

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*I value most the love and friendship given to me from day one when I first came to All Saints. I give thanks to everyone for helping to make it a joy to worship there. I value also the comradeship of the Mother's Union who help so many people in so many different ways. I have been so truly blessed.*  
Dorothy Hall.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

2016 was my first full twelve months in the parish, but inevitably the year was dominated by the preparation and planning for our 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 2017: programme, events, raffle, memorabilia, advertising, 800 Acts. For the working group that came together last year thank you. We all hope all our hard work will honour this wonderful anniversary.

Our Family Services have continued to attract a wonderful congregation and thanks to the planning team and music group. It has been lovely to have the Scout Group be a part of them and though I have not always been able to get there once a month, a highlight – besides visits – was the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Christine and Peter.

We have faltered in numbers slightly at 8am, but grown at 10am. There are a variety of 6pm services now and thanks to all servers, Eucharistic ministers and sides people. It has also been lovely to see Sunday School firmly established with Fiona and Karen joining Victoria and helped by Sandra and Donna. Thank you. We continue to have a valued midweek



communion service on the Wednesday. A thank /you as well, behind the scenes of worship, to all members of the altar guild and church cleaning. Outside the churchyard looks so much better and through new windows, heating and external and internal redecoration a lot of work was put into the Church Hall.

School ministry is on a strong footing with monthly or fortnightly assemblies at both Discovery and Paston Ridings (KS1 and KS2) and the rewarding but demanding activity work stations we now offer for them to come to church, along with Caverstede, to explore Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Despite repeated invitations we received no response from Norwood and Gunthorpe. (Despite organising new school questionnaires and open meetings, all work

was for naught for a new church school as the diocese was beaten by another bidding agency in Wave 13 funding).

We had a small number for Holiday Club this year, but a super Pizza and Puds for young people later in the year.

We established this year Play and Praise which we are delighted to see get establish so that we can offer a next step on the Christian journey from christening – average attendance being @12 each Tuesday. In the baptism services and preparation, thanks to Yvonne and Mo for all their assistance. 31 children were christened and 10 couples married and 34 funerals took place – thanks to Lance and Sandy, Sheila and Phil for their involvement. Our support following bereavement is centred through our Friendship Group (thank you Merry), our bi monthly memorial service and our very popular All Soul's service.

Thank you to Sylvie and members of the Mother's Union for some lovely occasions this year – Skegness, Advent carol service, 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary service, amongst others. It was also good to have our Pensioner afternoons in the year – the second increasing in numbers. Alongside this we maintained, with Mo, our monthly services of communion to both Bishopfield and Anchor Court.

We have offered nurtured courses this year through Just Looking; Just Starting (our confirmation course – eight being confirmed); Lost for Words and Christian teaching on Life after Death. Our Lent course was based on the Les Miserable DVD.

Along with Compline and sermons on prayer in Lent, Holy Week was as fuller than before in looking at Mary, Pilate and Peter; our fist Seder meal, Good Friday, Easter Eve fellowship and service and a full number of joyful services on Easter Sunday – four. Thank you to Jan King for flowers and her team.

We yet again had a lovely Harvest season of worship and Harvest lunch; launched our Time and Talents sheet and organised worship celebrating Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Christmas saw a super 'Who's that knocking at the door' – both crib services increased in number (and a record amount sent to the Children's Society – and so also a huge thanks to June Kirk and all those involved in our boxes for the Society). A very wet Iter Park carol service; blue service, readings and carols, midnight and day – with a welcome increase at the Family Service. And thanks to all those who sang at Morrisons and delivered cards.



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS  
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS  
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET

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A thank you to Steve and the team for our monthly magazine; to the Men's breakfast; all those involved in our many social events; our new Reading Group; Jordan and our web site and newly launched Facebook site through Lorraine; to Jill Johnson and the relaunch of our 100 Club; to Jennie and her team for the wonderful monthly coffee mornings and all those who organise the coffee mornings – for fellowship and finance thank you!

A thank you for members of the PCC and especially to Christine our Treasurer for guiding us through another year with parish share fully paid; but most of all for all their hard work every month of 2016 to Peter and Steve your churchwardens.

