

PARISH OF MADINGLEY

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REPORT OF THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY, SAFEGUARDING AND DATA PROTECTION.

I can scarcely believe it is 12 months since the last APCM. It has been something of a tumultuous year in the life of Madingley church. The WEDP has dominated the PCC discussions as we have battled through the various administrative processes. As you may remember, the tender estimate we received last year was judged to be beyond the scope of our fund raising efforts. With this in mind, many aspects of the project have been redrafted including the drainage scheme, the installation of a cesspool, the reduction of carpentry and the layout and choice of fittings for the toilet. At present, we are applying for amendments to the existing faculty. We hope we do not have to apply for a completely new faculty. All of this has been done to push down the costs of the project; there is a technical term for this exercise - 'value engineering'. (I've added this term to my growing *clerk-of-works* vocabulary). Once the revised scheme has been given the go-ahead, it is time to go out to tender once again.

Alongside this process, very generous gifts to the Appeal for funds have taken the total raised in pledges and donations to £243,000. The message from me is, 'Hold on! We will get there!' All of your efforts as a congregation to support the project, and your patience, is very much appreciated by me and the WEDP team in general.

Other news

The PCC is now required to be DBS checked in accordance with the latest Bishop's statement on safeguarding. I shall be undertaking that process, and have already made a start. Please do take some time to read our Child Protection Policy on the church noticeboard. The following points are very important:

- If you are concerned about a church member, be it a child or a vulnerable adult, (physical and emotional abuse, neglect, inappropriate behaviour), please speak directly to myself or Sara Day (Madingley Safeguarding Officer). We will then report the incident / situation to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Sarah King.

If you cannot get hold of me or Sara, either go directly to Sarah King (sarah.king@elydiocese.org), or phone the police. We all carry responsibility for the welfare of our members and visitors.

Data Protection

New laws are coming out in May about Data Protection. Please read the Data Privacy Notice on the noticeboard. The laws concern how data is stored and what data is held. Churches hold names, addresses, emails, telephone numbers, (electoral roll) and personal financial details (gift aid, standing orders). If you do NOT wish the church to hold your data, please speak to me or Sue.

The future

It will be a huge relief to complete the WEDP, not least because I feel that ministry struggles while projects of this nature take precedence. There are some good initiatives we could try in Madingley and we can start doing some of them when the building work is finished.

Thanks

As ever, my thanks go to the PCC, to Susan and Christine for their dedicated ministry, to my 'strong and stable' church wardens, and especially to Sue Baldwin for her efficient, comprehensive and faithful administrative support.

However, it takes everybody to be a 'church' and thanks to one and all for the many and varied parts you play in the running of this community and it's building.

To end, a quote from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(Phil. 4: 4, 6-7).

God bless,

Mandy

REPORT ON THE MINISTRY

We have had an even more busy year than usual in Madingley, given all the activities which were associated with the West End Development Project. On 21st May we welcomed Bishop David to preach and celebrate at our Parish Eucharist as he encouraged us to forge ahead with our plans, to continue to pray regularly for God's blessing on our efforts, and also to dedicate our new Remembrance Book. Other special services were those marking particular church seasons, including Remembrance Sunday, and the extra Christmas services: Christingle, the Service of Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Family Eucharist. The Christingle service attracted some new families thanks to Anna Baldwin's work in encouraging all those of the right age to come. Two of these families also came to the Lessons and Carols service the next week. The Good Friday service had a much higher attendance than previously, and the Easter Day service also attracted good numbers.

A combination of the cold winter weather and increasing age and frailty for many members of our congregation has meant that the numbers at our weekly services have been somewhat reduced recently. It was with sadness that we marked the departure of Stuart Fox and Jane Elliott as they moved to their new home in the West Midlands; they have contributed so much to the life of the church not just as churchwarden and treasurer, that they leave a large hole in our community. We were also sorry to lose the quiet and faithful presence of Michael Jones as he moved to a care home closer to his brother. In August we experienced a very deep sense of loss as we commended the Revd John Mullett to God at his funeral. On a happier note, we have been blessed by several couples who have been married in the church in recent years remaining as active members of the regular congregation, which has added to our community, but given their busy lives and family commitments, they are less likely to be able to come every week, which means an overall slight decline in overall attendance.

It has been a busy year for weddings, as we celebrated the marriages of Tiago and Bianca Lopes, Tristanna and Joe Boxall, Tim and Hyang-Min Barrow, Mark and Danielle Sadler, and Nicholas and April Lovell. To add to their joy, we were delighted when Tiago and Bianca welcomed their son Thomas Joseph into the world in February.

