

**St Mary-the-Virgin Church**

**Great Brickhill**

**Annual Church Meeting**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Thank you 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**

*Julia Turner*

# **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015**
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Elections:-**
  - a). Members of the PCC**
  - b). Appointment of Independent Examiner 2016**
  - c). Appointment of Sidesmen**

# **NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC**

*Phillipa Cook*

*Mary Maley*

*Angela Northen*

*Margretta Smith*

*Joy Wilson*

# **LIST OF SIDESMEN**

*Clare Amies*

*Chris Baker*

*Phillipa Cook*

*Betty Kinsey*

*We would like more – please consider  
volunteering for this role*

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

- **Accounts prepared on Receipts and Payments basis**
- **Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 13% of Income Received**
- **The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £97 per day, excluding any major restoration costs**

# PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment for 2015 paid in full:-

£22,267 (4.7% increase)

Parish Share for 2016:-

£22,955 (further increase of 3%)



## **6. ELECTORAL ROLL**

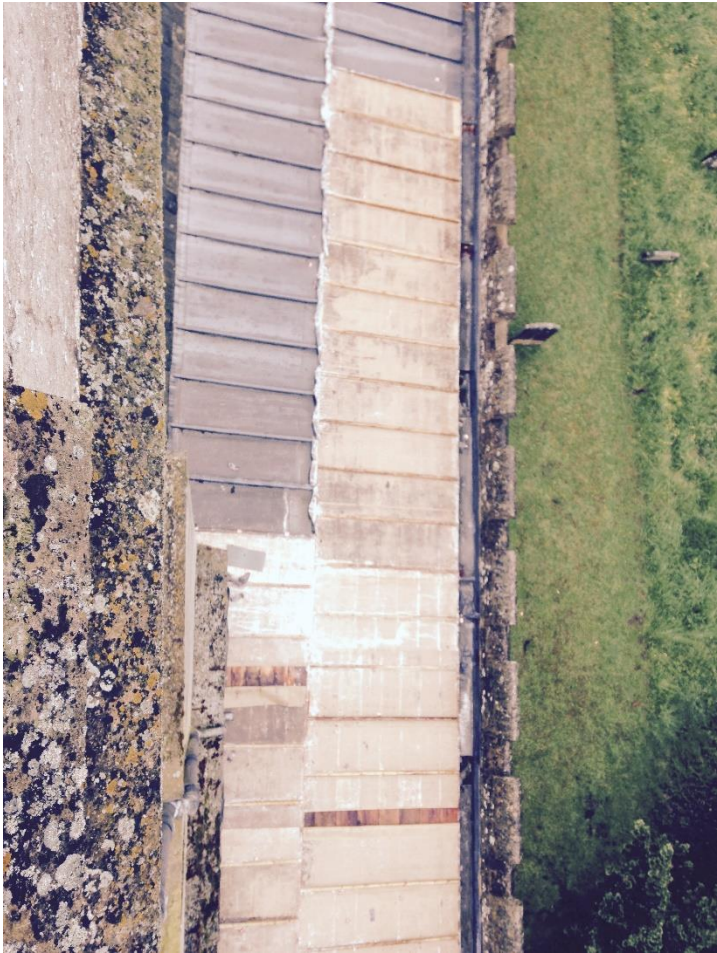
**No. on Roll at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015:- 54**

