

# Langar and Barnstone Report 2019

For Annual Parish Council Meeting April 2019

This report summarises aspects of St. Andrew's Langar and St. Mary's Barnstone. It covers mainly aspects of fabric, ornaments and notable events rather than aspects covered in overall Wiverton in the Vale Parish reports, such as finance and governance.

Period covered: January 2018 to April 2019

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(in this document "Civil Parish" means Langar & Barnstone, in Rushcliffe Borough)

## St. Andrew's

Records such as the Log Book and Terrier are up to date.

### Fabric

Sep 2018: Our newly appointed church architect performed a Quinquennial Inspection. The report itemised a long list of actions needed, grouped by priority. We are addressing the immediate minor actions. The architect is currently preparing a proposal for submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the work needed to cover the important points: the vestry roof, rainwater goods and the drainage on the south and east sides. Other remedial work should follow once these are addressed.

Heating System is working but not perfect

The bells and bell chamber were in a sad state but were restored with significant grant funds.

The clock has been maintained with some money from the civil parish and had repairs to the winding mechanism.

The churchyard is mown under a contract partly funded by the civil parish.

The Health and Safety Policy is up to date but requires routine inspections as do insurance etc.

### Ornaments

The Terrier is up to date and has not changed except that most movable items from St. Mary's Barnstone (see below) are now kept in St. Andrew's.

### Notable Events

St. Andrew's is seen as a key feature of the civil parish and is adjacent to Langar Hall, resulting in many combined activities. The church is large and flexible for many uses including PCC and other meetings and appropriate concerts etc.

Major events included:

- Remembrance Service

- Langar & Barnstone Carol Service
- An Event as part of Langar & Barnstone Festival
- Several marriages, funerals and baptisms
- Confirmation of one adult
- Pop up Café: we held a café on Saturday mornings in British Summer Time, with good attendance by many people in the area, not just regular church goers.
- Various funerals, weddings etc.

### Langar School

The school is closely linked to the church and held several events in the church including:

- Regular services
- School Remembrance
- School Carol Service
- Nativity

### Home team & Helpers

We benefit from an excellent and dedicated team who keep the church running smoothly – members of the PCC when this was a separate parish, those who clean the church, arrange flowers, tend to the flower borders, provide refreshments etc.

### St. Mary's Barnstone

St. Mary's was closed for worship in 2017. It was a chapel of ease for the old parish of Langar cum Barnstone with St. Andrew's being the mother church. The church and churchyard were never consecrated and never performed marriages or burials. Most removable items and all valuables were taken to St. Andrew's for safe keeping, although the altar and antique chest are still there awaiting transport. The Bishop's Chair was transferred, with a faculty, to another church.

In 2018 and to Apr 2019, the church has been dormant, with no connected electricity or other services. It is under care of St. Andrew's and covered by insurance as such and inspected on a weekly basis, but key items such as the bells and font are to be governed by the Diocese.

In 2019, in partnership with the church architect we are proceeding towards sale of the site. The church architect is preparing plans prior to Planning Application for change of use to residential, leading to sale. The revenue for sale would be used for maintenance of St. Andrew's. The Diocese is considering removing the bells to be used elsewhere in the Diocese or stored for future use.