To the Lord's merciful keeping we commended Patricia Middleton, Reginald Stokes, Winifred Hathaway, Sylvia Fillingham, June Colven and Arthur Chapman from the fellowship who died during the year.

(Of course in trying to keep the report concise if I have missed anyone or anything out then please accept my apology!)

Rev Mark Bridgen

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*I first came to be part of All Saints church fellowship in 1972 as a wife and mother of three young children. As a family we all attended the 10am service and were warmly welcomed, although our children's antics at times were challenging for us and the congregation! In 1983 we moved to a different area of Peterborough then in 2001 I was back living in Gunthorpe and once again worshipping this time at the 8am service. Most of the faces had changed but the warmth, friendships formed, and the sharing worship with others of faith is what I value most of all. Rita Woolley.*

## **CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT**

2016 was a very busy year for repair and maintenance.

### **CHURCH**

In March a quote of £1,900 was received to repair/replace lead on the church roof (south side aisle) where rain was leaking into the church. In July scaffolding was erected and the work was satisfactorily carried out. There are still some minor roofing jobs to complete that were mentioned in the last quinquennial. A new church notice board was erected

overlooking Fulbridge Road to include the name of the new incumbent. We were very pleased with the finished board. In March, the old carpet was removed around the font to reveal the original floor. The floor in the choir vestry sank. A hollow space was discovered below. This was filled and levelled by local builder, Clint Hall. In April, the full church audit was carried out and everything found to be in order. All fire equipment was tested in May (church and hall) by New flame. One extinguisher was updated. In June, the porch roof and drains were cleared of leaves and dirt. A letter was sent to Barsby Lightning Protection Services and they promised to test when they were next in the area. The organ was tuned in June and December. It was reported as being in "very good condition". Following the retirement of Mr Julian Limentini a new church architect, David Llewellyn, was interviewed and appointed.

## CHURCH HALL

After two months of negotiations, the heaters in the hall were finally repaired. Work on one of the heaters was carried out four times before it became fully operational in March. Pleased to say that they do now seem more efficient. In May, new windows were fitted throughout the hall and these also help to preserve heat. A new church hall cleaner, Mr Geoff Langley, was appointed in May.

In August, a small, but very enthusiastic, team of volunteers began decoration of the Hall. The work lasted more than a week. The whole of the outside doors and soffits were painted as well as the kitchen and toilets. In the main section of the hall, the arched ceiling was painted inside. Lower walls were also painted. This project will recommence later this year with the painting of the lobby, gloss work and the far end of the hall. We are grateful that Mr Denley Evans continues to cut the grass around the church hall.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING  
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY  
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE  
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

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## CHURCHYARD

The City Council now only provides 8 cuts a year, so a willing band of volunteers have met regularly throughout the year and have worked very hard on maintenance and general clearance of the churchyard - cutting back trees, removing ivy, weeding and generally keeping the churchyard tidy. Many thanks. Your continued help is much appreciated. The status of the closed churchyard was discussed at length during a PCC meeting in March and it was overwhelmingly agreed that plots should not be available to buy in advance.

Steve Cutts and Peter Templeman

## **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*What I value most is the companionship and friendship which I have gained by becoming a member of All Saints Church. This has given me the confidence to be able to take on more duties at the church and also to be able to start new ventures within the church. I am a widow and time lays heavy with me so, having found God again having lost my way for some years, I have found peace and this is due to the fellowship of All Saints Church. Ivana Smith.*

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

All Saints Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-ordinating with the Incumbent in promoting within the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the fabric of All Saints Church and Church Hall.

