

ST ANDREWS CHURCH WHILTON

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

St Andrews Church situated in the centre of the village of Whilton, Northamptonshire is one of the six churches within the benefice known as the Spencer Benefice and is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, Main Street, Great Brington, Northamptonshire NN7 4JB.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 2014 and were re-elected or elected at the APCM in April 2015 until the date that this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Revd Sue Kipling	Chairman
Churchwarden	Jon Brierley	
Treasurer	Jon Brierley	
Elected Members	Phil Grant	
	Trish Wood	
	Linda Treacy	

Objectives and Activities.

St Andrews PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the Ecclesiastical parish the mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building. The church membership, the Warden and PCC all being part of the wider benefice, works in conjunction with the other parishes of the benefice.

Achievements and Performance.

Church Attendance

There are 29 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll all but 4 resident within the parish. The average attendance counted during October 2015 was 10 but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the Year.

The PCC met 4 times during the year with average attendance of 80%.

The service schedule provides a joint Benefice service on the first Sunday of the month, the location moving round the benefice. On the remaining Sundays of each month St Andrews had either Holy Communion with Hymns, Worship for All or Evening Praise.

There have been 3 funeral and memorial services.

Fabric.

The organ, fire extinguishers and clock have all had their annual maintenance

Churchyard.

The churchyard is kept tidy and mown and the small conservation area maintained. We are very grateful for the continued work of Roy Haynes in maintaining the churchyard to such a high standard.

Bellringers

Monday evening ringing practices are continuing when possible and we welcome our friends from Fawsley when they can come and also a ringer from Norton in the later part of the year. In February the evening ringing of the Daventry branch meeting was held here at St Andrews and on March 8th and December 13th some members of the branch rang a 1/4 peal. On May 9th we rang for the National V.E Day celebration weekend. We have also rang for weddings in Brington and Norton. The year closed with ringing for both the village carol service and Christmas day.

During the year we have welcomed visitors from the area of East Anglia Bucks, Beds, Sussex, Somerset and Northampton churches.