Annual Parish Meeting

Great Brickhill

St Mary-the-Virgin Church

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Thank you to

DAVID MARLOW

who has kindly taken most of the photos used in this evening's presentation

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Formal Elections:-

- a). Church Wardens
- b). Deanery Synod Representatives (max 2)
- c). Members of the PCC (max 9)

(No changes from 2016)

CHURCH WARDEN

Julia Turner

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Jeremy Hopkinson

MEMBERS OF THE PCC

Phillipa Cook
Mary Maley
Angela Northen
Margretta Smith
Joy Wilson

Treasurer's Report including adoption of the Annual Report

- Accounts prepared on Receipts and Payments basis
- Surplus of £14k due to one very large donation
- Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 11% of Income Received
- The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £90 per day, excluding any major restoration costs. (£97 in 2015, reduction mainly due to new supplier for heating)

PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment for 2016 paid in full:-£22,955 (3.1% increase)

Parish Share for 2017:-£24,098 (further increase of 5%)

ELECTORAL ROLL

No. on Roll at 31st December 2016:- 52

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

Average weekly attendance on a normal Sunday has decreased: 20

Average for Family Services (excluding special services e.g. baptisms) is still very good:- 35. Thanks to Margretta Smith and Angela Northen for their help with this service.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS INCLUDING

SNOWDROP WALKS

HISTORY WEEKEND

THE NATIVITY

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

PLANT FAYRE

THE SNOWDROP WALKS ON



...... TWO SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY



MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SNOWDROPS



A TOTAL OF £1375 WAS RAISED



THE TWO RETIRING WARDENS



THE HISTORY WEEKEND INCLUDING



..... A SOCIAL EVENING WITH A TALK



THE OLD MAPS OF THE VILLAGE



THE NATIVITY PROCESSION



...... FOLLOWED BY THE NATIVITY TABLEAU



TRADITIONAL NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



TWO PARTS OF THE BENEFICE CHOIR



THE TWO MALE PARTS OF THE BENEFICE CHOIR



THE FINAL CAROL BY CANDLELIGHT



THE ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE



JUST A FEW OF THE PLANTS ON OFFER



ST MARY'S CAFÉ, A REAL "HIT" WITH VISITORS



THE AMOUNT RAISED, AN AMAZING £2730!



WARDEN'S REPORT

THEFT OF LEAD FROM ROOF

June 2015 – theft from north aisle

August 2016 – north west & south porch

October 2016 – south aisle

December 2016 – more from south aisle

January 2017 – remainder taken down

by us and disposed of

[It was hoped to fit an alarm to the roof in September but the permission was granted too late]

THE NORTH AISLE ROOF



THE SOUTH PORCH ROOF



THE SOUTH AISLE ROOF & PORCH



THE NORTH AISLE ROOF – TEMPORARY REPAIR



THE REMAING LEAD TAKEN DOWN - BY US!!



CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

New national churchyard regulations came into force on 1st January 2017

These have been adopted by the Parish Council

EVENTS FOR 2017

** MONTHLY LADIES WHO LUNCH

** BRICKSTOCK 2017, 28th May

** JULY - Possible Craft Sunday

** SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - Harvest

Celebration with the Archdeacon

** SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER - Auction

of Promises (guest auctioneer: Charlie Ross)

BRICKSTOCK - CRICKET FIELD - SUNDAY 28th MAY Family Service at 11.00am in a Marquee Teas & Raffle



THE NEW FACILITIES

An update re the additional facilities:

- new architect appointed
- feasibility study carried out
- necessary surveys being done

THANK YOU

There are over 80 people who help with various tasks around the church and churchyard – we could not run the church without this help

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE, EITHER FINANCIALLY OR WITH THEIR TIME