As is becoming something of an established tradition, we held a Lent study course in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings in Lent, under the title of "Encouraging Prayer." We explored the tradition of Christian prayer, and how it has developed from its foundations in Lectio Divina into a varied approach to prayer which can be experienced by everyone according to their personality and needs. In addition to this, we have the blessing of a prayer ministry which Elizabeth Seale offers to anyone who would like to benefit from it. The health of the church, ensuring that we carry out God's will in this place, is based on the important premise that we all diligently and prayerfully seek the Spirit's guidance in all that we do; if we do that, the present and the future will hold no fears.

Christine Barrow.

REPORT OF THE CHURCHWARDENS

As a small but vibrant church community, we are enormously grateful to our clergy, to our priest-in-charge Rev. Mandy Maxwell and particularly to her colleague, associate priest Rev. Christine Barrow, who gives so much of her time, energy and kindness to our church. We are also very lucky to have Susan Rawlings as Lay Reader and for her generous contributions to numerous aspects of our services.

There are many people too in the congregation who give time and support to the church in various different ways. We are very grateful to all the church officers and members of the PCC, and those of the Fabric and the Fundraising sub-committees. We also owe much gratitude to those volunteers such as our organists, cleaners, flower-arrangers, those who read the lessons, provide the intercessions, lock and unlock the church and those who donate their energy to practical work for the maintenance of the churchyard.

We also owe particular thanks to Jane Elliott who, despite moving north last autumn, kindly offered to continue her duties as our Church treasurer until we managed to find her successor, returning on a regular basis to meetings in Madingley. We are now delighted to welcome her successor David Fisher who has recently been co-opted onto the PCC.

We are also hugely grateful to those who have made such generous financial pledges and donations to the West End Development project, and have fond memories of the Barlows' talk and dinner at the Village Hall in November. We hope to start the building works in 2019 for the insertion of the toilet pod at the back of the church, and for the new vestry and refurbished organ. Our planned tea-servery will be very a welcome improvement for our warm and sociable congregation and also very significant for the wider community of Madingley, for events such as concerts and other potential social activities. This challenging step is immensely important to bring our beautiful church, now over 900 years old, forward for the generations of the future.

Jo Wallace-Hadrill and Elizabeth Seale

REPORT ON THE FABRIC.

The PCC Fabric and WEDP sub-committees has spent much time on the revision of the West End Development Project design. Work on other fabric matters is necessarily restricted to repairs whilst fund raising continues for this major project.

The following Fabric matters have received our attention during the past year:

- A 'Maintenance Plan' has been published..
- Overhanging trees over have been cut back over the Church Lane pavement.
- A gutter has been repaired over the over North Aisle. John Fregard is coming to clear all the church gutters and downpipes shortly.
- The old vestry has been cleared away and adjoining areas reorganised.
- Two new fence panels in the churchyard have been fitted.
- Two holes in the church path have been repaired.
- Lead roof on the north aisle was marked with Smartwater as a security precaution.
- Special protection for the stained glass in the nave window is planned subject to funding.

Michael Fuller

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Synod for the North Stowe Deanery, of which the parish of Madingley is a member, met three times during 2017-2018. The members of the Synod are clergy from the parishes in the Deanery and lay members elected by the member parishes. The overall aim is to keep parishes in touch with the overall work of the Diocese of Ely, and with one another. It also provides the opportunity for the discussion of matters of interest and concern to parishes and the reporting back to the Diocese. There is usually a report on the discussions of the General Synod of the Church of England.

The Deanery Synod met in November 2017 and February 2018. The next meeting will be held in July. Matters discussed included:

- (i) the provision of resources to support parish ministry. The Church Pastoral Aid Society was able to provide help and resources for parishes in a number of ways, including days of reflection, particularly for those with leadership roles in their parishes.
- (ii) There was a valuable presentation on the role of Baptism in encouraging the life and growth of the Church community and its spirituality.
- (iii) There was also a presentation on a course launched by the Diocese two years ago entitled "Growing as a Disciple". This course was now regularly offered at several venues in the Diocese during the year. Rooted in the Old and New Testaments, its aim was to encourage people to reflect on their Christian discipleship, deepen their understanding of their faith, and so bear witness to it in their lives.
- (iv) There was the inevitable discussion of budgetary matters.

S.E. Rawlings, Deanery Synod Representative

REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER

There are 64 names on the Roll, 42 of whom are people not resident in the village of Madingley. On behalf of the residents of the village I would like to thank those who attend this church from outside the parish boundary. Your support is hugely valued.

Sue Baldwin

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH GENERALLY.