The full membership of the PCC are:

Name:

Incumbent: Rev Mark Bridgen

Serves until:

Churchwarden: Steve Cutts	2017
Churchwarden: Peter Templeman	2017
Curate: Rev Calixte Kutiwulu	2017
Reader: Yvonne Griffin	2018
Deputy Churchwarden: Mo Tanner	2017
Deanery Synod – Steve Cutts	2017
Deanery Synod – Peter Templeman	2017
Deanery Synod – Mo Tanner	2017
Treasurer: Christine Hall	2017
Secretary: Jacqueline Wright	2017
Lance Bloom	2018
Sandy Bloom	2018
Gillian Northrop	2017
Colin White	2019
Heather Jolley	2018
Jennie Jepson	2018
Marion Welch	2017
Karen Bridgen	2019
Hilary Reeves	2018
Ivana Smith	2018
Liam Reynolds	2018



**"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"**

### Highlights of the PCC meetings during 2016

#### January 11<sup>th</sup>:

Ivana Smith became new Gift Aid Secretary; Yvonne Griffin presented her 'prayer ministry in the life of the church' report; the nurture programme for the year was approved; preparations were being made to welcome the new Curate; the PCC agreed that they would not approve reservation of ashes plots; Play and Praise was to begin; Christmas 2015 was reflected upon and leaflets were agreed on christenings and weddings for the back of church.

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>:

Discussed were: The APCM; Church Hall heating and redecoration; Deanery Synod and the new

development of Roman Fields and Paston Reserve. Karen Bridgen was the new Safeguarding Officer and Sandy Bloom was appointed to assist the Rector in PMD interviews.

#### May 9<sup>th</sup>:

Update on church roles and officers following the APCM; the 800<sup>th</sup> preparation working party took the major part of the meeting.

#### July 11<sup>th</sup>:

The PCC reflected on the Church of England report – 'From Evidence to Action' – as requested by + Donald to all PCC's.

#### September 12<sup>th</sup>:

The action plan for a proposed new church school in the expanding part of our parish was discussed; confirmation candidates were prayed for; the new Spurgeons worker was mentioned; expenditure approved from the 100 Club profit was agreed; report on ongoing preparations for our 800<sup>th</sup> year were accepted.

#### November 14<sup>th</sup>:

Pizza and puds evening for young people was discussed; parish share highlighted; disappointed received over news Diocesan Board of Education to late too put in a bid for a church school and so plans are scrapped – other schools got in a bid before Diocese; 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary matters; Christmas services and card; Deanery Synod and approval of licences for Eucharistic Ministers.

Please note these were just some of the matters discussed by the PCC. If anyone would like to see the minutes of these meetings, then please ask the Rector.

The PCC were thrilled when Jackie Wright offered to be the new PCC Secretary again from November 14<sup>th</sup>'s meeting!!! (The minutes of most meetings mentioned referred to above were kindly taken by PCC members).

Rev Mark.

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"It says on your résumé that you were created in God's image. Very impressive."

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

In 2016 there were 144 names on the roll. We will be presenting a roll of 139 names – three members deceased and two moved away.

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*I am finding it quite difficult to choose one thing that I value most as there are many things: I feel the welcome when I attend church. I felt the welcome when I attended the Bible study group. I feel the welcome when we meet for the reading group. I felt the welcome when I married in church. The answer to what I value most is the*

*welcome I receive from being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church. Terrie Watson*

### **CURATE REPORT**

Since my move to All Saints, there have been many wonderful and great moments for me in this journey assisting the Rector, Reverend Mark Bridgen and the PCC .

These moments were and are still about Jesus and the way to engage sharing his good news in All Saints Paston Church.

This good news is being fulfilled with one opportunity at All Saints: the 800 year anniversary 2017, a year of celebration, reflection and engagement. This is a challenge for the time of my curacy. In this, the Holy Spirit has opened up for me new path's of ministry and fellowship through Sunday liturgy, the outreach of different parish group ministries and of the local community. If I have to continue this outreach in the local community that I have described in "My Mission Project", my ministry for youth and the community walking 'door to door' will be a challenge and an opportunity. And the bible study is a tool to equip everyone to engage with Jesus.

All is about identifying the transformation in my parish church in thinking of the way to live with Jesus Christ today and bringing others to Jesus: "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven". May your prayer, presence and ministry support me in all this path. Amen.

Rev Calixte Kutiwulu.

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*I like that people sing and don't mumble. When we do Chapel services at school, everyone is embarrassed, but at Paston we don't even know that word! I LOVE how we are one great big happy family! Daisy Reeves-Turner*

## **LAY MINISTRY – READER’S REPORT**

I have been writing reports since I started training for Reader ministry back in 2012. Each year the reports have always been different and this year is no exception.

