

Administration Information

St Michael & All Angels Church is situated off Sutton Lane in Elton-on-the-Hill. It is part of the single parish of Wiverton-in-the-Vale in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. Elton's 2 representatives, Miss Mary Mackie and Mrs Pam Powell, have between them managed to attend all of the PCC Meetings of the Wiverton in the Vale PCC over the year.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating and promoting the ecclesiastical parish for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and associated property.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 128 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for parish of Wiverton in the Vale, 7 of whom are in Elton. The attendance in Elton during 2018 has increased slightly on previous years with the congregation averaging 7 attendees (approximately 10% of the village's population) excluding any special services. The increased congregations at Elton have been as a result of people coming from other churches within the single parish.

Harvest Festival attendees sadly continue to decline. The candlelit Carol Service with the choir remains Elton's most popular service. The service is well supported within the village, with 64 attendees including 11 children, the light refreshments served afterwards being much appreciated. There was no Easter service held in Elton this year, although Easter services were offered elsewhere within the parish. The attendance at 8.30 a.m. service on Christmas Day in Elton was down slightly this year with 22 attendees.

There were no baptisms, funerals or weddings held in Elton over this year.

Elton and Granby continue to share services during the year with bi-monthly services at Elton generally held on the fourth Sunday of the month, that is either Morning Prayer or Holy Communion, both BCP.

Review of the year

Apart from dealing with the day to day matters for all of the Wiverton churches at these PCC meetings there has been the added issue of handling matters whilst being interregnum since July. Work latterly has been on providing a Parish Profile with each church contributing to the working group allocated to the task. Specifically for Elton there has been discussion as to how best to serve Elton church in light of its diminishing congregations now that it has been agreed to reduce the number of services held in Elton to no less than 6 services in the year, including any festivals. The monthly service pattern now reflects this whilst the parish is currently interregnum.

Whilst the village pub/restaurant has been closed since December 2017 and is currently up for sale 3 of the village parish meetings have been held in the church, being our only community facility available.

Church Maintenance and Improvements

All of the external work identified in Elton's Quinquennial Review in January 2017 not requiring a faculty has been completed. In January 2018 following the advice of our church architect, Gordon Smith the stone entrance gate pillars were replaced. At the same time the leaning headstones in the churchyard were made safe.

Regular maintenance work has been carried out during the year, including tree and hedge maintenance, electrical checks, gutter and solar panel clearance, fire extinguisher checks and church clock servicing.

Our thanks to Don Masson and Robin Clarke for all their hard work ensuring that the churchyard is kept in such good order. Richard Hopkins again cut the church yew hedges; the section near Manor Lodge continues to recover slowly. Thanks also to Robin who together with Ailsa Fishwick kindly deliver the Wiverton news to everyone in the village.

Open Churches Weekend & Village Fete - Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 July 2018

The village held a fete in the churchyard on the Saturday afternoon of the open churches weekend. All the funds, £281.51 raised at the event will go towards the redecorating of the Vestry. In spite of the wonderful weather this year numbers coming to the village fete were down on previous years with fewer visitors to the church over the weekend. Thanks go to everyone who contributed to the event. Margaret Ellis and Barbara Sharman for their sterling work with the refreshments, Lucy Tweedie for her work with the produce stall, Sharon McDonough and all those who kindly baked for the stall. Chris and Barbara Sharman for all their help setting up the plant stall run by Mary Mackie. Tim and Pam Powell for helping to clear up afterwards. Thanks also to all those people who kindly manned the church over the weekend.

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Bike Ride – Saturday 8 September 2018

Once again Elton participated in this event. Our thanks to those who kindly helped support Mary Mackie by manning the church and welcoming visitors on the day. It is always a pleasure to meet those who come and participate in the event many of whom have now become regular visitors to Elton. Several of the visitors remarked on how warm, friendly and welcoming Elton church is and been fascinated by the historical elements found here.

Harvest Festival and Christmas

Thank you to all of those in the village who kindly decorated the church for Harvest Festival and Christmas, giving the church a truly wonderful festive feel and a lot of fun in the process. Individual invitations and a large banner on the church railings appear to have helped boost the numbers at Elton's popular candlelit carols service with 64 attendees including 11 children. Our thanks to the choir, who really help to make this special service. The mulled wine and mince pies afterwards proved popular as always.

Financial Review

As has been the pattern for a number of years Elton continues to run at a deficit with expenditure exceeding income in spite of fund raising events and income of £2,507 from investment dividends leaving accumulated losses for the year of £3,688. It is only thanks to the McLean legacy, restricted to Elton's use only, that Elton is able to meet its financial commitments as part of the single parish of Wiverton in the Vale.

Elton's PCC representatives would like to thank all those who have helped throughout the year; even if not specifically mentioned, their help is really appreciated in keeping Elton's Church running and cared for. A special thank you to all our home team without whom the church would not be able to function.