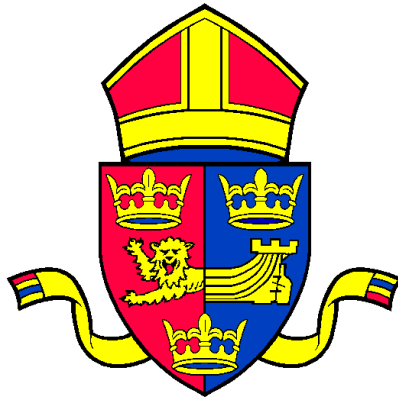


**The
Diocese
of
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich**



**Annual Report
of the
Parochial Church Council
of
All Saints Church
Hacheston
Suffolk
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Church: All Saints, Hacheston, Woodbridge, Suffolk. IP13 0DR

Incumbent: The Revd Ann Kember
14 St Peter's Close
Charsfield
Woodbridge
IP13 7RG

Safeguarding Officer: Lesley Bensley
The Firs
Marlesford
Woodbridge
IP13 0AT

Bankers: Barclays Until October 2023.
4 Church Street,
Woodbridge
IP12 1DJ
Application for new account now with CAF Bank

Examiner: Mrs Carol Parry AMA CTA
Quoit House
Church Road
Marlesford
Woodbridge
IP13 0AT

2. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England, which operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

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

Members are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular church attenders are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

In addition to the Annual Vestry and APC meetings on 28th May the PCC met on 16th March, 17th October following a joint Benefice meeting and 17th December. In between there was discussion and agreement by e mail on three occasions. Copies of all the minutes/notes are in the minute book.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Priest in Charge

The Revd Ann Kember

Wardens

Vacancy
Acting warden Kaye Dawe

Deanery Synod Representative

Vacancy

Elected Members

Graeme Hall (Vice Chairman)
Michael Dawe (Secretary, Treasurer).
Mrs Hazel Woodard (Electoral Roll Officer)

Standing Committee

The Revd Ann Kember
Michael Dawe

Fabric Sub Committee

Kaye Dawe

Church Membership

Electoral Roll (April 2023)

Resident	10
Non-Resident	2

Average Weekly Service Attendance

Adult	10
Young Persons	0

4. HACHESTON REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023

4.1 The Life of the Church

People

The event of the year was the licensing at Brandeston in July of Ann Kember as our part time incumbent. Until then as we did not have our own Parish Elder to take the services, we were dependent on the services of a very kind group of retired clergy and local Elders. Our heartfelt thanks go therefore to Mary Baker, John Bradfield, Deirdre Parmenter, Jane Woodbury-Eggins and John Hare.

As last year, although Kaye and Michael Dawe no longer live in the village, they were nevertheless prepared to continue to assist with the day to day running and maintenance of the church and will continue to do so until successors can be found.

During the year Hazel Woodard indicated that she would stand down in 2024 but agreed to continue to help with day to day cleaning and setting up/clearing down before/after services.

At the Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings in March and April Graeme Hall was elected as Vice Chairman, Michael Dawe as Secretary/Treasurer, Hazel Woodard as Electoral Roll Officer and Kaye Dawe was elected to the PCC.

Church cleaning has been done by Kaye Dawe and Hazel Woodard and, until she completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award, Imogen Hall.

Flowers were done by Kaye Dawe, Angela Hurlock, Sarah Mackenzie, Pat Chandler and Hazel Woodard.

The management of the churchyard does not get any easier but with the help of Simon Allsop, Peter Etheridge and Pat Chandler we were able to keep most of it under control.

Fundraising continued with Kaye Dawe making and selling Jam and marmalade. She was also greatly assisted in this by Tina Hayward at Brick Kiln camp site who was able to persuade many of her clients to buy some to take home.

Services

For the earlier part of the year we were able to maintain a fairly regular service pattern - one Sunday Holy Communion and one Sunday Morning Prayer. But from July onwards we were only able to hold, with Parham, a monthly Holy Communion.

On Mothering Sunday a family service followed by refreshments was held in the Village Hall.

On Palm Sunday we provided refreshments in the Village Hall for the Palm Sunday Benefice procession followed by a service of Holy Communion in the church.

We hosted a Benefice service in June; a Service of Remembrance (joint with Parham) in November and a carol service in December.

4.2 Finance Matters

Despite many months (10) of supplying them with increasing amounts of information, in October, for reasons known only to themselves, Barclays closed our account. After an abortive attempt to open a new one with the Co-op bank, we have been successful in opening one with CAF.

Main items of income

Collections

Collections and other giving amounted to £2,338.

Income tax/VAT recovered - £158

Donations

Donations have been received totalling £596 which includes a donation from Hacheston United Charity.

Fundraising.

£90 came from the marmalade and jam stall.

Miscellaneous

For use of the tower £851(for two years) from Fram Broad Band. £30 from The War Graves Commission.

Main items of expenditure

Church Insurance

The premium for the period October 2023 to September 2024 was £2,039.

Electricity

£544 – until October. Thereafter £346 paid privately (re-imbusement to be paid in 2024).

Repairs

£388 – guttering and bell chamber socket.

Day to day running costs

Clergy expenses, cost of services, upkeep of the churchyard, building maintenance and web site renewal costs amounted to £117.

NB. Parish Share.

Although we sent a cheque for £2500 to the Diocesan Board of Finance as our initial contribution for 2023, it was not presented for payment before the bank account was closed. We hope therefore to be in a position in 2024 to make this good.

4.3 Fabric

The Church. The fabric of the church has been maintained and cleaned, the annual maintenance for fire extinguishers was completed and gutters cleared.

The Tower. Mainly for financial reasons we have still not managed to proceed with the proposed project to re-locate the flagpole to make access easier. This will be carried forward into 2024. In Hacheston there are six ringers who have reached the level of skill required to ring for Sunday services.

Bell ringing practice sessions are held in Hacheston church tower on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month with a reasonable turnout, and bells are rung for services. Whilst we can normally muster a band we would welcome anybody who would like to learn the art of bell ringing.

The highlight for the year was ringing on the morning of the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla.

The Churchyard. In the absence of sufficient financial resources and personnel, the maintenance of the churchyard has had to be restricted. With the exception of the grass in the areas immediately adjacent to the driveway, most of the churchyard has been allowed to “rewild”. The roadside hedge has been cut by a contractor. Discussions with our neighbours were also held regarding overhanging and dead trees which in time would need attention.

4.4 Policies

Health and Safety; Safeguarding; Child Protection; Fire; Data Protection; Risk Management; Disability; Social Media.

All the above policies have been reviewed and updated by the Fabric Committee as necessary and adopted by the PCC.

On behalf of the PCC

----- Chairman -----Date