

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, AUSTWICK

DIocese of LEEDS

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2016**

MISSION STATEMENT

**TO SERVE THE WHOLE OF OUR PARISH AND
CHURCHES THROUGH FAITHFUL PRAYER,
THROUGH CHRIST'S PRESENCE AND
INVOLVEMENT IN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY,
AND THROUGH THE SHARING OF THE GOOD
NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE IN JESUS'**



PARISH WALKS HAVE BEEN A REGULAR WELL SUPPORTED EVENT OVER THE YEAR INCLUDING THE PRIMROSE WALK WHICH INVOLVED VISITORS FROM ST JOHN'S BOWLING. THESE INVOLVE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND HAVE REMAINED AN EXCELLENT METHOD OF SOCIAL INTERACTION.

CHURCH SERVICES

ALL OF THE MAJOR SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY WERE WELL ATTENDED. EASTER, HARVEST AND THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES, THE NATIVITY SERVICE, VARIOUS CAROL SERVICES, THE CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB SERVICE ALL OF WHICH BRING A WIDER AUDIENCE INTO THE CHURCH.

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES INCLUDING THE SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE, WHICH PROVIDES A CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE FOR BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES, HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE CONGREGATION.

AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES INVOLVING THE SCHOOL ARE SUPPORTED BOTH BY PARENTS AND THE WIDER CONGREGATION.

AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY BISHOP NICK JOINED US FOR A SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE WHICH WAS ALSO VERY WELL ATTENDED.

ELDROTH'S QUIET AND REFLECTIVE TAIZE SERVICES WERE POPULAR AND THE NATIVITY PLAY WHICH INCLUDED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED BY THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

SOCIAL/FUND RAISING

THE SOCIAL/FUND RAISING EVENTS KEEP US IN TOUCH WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY WELL SUPPORTED OVER THE YEAR. HELP COMES NOT JUST FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY BUT THE WIDER COMMUNITY, THE WI, THE CRAFT GROUP AND THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP TO NAME BUT A FEW CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENTS HELD THROUGH THE YEAR. ALL OF THE SOCIAL EVENTS BRING THE CHURCH INTO CONTACT WITH THE WHOLE VILLAGE, THE PARISH WALKS, THE WINE CLUB ARE ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION.

THE RESULTING FUND RAISING FROM THE MAJOR EVENTS ARE LISTED BELOW, THE TOTAL SUM OF MONEY RAISED, AFTER EXPENSES WAS £3478 IN ADDITION TO THIS THE VICAR'S SPONSORSHIP EVENT RAISED A FURTHER £2,610. WE CAN ONLY CONGRATULATE AND THANK EVERYONE THAT ASSISTS IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.

STREET MARKET	£590
BURNS NIGHT	£320
CAROLS AND MULLED WINE	£408
CHRISTMAS FAYRE	£1,143
SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES	£465
OTHERS	£552

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

CANON GREENHALGH CONDUCTED 3 WEDDINGS OVER THE YEAR AT AUSTWICK AND SINCE RECEIVING ITS LICENCE 7 WEDDINGS AT ELDROTH, BOOKINGS FOR 2017 REMAIN CONSISTENT. WEDDINGS CONTINUE TO BRING CHURCH INTO CONTACT WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND COUPLES MARRIED IN OUR CHURCH KEEP COMING BACK TO US FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS OR EVEN MOVE INTO THE AREA AND BECOME PART OF OUR LONG TERM CONGREGATION.

THE FEE INCOME FOR THE YEAR FROM WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS WAS £4066.

CHARITABLE GIVING

THE FUNDS RAISED ALLOW US IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING SHARE CONTRIBUTION AND THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE TO MAKE CHARITABLE DONATIONS. OVER THE YEAR £6610 WAS DONATED TO CHARITIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THIS FIGURE INCLUDES COLLECTIONS ARISING FROM FUNERALS, WHERE THE CHURCH ACTED AS A 'CONDUIT' TO PASS ON THE DONATIONS TO A NOMINATED CHARITY/ORGANISATION. THE MAJOR CATEGORIES SUPPORTED BY THIS WERE:

CHILDREN (INCLUDING AUSTWICK SCHOOL)	£2461
HEALTH	£584
CHRISTIAN CHARITIES	£1242
OTHER	£2324

PLEASE NOTE CHRISTIAN CHARITIES INCLUDES FUNDS RAISED FOR CHRISTIAN AID WHICH ARE NO LONGER INCLUDED IN THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

FABRIC

DUE TO THE WATER INGRESS FROM THE WEST GABLE OF THE CHURCH AN INSPECTION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE DIOCESAN ARCHITECT & WORK WAS UNDERTAKEN TO REPAIR THE BELL TOWER AND COPINGS TO THE WEST GABLE. TO DATE THE WORK HAS SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED ANY FURTHER WATER PENETRATION.

THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BAPTISTERY AND BIER ROOM HAS OBTAINED THE RELEVANT FACULTY AND GONE THROUGH AND PASSED PLANNING, WORK IS DUE TO COMMENCE EARLY 2017.

THE QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR. THE ISSUES RAISED EQUATE TO COSTS OF £3,000 OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS AND A FURTHER £6,750 WITHIN THE NEXT 24 MONTHS.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

WE SHOW A DEFICIT IN FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR OF £3098 FOLLOWING A SURPLUS OF £4,458 IN 2015 PRINCIPALLY CREATED BY THE PRELIMINARY SPENDING ON THE BUILDING PROJECT AND THE REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR VOLUNTARY GIVING (INCLUDING TAX RECOVERED UNDER GIFT AID) WAS £30,423, A 2.4% INCREASE ON 2015 (£29,706) WE CONTINUE TO BE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OFFERED.

PARISH SHARE FOR THE YEAR OF £32,341 (£31,800 – 2015) WAS PAID IN FULL.

FULL PAYMENT OF THE PARISH SHARE HAS BEEN ENABLED BY VOLUNTARY GIVING AND SUPPORTED BY FUND RAISING EVENTS.

PARISH SHARE FOR 2017 HAS BEEN ASSESSED AT £29,938 (£32,341-2015)

YEAR END FUNDS WERE £ 102,267 (£105,366 - 2015)

RETIREMENT

AS EVERYONE WILL BE AWARE CANON GREENHALGH IS DUE TO RETIRE AT THE END OF JULY 2017, THIS WILL THEREFORE BE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT FOR WHICH IAN WILL BE THE INCUMBENT.

THE PCC WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BOTH IAN AND MELANIE FOR BOTH THEIR SERVICE AND SUPPORT TO AUSTWICK CHURCH AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND GIVE THEMOUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

REPORT APPROVED BY THE PCC ON THE 6TH OF MARCH 2017
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE PCC CHAIRMAN CANON IAN
GREENHALGH

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THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IS SITUATED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE VILLAGE OF AUSTWICK.
IT IS PART OF THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS WITHIN THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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