

PCC Secretary 's Report for 2017-18 for the Parish Annual Meeting on April 19th 2018

The Elected Members from the 2017 APCM were Mrs Caroline Brown, Mr Chris Frost, Miss Joan Packer, Mr Bill Taunton, Mr Andy Ng, Mrs Sally Hargest and Mrs Celia Evans.

Rev'd Becky Mathew was our Chair until she left on July 24th and then our lay Chair from July 25th onwards was Miss Joan Packer

There have been a total of 7 PCC meetings during the year of 2017 and many thanks to all the PCC members for helping to looking after the beautiful church of St Mary's.

We had a Quinquennial Report at the start of 2017 which raised a few minor repairs and suggested we should have an inspection of the roof timbers.

Other topics of discussion at several meetings were the cost of our very high energy bills, pruning some of the trees in the Churchyard, having an electrical test done and other priority repairs.

We have suggested starting up a "Friends of..." group to see if we can gain even more support for the Church.

In July we entered an Interregnum and during August we had several meetings to put together our Parish Profile which was done by September. Thanks to all the members of St Mary's for their work during this time and also to all of the priests who came and led our services.

We have been working towards a lease of the Parish hall to the Parish Council and the Heads of Terms have been agreed. We are now at the solicitor level.

We have paid more of our Parish Share by the end of 2017 but still fell short of the total.

Events for St Mary's have included- The fete (St Mary's having two thirds of the profit) on June 10th, the Ride and Stride in the autumn, the Churchyard clear up that took place on October 28th, the Carol Concert fund raiser on December 9th and the Quiz in the Tythe Barn. Thank you to all who took part or helped.

The year 2017 ended in a better financial position than the previous year but we still need to make further progress.

We are now looking forward to the future, starting with the licensing of our new vicar, Rev'd Peter Wright, on April 17th.

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