

# **REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF WIVERTON IN THE VALE**

## **APCM MEETING 29th APRIL 2019**

Appendix 3: All Saints Church, Granby

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### **Administration Information**

All Saints Church is situated at the cross roads of Sutton Lane, Plungar Road and Main Street in Granby. It is part of the single parish of Wiverton in the Vale in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. All Saints churchwarden, Mrs. Maureen Wright attended all the PCC meetings during 2018, due to hospitalisation has been unable to attend during 2019.

### **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 of the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC has the responsibility of promoting Bishop Paul's vision of Growing Disciples Wider, Younger and Deeper, by invitation, evangelism, house groups, pastoral and social contact. It also has a responsibility for maintenance of the church and the Rectory.

### **Church Attendance**

There are 128 parishioners on the Parish Electoral Roll 21 of whom are in Granby. The attendance in Granby during 2018 has averaged 10 attendees, but has risen for the Songs of Praise service to an average of 19 people.

Easter Holy Communion service was well supported having 23 adults plus 2 children.

Harvest Festival Service had 13 attendees.

The Carol Service was well attended having 50 adults and 6 children

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service had 22 attendees, which was lower than previous years but was expected as families had gone away for the holiday.

There were no weddings during the year, but have had 1 baptism and 1 funeral.

Granby and Elton continue to share services, Granby has Holy Communion service monthly and a bi-monthly Morning Worship these are held on the third and fourth weeks of the month.

The fifth Sunday of the month Granby has an evening Songs of Praise, this is a more informal service obviously open for all the parish.

### **Review of the year**

The PCC has worked hard to address matters of the individual churches as they arise. Since the beginning of the interregnum extra responsibilities needing to be undertaken by members who have ably achieved their tasks. More currently work has been centred around the production of the Parish Profile, with each church contributing to the working group which collated it all.

All Saints has been actively fund raising for the repair to the church tower and work identified in the last Quinquennial Inspection 2017. We have had individual donations from villagers, two donations from Christmas Cheer, a village quiz night, visiting bellringers, local funeral directors . We enjoyed the main village event last June on a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon looking round a choice of 17 open gardens in Granby and Sutton and enjoying tea and delicious cake, one garden encouraged visitors with bucks fizz and strawberries. We have received promises of grants from Nottinghamshire Historic churches and National Churches Trust, and four smaller trusts. During this period of fund raising we have been able to raise the profile of the church as a place not only for worship but friendship and fellowship, a quiet retreat of tranquility when needed.

Regular maintenance checks are up to date for the electrics including the emergency lighting, fire extinguisher checks, and the gutters have been cleared. The graveyard grass is cut by the borough council.

The repair work is scheduled to start on Tuesday 23rd April.

### **Open Churches Weekend**

All Saints had a small pictorial display of Granby and the church bells, quiet music playing and information sheets of the church history. There was someone in church all the time it was open to welcome visitors. Although the weekend was warm and dry our visitors numbers were very low. Thanks go to everyone who willingly gave up their time over this weekend.

### **Ride and Stride**

As is All Saints tradition we supported this event, although the church was not manned continuously. There were several visitors, some individuals, others travelling in groups. There was a couple from Lincolnshire casually looking round our villages who saw the banner outside church and stopped and spent time looking round the church and talking to the warden. They had not heard of Ride and Stride before, it was discussed whether advertising could cross county and diocesan borders in the future.

All Saints church warden sincerely thank the Home Team for their help and support throughout the year, also our organist Elizabeth Howard , and our very talented ladies who produce wonderful floral displays for the festival services, and to the ladies on the flower rota who decorate The Lord's Table on a weekly basis. I would not forget the ladies who give their time to keep our church clean and tidy, lastly thank you to the villagers who live in sight of our church who keep a watchful eye over it day by day.