The PCC is comprised of 8 members plus the Rev'd Christine Barrow, Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill and Mr David Fisher who have been co-opted, all under the chairmanship of Rev'd Maxwell. In between meetings, a smaller Standing Committee deals with matters as they arise. At the beginning of the year two other sub-committees of the PCC – the Fabric Committee and WEDP Fundraising Committee were amalgamated to streamline decision making. The members of this single committee are drawn from the PCC with Col Day and Mr Baldwin being co-opted members. In addition there is a Stewardship Committee which meets when necessary. The full PCC met on six occasions and the various sub-committees another six times during the year. This rather busy schedule reflects work being carried out on the West End Development Project.

Sue Baldwin

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

Treasurer-Elect's Report

Let me introduce myself: my name is David Fisher and I am the Treasurer-Elect of Madingley PCC. My predecessor, Jane Elliott, served for several years as Treasurer both diligently and with distinction and I hope to replicate her contribution. Jane has kindly provided me with some of the information that is contained within this report.

It is my duty in Jane's absence to introduce the finances of the Madingley PCC for the past financial year which I remind you runs, as with all Church of England accounts, on a calendar year basis and therefore represents the period 1 January to 31 December 2017.

Jane has worked with our auditor of accounts, Dr. Alan Wallace, who has completed the audit and has confirmed that they are a true and accurate representation. We thank Dr. Wallace for undertaking this role and activity.

The PCC has two accounts: a Nat West current account for the running of the church and a CBF Church of England Deposit Fund which holds the restricted funds which we have collected for the West End Development (WED) Project.

The figures are contained in the Receipt and Payments reconciliation posted as part of this report. In summary:

1. Our opening balance for the two accounts was £76,081.61 and our closing balance £132,518.21.
2. Income was £71,498.65 including donations to the WED project and expenditure £92,776.55 including transfer to the CBF account.
3. Stripping out financial activity associated with WED funds our income was £25,163.90 and expenditure was £25,752.82 - expenditure being greater than income has necessitated a small use of our reserves, which I am content is not material to our overall financial well-being.

Finally, WED project fund raising has made excellent progress - our total pledges and donations have reached £243,898 out of which we have received £218,429.

David Fisher

Madingley PCC Accounts 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

The following accounts have been calculated on a Receipts and Payments basis. All receipts are paid into the Nat West account some of which are transferred to the Deposit account held at the CBF of the Church of England.

Opening Balance: £76,081.61

Closing Balance: £132,518.21

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	2017	2016
Nat West Current Account	£ 13,483.21	£ 28,716.98	£ 42,200.19	£ 63,478.09
CBF Deposit Account	£ -	£ 90,318.02	£ 90,318.02	£ 23,140.73
	£ 13,483.21	£ 119,035.00	£ 132,518.21	£ 76,081.61

Nat West Current Account

Income	2017	2016
Gift Aid Donations - general fund	£ 7,807.60	£ 9,514.48
Non Gift Aid Donations general fund	£ 3,516.71	£ 4,642.08
Donations to West End Development	£ 44,834.75	£ 31,137.54
Fees and Payments(Gross)	£ 3,176.00	£ 3,738.50
Collections for Charity	£ 418.51	£ 634.49
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	£ 11,073.50	£ 3,443.97
Diocesan Payments	£ 122.00	£ 153.00
Grants	£ -	£ -
VAT Recovered	£ -	£ -
Wall Safe and card sales	£ 533.54	£ 559.03
Received in error	£ 16.04	
Total Income	£ 71,498.65	£ 53,264.06

Nat West Current Account

Expenditure	2017	2016
Charitable Giving	£ 876.70	£ 458.82
Parish Share	£ 7,857.75	£ 7,625.38
Diocesan Fees/reimbursement	£ 303.00	£ 1,043.43
Clergy Fees	£ 746.00	£ 689.00
Clergy Expenses	£ 286.65	£ 292.05
Running Costs	£ 7,409.36	£ 8,508.77
Village Hall Hire	£ 265.00	£ 263.50
West End Development	£ 7,514.04	£ 3,566.79
Book of remembrance	£ 195.92	£ 435.60
Architect	£ 298.40	
Transfer to the DBF deposit account	£ 67,023.73	£ 20,000.00
Total Payments	£ 92,776.55	£ 42,883.34

Notes

Income excluding WED

donations and WED GA

£ 25,163.90

Expenditure excluding

£67,023.73 transferred to the

DBF deposit account

£ 25,752.82

I have audited the Madingley PCC's accounts for the financial year 2017 and confirm that they are a true and accurate representation

Signed: Dr. Alan S Wallace
Independent auditor

Date:

03/03/2018