

# Christ Church, Fulmodeston NR21 0LZ

**Annual Church Report** on the activities of the PCC for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Decembe 2019 prepared by the Churchwarden, Andrew Lee on behalf of the Priest in Charge, The Revd Francis Mason

**Churchwarden:** Andrew Lee

**Bank:** NATWEST 4 Market Place, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9BA

**Treasurer** – Robert Smith, Honeysuckle Cottage, Croxton Road NR21 0NJ

**Independent Examiner:** John Davies, Fulmodeston Hall, NR21 0LY

**PCC Members:** Alan Heath, Christopher Sharpin, Elizabeth Sadler, Gillian Lee, James Woodfield, Stephen Miles

**Secretary:** Carolyn Thomas

**Christ Church, Fulmodeston is *‘Committed to providing a Christian Presence in Fulmodeston’***

***Mission Statement:*** To continue to provide cohesion and a focal point to the local working rural community and to use the church building for as many services and special events as possible, including concerts, art fairs, book sales, lectures, etc., as part of the church’s outreach both to the locality and beyond. To provide all the above free at the point of entry so that anyone may be included and contribute to the work of the church both in religious and secular activity. To help all feel needed and valued and to provide in a considerate and compassionate way for Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals.

**2019 - The congregation of Christ Church, Fulmodeston** has worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds in order to play its full part in diocesan life and pay the Quota in full as part of its agreed responsibility in conjunction with its sister church at Fakenham. We continue to work closely with Francis Mason and Reader, Amanda Sands, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and friendship.

**Christ Church has mounted forty-three services this year**, with others held jointly at the Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel. Although regular services are from the Book of Common Prayer, a number have been in modern language, including Harvest Festival Service, Advent Carols, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday Liturgy, Mothering Sunday. The average attendance during the year for the purpose of Statistics for Mission was 15. There have been a number of events mounted by the church as part of its outreach to the community. These are listed in the appendix to this report.

The regular monthly house group continues to meet. Members share a time of fellowship with colleagues and friends from St Mary’s Church, Barney, the Fulmodeston Chapel and from elsewhere in the area. Currently, there are contributions from five Christian traditions, all living

within the Fulmodeston Civil Parish. Ecumenism in Fulmodeston is alive and well with both the Church and Chapel offering chances for all to meet in an inclusive atmosphere. Highlights of such events were the Christian unity Service, the Harvest Festival and the Carol Service.

Charitable donations in 2017 were made to E.A.C.H, The Royal British Legion, and Water Aid. Donations of produce are being collected in the church in aid of the Mid Norfolk Foodbank. At least 150 kilos were collected in 2019.

The Benefice Quota has been paid in full and the church is committed to paying the 2020 request, if possible. This is increasingly a challenge and the PCC decided to realise some share holdings in order to pay the balance of the quota and also the insurance.

The PCC met four times under the Chairman and Lay Vice-Chair with a good turnout at each meeting. We are grateful for the careful stewardship of church funds by treasurer Robert Smith who has indicated he will be standing down at the end of the current year. Thanks to Carolyn Thomas for her work as the PCC Secretary. Thanks also to John Davies for serving as the independent Examiner.

There have been regular reports from the Deanery Synod, where appropriate.

A Church Near You website continues to provide valuable information about the church and its activities, and Christ Church has a page on appear on the Fakenham parish church website and also a page in the Beacon magazine. These provide wonderful avenues of communication and advertising for church events.

Thanks to the 'sidesmen' who are always present to greet the congregation with a smile. Thanks to James and Neceda Woodfield who keep the church open every day from dawn until dusk.

Thanks to Alan Heath for providing music at services and to Stephen Miles for helping to prepare the structure and content of the worship at Christ Church in conjunction with Francis and Amanda.

Special thanks to Chris Sharpin for his care of the churchyard which always looks tidy and well kept and is a wonderful focal point for the village. The church bell would not sound so good if it were not for his skillful knowledge of campanology! The Parish Council also donates £150 each year for the upkeep of the churchyard for which we are immensely grateful.

We would also like to thank our Methodist friends for continuing to provide us with a voice in the village newsletter free of charge and for working with us to meet for several 'United Services' throughout the year.

In an ever-increasing regulatory world, Christ Church seeks to fulfill all of its obligations concerning health and safety and safeguarding. We are grateful to Dave Webb for checking all of the electrical equipment.

Highlights of a full year of community events were: 'Coffee at the Crossroads' for the visibility of church activity in the village; the Harvest Supper and Grand Draw; the visit of the Purcell School Impulse Outreach Team; the Mothering Sunday weekend Craft Fair which helped local crafters and charities sell goods and raise funds; the Christmas Carol Service followed by a reception.

We thank the sponsors who made the Purcell School Concert possible.

Lastly, thanks to Heather Schofield for the Learning Corner for children of all ages which is regularly updated to link with the themes of the church year.

It has been good to welcome those who are new to the vicinity to the church.

Andrew Lee– Churchwarden      January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

## Christ Church Services & Events 2019

### January

6	3.00pm	Evening Prayer for the Epiphany
13	11.00am	Holy Communion
20	No service	
21	6.30pm	PCC Meeting - Field End
27	3.00pm	Evening Prayer

### February

3	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
10	11.00am	Holy Communion
17	No service	
24	3.00pm	Evening Prayer

### March

3	4.00pm	Evening Prayer
10	11.00am	Holy Communion
17	No service	
24	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

30	10.30am	Craft Sale
31	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service BST

April

7	5.30pm	Evening Prayer - followed at 6.30pm by the APCM
14	11.00am	Holy Communion
19	9.30am	Good Friday Liturgy
21	10.30am	Easter Holy Communion
24	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
28	6.30pm	Evening prayer

May

5	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
12	11.00am	Holy Communion
19	No service	
26	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

June

2	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
9	6.00pm	Songs of Praise for Pentecost
16	No service	
22	6.00pm	Purcell School Concert
23	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
30	11.00am	Matins

July

7	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
14	11.00am	Holy Communion
21	No service	
28	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

August

3	10.30am-1.00pm	Coffee at the Crossroads
4	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
11	11.00am	Holy Communion
18	No service	
25	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

September

1	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
8	11.00am	Holy Communion
15	No service	
22	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
29	11.00am	Matins

October

5	7.00pm	Harvest Supper OSH
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6	4.00pm	Harvest Festival
13	11.00am	Holy Communion
20	No service	
27	3.00pmGMT	Evening Prayer
November		
3	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
10	10.50am	Remembrance
17	No service	
24	3.00pm	Evening Prayer – Christ the King
December		
1	3.00pm	Advent Service
8	11.00am	Holy Communion
15	No service	
22	3.00pm	Carol Service
25	10.30am	Christmas Day Communion
29	2.30pm	Carols at the Chapel