

Annual Report for year ending 2020

Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Winwick

Aim and purposes

St Michael and All Angels Winwick Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Graham Collingridge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is part of the united Benefice of St Lawrence Long Buckby with St Peter and St Paul Watford, and All Saints West Haddon with St Michael and All Angels Winwick.

Objectives and activities

This Annual report covers the calendar year 2020. The outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 curtailed activities severely. St Michael and All Angels is intended to be open 24 hours a day 365 days a year as a place of prayer and contemplation. In addition to local people it is visited by a people travelling on the nearby Grand Union Canal or the Jurassic Way. It is also the only public building in the village and is used as a community space.

Prior to March 2020 there was one service each month (alternate Book of Common Prayer Evening Prayer and Common Worship Communion). We also held an annual Harvest festival and auction of produce, and traditional carol service. There was an electoral roll of six at the end of 2020, of which four (now three) were residents.

We are entering a new season in the life of the church. It is my sincere hope that St Michael and All Angels Church can be opened again in 2021. For this to occur arrangements need to be put in place to ensure that the building is cared for, that it is safe for people to use, and the arrangements satisfy our insurers. For church services to take place there need to be arrangements for cleaning before and after services, and during services for “sides people” to assist with welcome and seating arrangements. This applies both for baptisms, wedding and funerals, and also Sunday worship and Christian festivals. If suitable arrangements can't be put in place then I will need to advise the Diocese that the formal process of consultation regarding Church Closure will need to begin.

It is my opinion that for the church to remain open and be available for people volunteers, who may not be practicing Christians but have goodwill for the church, will be required to take over functions formerly carried out by church members. These arrangements need to be robust, for example through formal, legal mechanisms. The “Festival Church” model is probably most appropriate for Winwick, with fewer services, but observing key Christians festivals and other local events and doing them well. Weekly (and mid-week) Christian worship is available locally both in other church buildings and on-line. Parishioners and Winwick and Friends of the church from further afield will need to consider how best to make this happen.

Achievements and performance 2020

- ✝ There were no baptisms, and one wedding (Tom Bushell and Rebecca Collingridge). A funeral for local resident Stanley Buckingham had to be held at the Counties Crematorium because of the COVID restrictions.
- ✝ The Benefice has held weekly services on-line since March 2020. Remembrance, a carol service and Christmas Day Holy Communion were broadcast from St Lawrence Long Buckby and had representation from Winwick.
- ✝ The PCC met once in 2020. Three members of the PCC were “shielding”, and two do not have the internet.
- ✝ Church buildings had to be closed from March until July. Winwick church was opened again in August with hygiene measures in place following a risk assessment conducted by Graham Collingridge and Sarah Cripps. It was closed again at the end of December 2020 due to a further national lockdown and a lack of people to take the necessary daily hygiene precautions to keep it “COVID secure”.
- ✝ It has not been possible to hold any public meetings in the church building since March 2020.
- ✝ The path was renewed with gravel in September (cost c. £4000) which has removed trip hazards.
- ✝ The Quinquennial survey was completed in April 2020. Priority 1 repairs all concerned the roof.
- ✝ An electrical inspection report was conducted in January 2020 following a recommendation by Ecclesiastical Insurance. A new circuit breaker was installed and earth wiring renewed.
- ✝ The roof alarm needed some significant repairs

Financial review

Income was £2,894, and expenses £10,546, [which includes £1,320 in connection with the roof alarm, and £3,945 on the path, and £858 on remedial electrical work. Details are shown in the Financial Statements]. The balance at the bank on 31/12/20 was £10,059. Repairs to the church path were funded from £5,000 held for this purpose from the sale of shares in 2018. Other assets are £22,181 from Sale of the Winwick Old School House, and £1,595 (Hensman Bequest): interest from these is paid into the instant access account. The Parish share was £1,252 in 2020 and will remain so for 2021.

Volunteers

The PCC is thankful to all who provide their support and assistance to this small church. The four (now three) resident members of the parish have provided the bulk of the help, including cleaning, preparing for worship, verging at weddings and funerals etc. We thank Sarah Cripps for her time as church warden which has now come to an end as she has moved away from the village. Sue Tringham also wishes to stand down as Treasurer. We thank Sally and Philip Bradbury who allowed wedding guests to park on their land for a donation to church funds. As mentioned above, we are now looking for volunteers from beyond membership of the church electoral roll to manage the practical aspects of church life.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Charity with excepted status and does not need a Charity number. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. At St Michael and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

At the 2014 Annual Meeting it was agreed that Section 3 of the Church Wardens Measure 2001 does not apply to annual meetings of this Parish, so that the Churchwardens do not need to stand down after six continuous years in office.

Administrative information

St Michael and All Angels Church is situated in the small village of Winwick (popn. approx 40). It is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England and is in Brixworth Deanery. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 10 Hall Drive, Long Buckby, Northants NN6 7QU.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Vicar: The Revd. Graham Collingridge (Chairman)
Wardens: Sarah Cripps (also PCC secretary). There are two vacancies for Church Warden.

Elected members:

Madge Armitage	2018 - 2021	
June Thomas	2018 - 2021	
Pauline O'Connor	2019 - 2022	[also electoral roll officer]
[Vacant]	2019 - 2022	
Sue Tringham	2020 - 2023	[also Treasurer]
[Vacant]	2020 - 2023	

Deanery Synod: vacant.

Safeguarding Officer: Sarah Cooper [St Lawrence Long Buckby] from January 2021
Chris Banks [St Lawrence Long Buckby] January -December 2020

Vacancies at the Annual Church Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Two vacancies for Church Warden (Sarah Cripps has moved and is not standing again)

Four vacancies for PCC: 2 for 3 yrs (2021-2024); 1 for 2 yrs; 1 for 1 yr.

This report was approved by the PCC on [26th May 2021] and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Graham Collingridge (PCC Chairman)