February 14<sup>th</sup> saw the arrival of Rev Calixte Kutiwulu as our Curate. I volunteered to head up his support group which consisted of Hilary, Hugh and myself. The support group was formed to help Calixte settle into our church and culture. We all brought our own talents and helped Calixte in different ways. It's been interesting journeying with Calixte. I like to thank



**“Bond. James Bond!”**

both Hilary and Hugh for their time, help and encouragement they have given him.

I have continued to lead at the 10am and 6pm services and preach at all services. I've also supported Rev Mark at 16 baptisms, and helped at baptism preparation evenings.

I still have the responsibility for producing the 6 monthly rotas and am really pleased that through our talents day others have come forward to join the different roles in the church. We have had children joining the Young Servers team and adults joining the Reading and Eucharistic Assistant teams. Please do not wait for the next one if you feel called to help in a role in church have a word with Rev Mark or myself.

I have continued to attend training sessions organised by the Diocese, including the 6 monthly sessions which are still running by Sister Rachel Overton on experiencing different styles of prayer.

I have enjoyed all aspects of church life that I have been able to be involved in. However, what has really excited me this year was the call from the Lord to encourage others in their prayer life. I am grateful to all those who shared their individual prayer life by writing an article in the parish magazine, and for the support of Rev Mark and Rev Calixte who supported me by preaching on prayer at different times throughout the year. I would like to encourage you all to take everything to the Lord in prayer.

Finally, it has been really encouraging that members of the congregation took up the challenge to write a prayer to celebrate our 800 years. And I give thanks to the Lord for Christine who will be hosting our new prayer group which starts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

Yvonne Griffin

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*What Margaret and I value most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church over the years we have been part of the congregation is: 1) the friendliness and caring nature of the people. 2) the reverence and solace we get in entering the church; and 3) and now being part of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. At this time we are so pleased to have a group of clergy who are so approachable and always available to listen to us. Margaret and Doug Scott.*

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

### **Introduction**

There are 10 Deaneries in the Peterborough Diocese. In the Peterborough Deanery, of which All Saints' Church Paston is a member, there are 25 parishes and the Cathedral with a combined population of 123,700. The Synod is attended by lay representatives and clergy. The Chairman is the Rural Dean Rev. Canon Ian Black. The Paston All Saints' lay

representatives, who serve for three years, are Lorna Tanner, Steve Cutts and Peter Templeman. There were three Peterborough Deanery Synod meetings held during the year. The meetings open and end in prayer. Some of the agenda items covered were:

#### February Meeting – at All Saints’ Park Road

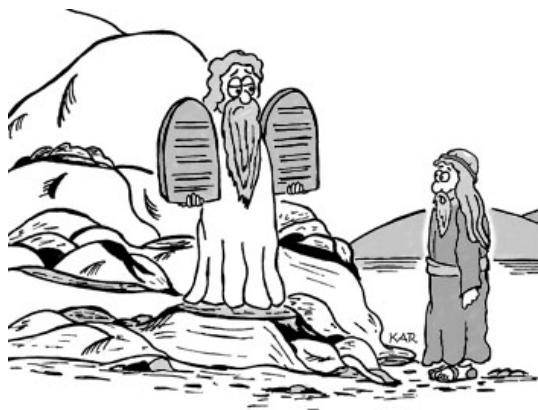
This meeting was a follow-up to Bishop Donald’s Roadshows at which the PCC were invited to attend. Paul Adams, Diocesan Stewardship Officer suggested practical ways of improving our stewardship linking it not only to for helping to pay the parish share but for God’s work in the parish and beyond. Miles Baker, Diocesan Director of Mission gave ideas of how to grow the size of our congregations by looking at the factors in churches that have achieved that.

