

## **Appendix VI:**

### **Report to APCM on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Holy Trinity Church, Tythby & Cropwell Butler.**

#### **Administrative Information**

Holy Trinity Church is situated at the heart of Tythby village. The parish includes the villages of Tythby and Cropwell Butler, extending to embrace a number of outlying houses and farms and including a part of the Upper Saxondale/St James' Park housing development in Nottinghamshire. It is part of the newly formed Benefice known as "The Parish of Wiverton in the Vale" in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. Michael Raines is acting Church Warden.

#### **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.

#### **Objectives and activities**

Holy Trinity PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Rector of the Benefice, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Church building, churchyard, goods and ornaments owned by the parish and for liaising with the Crown commissioners, who are responsible for the upkeep of the chancel by reason of the Queen's lay rectorship.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### ***Church Attendance***

There are 135 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll for the Parish of Wiverton in the Vale of whom 18 are connected to Holy Trinity. This is well down on the former number of 26 and needs to be followed up. These reduced numbers may impact on our next funding campaign.

The average weekly attendance during 2018 for "normal" Sunday services at Tythby was 14, but there were increased numbers for special occasions, with 30 – 40 attendees for, Christmas Carol Service, Rogation, Harvest, Plough Sunday and this year's Maundy Thursday. Interestingly many Holy Communion services now attract a higher number (20-30) on average and is the result of outside parishioners choosing to attend this service. Our occasional Evensong service, ably supported by the choir is much appreciated. However, there was no Mothering Sunday, Easter or Remembrance service during 2018. The issue around these prominent services has now been resolved with a Tythby representative being appointed to the worshipping committee.

The Christmas Eve service continues to be poorly attended (8, 9 previously) and seems to suffer from a combination of being scheduled too late (10.30 pm) and/or too close to the preceding Carol Service. This service clearly needs moving to a more advantageous time. There were two funerals but no weddings or marriages conducted in Church during the year.

The Church has continued to work closely with the Methodist congregation in Cropwell Butler. Barry Garner's retirement and his service to God and our Parish was marked. In this period of interregnum, we are grateful to our retired and lay team of ministers for their continuing support in the number and quality of services provided.

## **Church maintenance and improvements**

The Terrier and log book are up to date. Carl Andrews was contacted with regard to initiating our Quinquennial Review. Faculties are being sought for:

- 1) Interior repair of and painting of plasterwork - David Scott of Whatton to supply quote.
- 2) Replacement of 2 high level wall lights with 30 watt LED – **Quote £210 + VAT.**
- 3) Renew aisle carpet - John Spence to organise.

The roof camera security system was updated from a mobile 'pay as you go' to a monthly contract and camera's upgraded.

The bells still need inspecting and worn ropes replaced. The new headgear was installed in 1998 and now appears loose.

The septic tank was emptied by the Council and invoice passed to Max.

The grass cutting & graveyard maintenance contract has been awarded to a Tythby local.

## **Review of the Year**

The Home Team continues to meet informally every 2 months.

Tythby church participated again in the Open Church Weekend, however, we only received 9 visitors across the weekend. They enjoyed and commented upon its peaceful, intimate space and quaint historical layout. The low turnout may be explained by the good weather and Bank Holiday weekend?

Jim and Barbara Price has agreed again to let us use their farmyard for the back drop to our Rogation service.

The total collected during Christian Aid week was down this year, probably due in part to the sexual misconduct scandal. Unfortunately one of our elderly, long standing collectors was abused on the doorstep and is thus declining to participate again – lack of collectors is likely to affect this year's total.

A request is made that The Lay Rectorship, including Land Ownership and Mineral Rights be transferred to the new Wiverton in the Vale Parish.

Two parishioners were contacted re: their outstanding yearly contributions totalling £3400 – this was collected.

I thank my Home Team for their help/advice and gratefully acknowledge the support of our local ladies who clean, polish and create colourful floral displays around the church. Also, our thanks go to the ladies who prepare and serve the tasty refreshments after each service.