St Mary-the-Virgin Church

Great Brickhill

Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 2015

The PCC are very grateful to

DAVID MARLOW

who has kindly taken the photos

used in this evening's presentation

The Annual Vestry Meeting

The Election of the Church Wardens

Christine Agambar

Val Beardmore-Baldwin

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th April 2014
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4. Elections:
 - a). Members of the PCC
 - b). Appointment of Independent Examiner 2015
 - c). Appointment of Sidesmen

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC

(Same as those who served in 2014)

Clare Amies Simon Bennett Phillipa Cook **David Duncombe** Angela Northen Margretta Smith Julia Turner Joy Wilson

LIST OF SIDESMEN

Clare Amies
Tim Amies
Chris Baker
Phillipa Cook
Betty Kinsey

5. Treasurer's Report including adoption of the Annual Report

- Accounts now done on Receipts and Payments basis
- Outside Giving £500
- Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 10.1% of Income Received
- The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £90 per day, excluding any major restoration costs

PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment for 2014 paid in full:-£21,724

> Parish Share for 2015:-£22,267

6. ELECTORAL ROLL

7. WARDENS' REPORT

THE NEW VIEW OF THE CHURCH



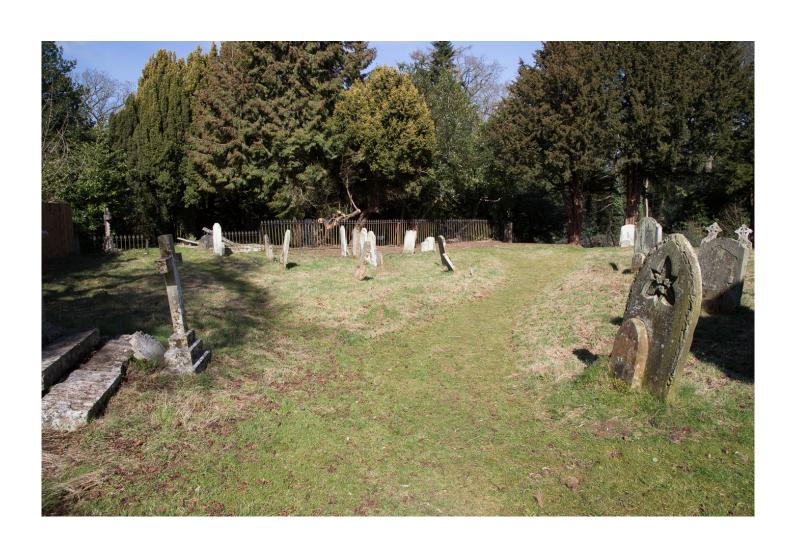
WORK IN PROGRESS ON THE BANK



THE CLEARING OF THE BANK



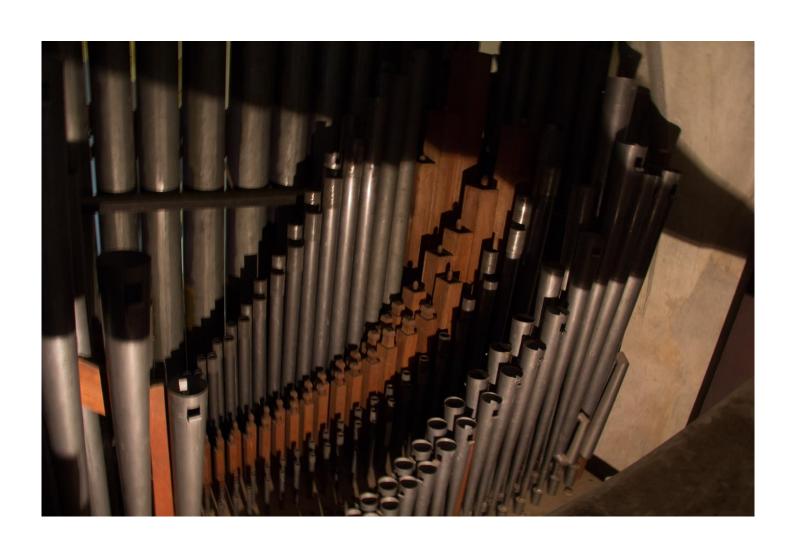
THE REAR OF THE CHURCHYARD



TUNING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORGAN



THE ORGAN PIPES



8. RECTOR'S REPORT

a). Mission

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b). Worshipping

THE NATIVITY SERVICE

Procession from the Old Red Lion followed by service in the Church

63 children & 90 adults

THE GATHERING AT THE NATIVITY



THE FINAL PREPARATIONS



THE PIPER LEADS THE WAY



THE NATIVITY SCENE



THE ANGELS SING



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE

50 children / **320** total

CHRISTMAS EVE



THE ENTRANCE



THE REHEARSAL



WELCOME!



THE CHURCH FILLS UP



FEW SEATS REMAIN



THE CANDLES ARE LIT



CAROL BY CANDLELIGHT



THE LAST CAROL



ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

Average weekly attendance on a <u>normal Sunday:- 25</u>

Average for Family Services (excluding special services e.g. baptisms):- 44

THE DOUBLE CHRISTENING



THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS



THE GATHERING AT THE FONT



MOTHER & BABY



WIDE-EYED!



THE CANDLE BEARERS



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c). Gathering

A VISIT TO SEE SANTA



HIGH ASH CHOIR AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR



SANTA'S HELPERS AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2014:- £1941

SNOWDROP WALK 2015:- £1025

PLANT FAYRE 2015:- £2637













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d). Giving

i). Giving of Time

Volunteers contribution to church life

THE CHOIRMASTER



THE CHOIR REHEARSE



THE RINGERS PREPARE



THE RINGING ROOM



THANK YOU COFFEE MORNING

80 Invitations to people who help on various church rota – **50** attendees

(E-mail contact list:- 72 people)

THE "THANK YOU" CAKE



ii). Financial Giving

Direct giving by the PCC:

- Annual Giving
- Support in 2014 to High Ash School (POP UK)
- & in 2015 to the Youth Cafe

Support for Outside Charities incl:-

- Christian Aid
- Poppy Appeal
- Christmas Charity Ebola Appeal

THE YOUTH CAFE



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e). Opening

NEW EVENT:-

HAPPY CUP COFFEE CLUB

Monday Mornings, 9.15 – 11.15am

ALL WELCOME!

THE HAPPY CUP COFFEE CLUB



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f). Thanksgiving – and Challenge

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS