

The Church of All Saints' Adstone
Annual Report of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2007

Administrative Information

The Parish of Adstone is part of the Lambfold Benefice (comprising the villages of Blakesley, Adstone Maidford Farthingstone and Litchborough), which is in the Towcester Deanery, and its parsonage house is in Blakesley.

The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 30th April 2007 until the date of this Report was approved are:

<i>Priest-in-Charge</i>	The Revd John Hall (Chairman)
<i>Wardens</i>	Mr Richard Horsley
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mrs Win Castle Mrs Joanna Forster Mrs Isobel Fountain Mrs Elisabeth Paton Mrs Francesca Smith Mr Rodger Smith Mrs Jane Stoddard (Temporary Secretary and Electoral Roll) Mrs Marie Wright
<i>Ex officio Members</i>	Mr Simon Forster (Reader and Vice Chairman)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs Joanna Forster
<i>Independent Examiner</i>	Mr Peter Godfrey FCA

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has a responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge, the Revd John Hall, in promoting the whole mission of the Church in the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and churchyard as a house of prayer and centre of mission.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

There are 22 parishioners on the church electoral roll. The average congregation size was 9 adults, a slight increase on the previous year, however by the end of the year a significant percentage of the regular congregation had moved house away from the parish, and there is therefore an expectation that this figure will drop considerably next year. The attendance increased at the major festivals with 43 people attending for services on Christmas Day and 20 people attending services on Easter Day. There were no baptisms or weddings this year but there were 2 funerals.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met four times during the year. The main issues to be noted this year were:

Fabric of Building

There are no major problems with the fabric of the building, but there are always issues of restoration and maintenance, which are ongoing. The largest of which was a possible repair needed to the roof to prevent leaks.

Hilda Underwood

It is sad to report that long term Churchwarden and Verger, Hilda Underwood passed away in the year. This has had a profound effect upon the organisation of the parish. It is hoped that with agreement of the Underwood family, some form of works to her memory will be sought in the coming year.

Future of the parish

Concern has been expressed about the viability of the small size of the parish and its dependence upon aging congregation. Informal discussions have taken place with the archdeacon concerning what options may be considered and a time of reflection and prayer about the future of the parish is called for.

Mission Supper

A second very successful Benefice Thank You Supper was held on 15th May at Adstone, the emphasis this year being to thank those people who had helped in the Benefice's churches on a regular basis yet were on the "fringe" of the Church.

Mission Matters

Along with other parishes in the Benefice, we took part in the Diocesan "Mission Matters" initiative with courses being attended during the months of September and October.

Pastoral reorganisation

The new Pastoral Order in relation to the Lambfold Benefice came into effect on 1st November 2007.

Financial Review

At the end of year, the parish's capital balance was £ This marks a
of £ in the year.

All liabilities for the year were met in full, most notably the parish share of £

The parish finances are in a 'fragile' state, not least because of future developments within the parish. The importance of planned giving and a fundraising target of at least £500 per annum is desperately important to the parish's future.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a minimum balance of £6000 on unrestricted funds, to cover normal future expenses and immediate fabric necessities.

It is the policy of the PCC to invest our capital funds with National Savings and the Peterborough Diocese Board of Finance.

Report presented and accepted by the AGM of the PCC on Tuesday 29th April 2007.

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