#### June Meeting – at Peakirk Village Hall

This was the first meeting of the Deanery year when new members were welcomed. The meeting concentrated the Deanery Growth Action Plan which had been rewritten indicating that the Deanery is committed to nurture mission and growth:

- Prayer and Celebration
- Informing and Communicating
- Affirming and Supporting
- Sharing Good Practice

It is Bishop Donald’s wish that all churches do have an Action Plan



“Can we make it the ten suggestions?”

#### October Meeting – at St Mary’s Church New Road

The guest speaker at the meeting was Jawaid Khan, Community Cohesion Manager, Peterborough. He said that his key role on behalf of the council was to build contacts and establish dialogues. About 70% of his time is spent building contacts. Measuring cohesion is more difficult to measure – such as hate crimes. He spoke about the resettlement of about 100 Syrian Refugees in Peterborough. 400 items of furniture had been donated by the community. Positive examples of good work were cited – the model for faith chaplaincy at the City College where young people can learn about different faith communities and the Community First community association, chaired by Rev Adrian Holdstock.

Lorna Tanner / Steve Cutts / Peter Templeman

Deanery Synod Representatives

#### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*Ten years ago I very sadly lost my husband David, whom I had been married to for 52 years. I had been a churchgoer in the past, but over the years had not been so regular. Clive the Curate was so helpful, that I started to attend church again. Everyone was very welcoming and over the weeks I felt at ease, happy in the wonderful Christian fellowship that All Saints is. I have been very pleased to help as sidesperson, the Mother’s Union, the Friendship Club, PCC and Bric a Brac – to offer back to the church the warmth and friendship I have received. Gillian Northrop.*

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Socially, 2016 was again a very busy year in our church. In March, we welcomed the Soke Big Band to a crowded church hall for a packed evening of music, foot tapping and dancing! Our two popular quizzes were well-attended as were our pensioners’ afternoons of music and fun. In April, at enormous expense, we presented our traditional old time music hall of fun, music and laughter. Three outdoor events were held – our family picnic in Itter Park, a

very successful strawberry and cream tea (hosted by Barbara) in the rectory grounds, and our annual summer fete which is always our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Once again, Mr and Mrs Sayegh hosted our annual cheese and wine party. We thoroughly enjoyed a sound and light show in the church presented by Richard Hutchinson – the likes of which we had never seen before. Our monthly coffee mornings continued and these include our Hundred Club draw as well as our very successful Bric-a-Brac stalls. Local artist, Cliff Wise mounted a super art exhibition in the church hall where coffee and refreshments were served. Non-profit making social events included the Service of Light Supper and the Harvest Lunch. All of them were good fun and very well-attended. We also met regularly throughout 2016 to plan for our 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Thank you to all those who helped in many ways to make this another very successful and enjoyable year.

Steve Cutts

**What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*Being part of All Saints Church makes me feel firmly rooted in a caring, compassionate and proactive community of like-minded people. I value the support that the church has given to me over the years and the great friendships that I have been able to form because of the church. I am also proud of our church's willingness to welcome people as equals, regardless of their background. Moreover, I am proud of the church for the way that it reaches out to the wider community to provide help and succour directly where they are needed. Merry Sayegh*



“Sorry, I can’t tell you where the religious section is because I’m an atheist.”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Sunday School this year had gone from strength to strength. We now have a dedicated space within the vestry, with a range of resources available to support the children as they learn. Numbers continue to fluctuate week on week but we now have a committed team in place supporting children during both parish and family communions. Having three leaders, together with several willing assistants has made a real difference to the provision. Each leader takes on around one service per month supported by our new scheme of work ‘Roots.’

Moving to ‘Roots’ has meant that our weekly sessions now link to the readings the congregation are hearing in church and this has been very positively received, by leaders, children and the congregation as a whole. Planning for the sessions is supported by both print and online resources and has enabled us to target our teaching at the wide age range we cover. Several of our older children are now able to take on ‘leadership’ roles within the group, guiding and supporting younger members and sharing their understanding and learning. Perhaps even more significantly, the fact that our sessions now link with the main church service has enabled us to feel more part of that service – helped by our weekly feedback sessions. While a source of trepidation at first, the children now really look forward to telling the congregation about their learning and the response from the congregation has been wonderful to watch. Seeing the children speak to members of our church family during coffee, sharing their learning and varied crafts has been a delight and has a real positive effect on Sunday School. We look forward to sharing our learning with you over the next twelve months.