# **7. WARDENS' REPORT**

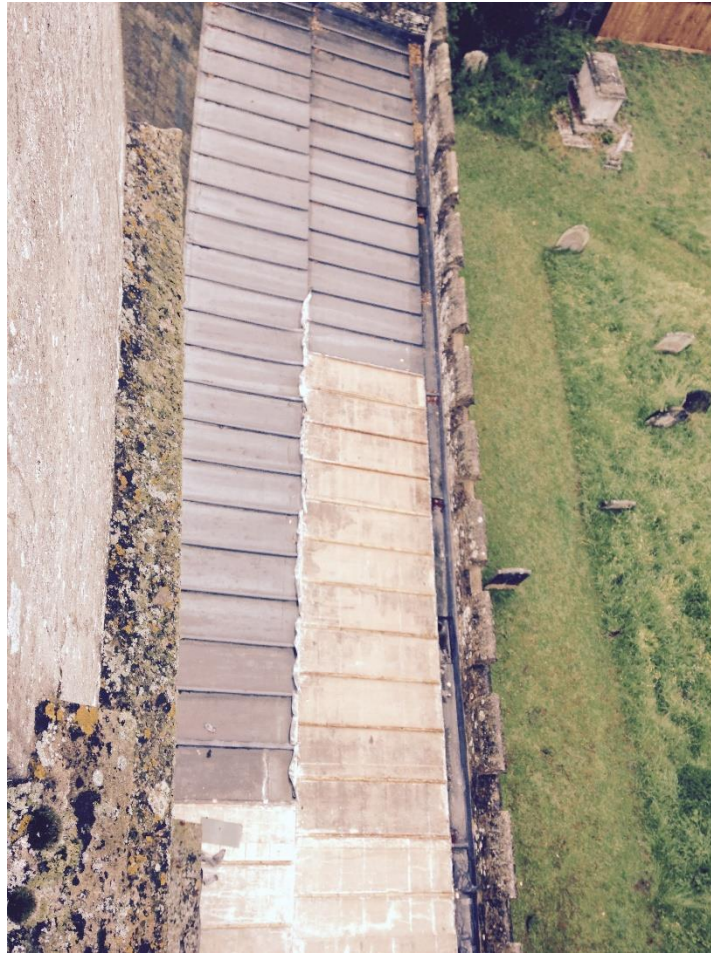
# LOOKING UP AT THE CHURCH ROOF



# THE THEFT OF LEAD FROM THE ROOF - 1



## THE THEFT OF LEAD FROM THE ROOF - 2



# THE LADY CHAPEL IN USE AT THE FAMILY SERVICE



# THE HAPPY COFFEE CLUB IN THE LADY CHAPEL



## **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **a). Thanksgiving**



# ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

Average weekly attendance on  
a normal Sunday:- 24

Average for Family Services (excluding  
special services e.g. baptisms):- 35

# THE CONGREGATION



## A WILLING VOLUNTEER FOR THE CHOIR



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2015:- £1904

SNOWDROP WALK 2016:- £1330

PLANT FAYRE 2016:- £2216

# THANKS FROM JOHN & PAULINE



# **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

## **b). Mission**

# THE NATIVITY SERVICE

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

32 children & 87 adults

# THE NATIVITY - START OF THE PROCESSION





# “MARY & JESUS”



# THE NATIVITY SERVICE



# **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**40 children / 270 total**

# THE CHURCH ON ARRIVAL



# THE CANDLES ARE LIT



# THE LAST CAROL



# A FAMILY SERVICE WITH BAPTISM



# THE GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN





# THE BAPTISMAL VOWS



# **Giving to Mission by the PCC**

**Direct giving to mission by the PCC:**

- Support in 2015 to Youth Cafe**
- In 2016 to the Bridgebuilder Trust**

## **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **c). Social Life**

**There is always a need for cakes and cake sellers!**



# SUMMER CONCERT & GARDEN PARTY



# THE SANDS CRYERS CHOIR



# IN AID OF St MARY'S & MACMILLAN NURSES



## **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **d). Practical Maintenance**



# THE TOWER CAPTAIN LOOKING AFTER THE BELLS



# PRACTICAL HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED!



# FLOWER ARRANGERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED



# **FINANCIAL GIVING:**

**Direct giving is always appreciated, whether small or large donations.**

**If at all possible, please make use of the Gift Aid scheme.**

# **VOLUNTEERS**

**There are over 80 people who help with various tasks around the church and churchyard but we are always looking for more volunteers!**

## **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **e). Spiritual Growth**

# THE LECTERN AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP



## WORSHIP AT A FAMILY SERVICE





## A FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY



# YORK COURSES

## the psalms prayers for today's church

- A five session ecumenical discussion course for groups with booklet, CD and transcript

If you want to:

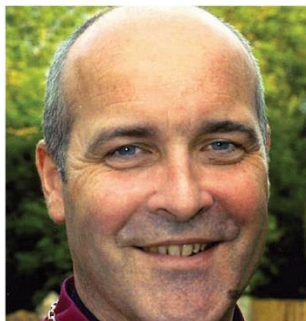
- learn more about the Christian faith
- tackle the biggest questions facing humanity
- examine your own beliefs, in fellowship with others

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## THE PSALMS PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

brings these leading Christian thinkers into your discussion group.

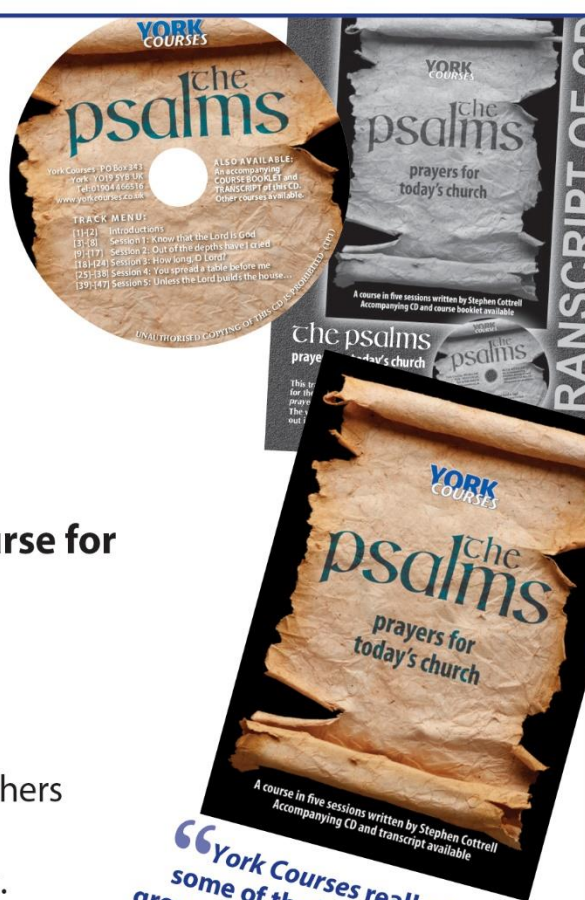
PARTICIPANTS on the course CD:



FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE  
DOMINICAN FRIAR



REVD JOHN BELL  
IONA COMMUNITY



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Church Times review

# **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**Lent Groups**  
**Home Groups**

**Could we do more??**

# **ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO PRAYER**

**“Thy Kingdom Come”  
May 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **8. RECTOR'S REPORT**

### **f). Challenge**

**Work on our mission  
and outreach**

**&**

**the core of our worship, prayer,  
spiritual life and growth**

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**The meeting will conclude with Compline,  
a short service of evening prayer**