Victoria, Karen and Fiona (Sunday School Leaders)

**What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

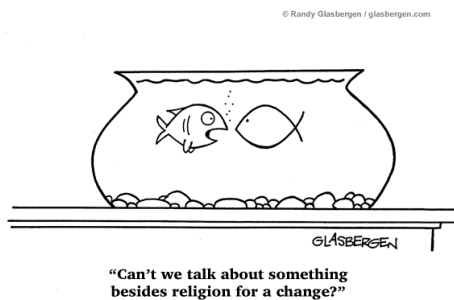
*All Saints Paston Church, is a great place to be, with a friendly community. I have been a member of this congregation since I was baptised here and I have been attending Sunday School since I was 4. When I go to Church every Sunday there is a Sunday School taking, where all the children go to do fun activities. As a younger child, I enjoyed doing these activities, particularly the crafts and now I*



help the younger children to enjoy these. In Sunday School I am able to share my understanding with the other children and I like the fact that we now tell the congregation what we have been doing. At All Saints everyone talks to everyone and, since we started feeding back on learning at the end of the service, lots of people have come up and talked to me and others about our experiences. Last year I was confirmed at All Saints, as I wanted to be confirmed at my church, surrounded by all the people I have come to know rather than through my school. All Saints is an important part of who I am, I can't imagine worshiping anywhere else. Hannah Bowyer.

## SIDESPERSION'S REPORT

Once again, I offer my sincere 'thank you' to all current members for your continued support and dedication throughout the year.



The role of sides persons is of utmost importance, not only in handing out of books but most importantly the welcoming of people as they enter church.

The first faces people encounter as they enter the church are the friendly and smiling faces of the sides persons which is of great importance. Also, recording the number of the congregation at that service.

During the year one or two have left thus putting extra burden on existing members.

If anyone feels they would like to join the team thus giving support to the current members I would be most grateful and of course be pleased to give any help and information.

I was very pleased to welcome Mrs Ivana Smith to the team recently.

Thank you all.

Frank Webb.

## **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*Finding the 'right' church for me was a priority. At All Saints, Paston the initial welcome, the friendly faces in the congregation and style of service was an instant match. These relational connections are of value to me. Every week the gospel is preached with conviction and enthusiasm. Difficult topics are delivered in a way that is honest, engaging and grace-filled. All Saints is a church that encourages and equips my children and I to grow in discipleship. The Children's ministry including Play and Praise, Family services and Sunday school encourages my children's faith to evolve naturally and effortlessly. Donna Barnes.*

## MOTHERS UNION REPORT

2016 was a special year for Mothers Union branches everywhere, as it was the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers Union being formed by Mary Sumner in 1876. We held a celebratory service in All Saints in September, inviting members from other branches and organisations in the PE4 area.

At present our branch has 15 members, meeting in the church hall on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm. We raise funds for three of the Mothers Union charities – worldwide, special relief and AFIA. Members also hold Children's Society boxes (the charity helping children and teenagers in need).

This year our branch leader, Sylvie MacDougall stepped down after four years of dedicated leadership. Mrs Ivana Smith was enrolled as our new branch leader on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

We have visited other branch churches and groups for services and for All saints have hosted a Lent Lunch and two coffee mornings, prepared poses for Mothering Sunday services, helping at the garden fete and Christmas bazaar.

Speakers for 2016 came from the Alzheimer's and Dementia Society and Peterborough Street Pastors. The July outing was to Skegness, with the Advent carol service in December bringing 2016 to a close.

2017 looks to be a busy year. We have had our New Year's lunch in January, a planning meeting in February; in March a talk by the Bobby scheme. More events and speakers planned, including an evening meeting now starting from April to attract new members.

From members of the Paston branch to everyone who have helped make our year a success – thank you!

Joan Wainer

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*When you arrive at the Church porch you will find a friendly reception from Reverend Mark, even though the weather may be cold you will receive a warm and sincere greeting. Entering the Church the sound of music lifts one spirits and creates a wonderful ambience for the forthcoming worship, which can be a Family Service or Parish Communion. All are included and made to feel welcome. A Sunday School is held in Church during the Service, with the children presenting their work at the end of the Service and this always looks very interesting. Ronald Wright*



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

### **ALTAR GUILD**

The altar guild is a small group of very dedicated ladies who keep the Chancel, Choir stalls, altar and Vestry clean. They dust and polish and Hoover. They keep all the silverware – Chalices, Patterns, Candle sticks and Cross clean. Also, all the brass items. They launder all the linen. There are several jobs they see to. Besides our ladies, Peter often kindly helps us with the cleaning if he is in Church. I would like to sincerely thank each person for their help.

We meet every third Thursday of each month at 9am and always welcome any new members.

Margaret Webb.

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*Although our family lived in St. Paul's parish, we have attended Paston Church since the time Canon Lethbridge was Rector. We always found Paston to be a very friendly, welcoming church and it is even more so today. The welcome at the door, the friendly greetings inside the church and the good wishes from our Rector and Curate in the porch as we leave, all mean such a lot. And sharing the 'Peace' is always a special moment. Going to Paston is always like "coming home!" June Kirk.*

### **CHURCH CLEANING REPORT**

Thank you from the church goes to Keith and Chris Warren for leading the Church Cleaning Group over the years up to the end of the year when they moved out of the parish. Also, thanks go to Jenni Wise and Joan Hepper who have also retired from the team for the years of service they have given. Since they have left, sadly, no one has come along to replace them. The current "Team" comprises Ron and Rita Burton, Jenni Jepson and me.

I am sure I do not need to emphasise how important it is to let our visitors come into a church which is clean - especially those who might be attending for the first time at a wedding baptism or funeral – giving the appearance that it is being cared for.

I am therefore, once again, asking for help on the second Saturday of each month starting at 8.30am and lasting for approximately for one hour – the more that come the shorter the time. Hope to see you there.

Peter Templeman

### **What I really like most about being part of the fellowship of All Saints Church.**

*WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU???*



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“Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I’ve been praying for 75 years!”

### **PETERBOROUGH FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

#### Introduction

Throughout the year, we have given hundreds of pounds to charities through our Lent Lunches, Christingle services, the Mothers’ Union donation boxes and others. But rather than giving money we have also given food:

#### Extract from the Food Bank leaflet

*Today in Peterborough there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis- redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill- can mean going*

*hungry. Every day parents skip meals to feed their children and people are forced to choose between paying the rent and eating. Peterborough foodbank provides emergency food to local people in crisis.*

#### What did All Saints Church Paston do about it?

In 2016 we delivered 222.5kgs (35st.1/2 lb) thank you to all who made this possible.

Steve Cutts and Peter Templeman

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PASTON: FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

#### **Treasurer’s Commentary**

##### Introduction

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis as per last year. Comparison has been made, where applicable, with the previous year’s totals.

##### 2016 Review and Summary

##### Income

Total income for 2016 was £79397.19.

##### Expenditure

Total expenses for 2016 was £85577.72

The deficit being £6180.53

##### Highlights

- Parish share of £55274 was paid in full.
- A new heater was fitted in the church hall at a cost of £2718.
- A total of £3240 was donated to various charities

- The windows in the church hall were replaced at a cost of £2172
- The redecoration of the church hall began
- A section of the Church roof was repaired at a cost of £2321

#### 1. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- At 31/12/16, we had a balance in our general account of £12371 v £18838 in 2015
- Share Investment value has increased and is now valued at £11630.89
- General fund = £6000.27
- Organ fund = £579.79
- Church hall fund £9.86

The income was £1857.81 less than budgeted for and the expenses were £4288.72 greater than budgeted for, giving us a total deficit of £6180.53. 2016 was a year where much needed maintenance was carried out both to the church and the church hall. The church hall is looking much smarter with the new windows and redecoration which was kindly done by various members of the congregation. All this was done without extra raising events.

2017 is a very special year for our church and will hopefully be a financial success to ensure the future of All Saints Church.

Christine Hall, Church Treasurer

