

Sandon Annual Reports



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Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2016

held in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 17th April 2016 after morning worship.

- 1 Opening Prayers were said by Revd Terry Brown.
- 2 Appointment of Clerk - Christine Mennie agreed to clerk the Annual meetings.
- 3 Apologies - Mark Champness and Simon Johnson.
Present - 29 members of the congregation and parish.
- 4 Approval of the minutes of the year 2015 Annual Vestry Meeting
These were proposed by Dennis Terry and seconded by Christine Farrar.
Agreed unanimously.
- 5 Matters Arising - There were none.
- 6 Election of Two Churchwardens.
Terry began by thanking Janet for all her hard work over the last four years.
Revd Terry Brown has received two nominations:
David Farrar proposed by Mark Champness

seconded by Eileen Bartrup

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proposed by David Farrar

seconded by Eileen Bartrup.

Therefore as there were no other nominations David Farrar and Mark Champness were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

David Farrar asked that it would be noted that he will only stand for one more year.

- 7 Date of Next Meeting - Sunday 23rd April 2017 in the St Andrew's Room at approx 11:30am.

The meeting then closed.

Minutes of Extraordinary Vestry Meeting 2016

held in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 16th October 2016 after morning worship.

- 1 Opening Prayers were said by Revd Terry Brown.
- 2 Apologies – Colin Bryan, Anna Cosby and Simon Johnson.
Present – Nick Bobeldijk, Terry Brown, David Farrar, Valerie Grimwood, John Gruby, Christine Mennie, Michael Puffett, Dennis Terry, Janet Terry.
- 3 Election of a Churchwarden.
Due to the resignation of Mark Champness for personal reasons, a new church warden needs to be elected.
Revd Terry Brown had received one nomination:
Judy Cecil proposed by Valerie Grimwood
seconded by Nick Tovey

Therefore as there were no other nominations Judy Cecil was duly elected as Churchwarden for the remainder of the year.

4 The meeting was closed by Revd Terry Brown.

The meeting then closed.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parochial Meeting

held in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 17th April 2016 after the Annual Vestry Meeting.

1 Notice Convening the Meeting

The Revd Terry Brown noted that the meeting had been convened.

2 Apologies - The apologies and attendees for the Vestry meeting were applied for this meeting.

3 Election of Tellers - Mr Dennis Terry and Mr Michael Puffett were appointed by the meeting to act as tellers.

4 Approval of minutes of the year 2015 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Proposed by Michael Puffett

Seconded by Mike Harris

Agreed unanimously.

5 Matter Arising - None

6 Reports

6.1 Electoral Roll Report

Mrs Liz Bobeldijk reported there were 5 new members and no removals. The current membership stand at 31 residents and 37 non-residents bringing the total to 68. Liz was thanked by Terry for all her hard work.

Nick Bobeldijk said that the planned giving was up by 1%. A new piece of soft ware is to be purchased to make the treasurer's job easier. We are keeping our head above water. Terry thanked Nick for all is hard work.

6.2 Annual Report – attached

Janet thanked everyone who helped keep the church running smoothly in the past year. Terry thanked Janet for the annual report.

6.4 Fabric Report – attached David thanked Christine for all her hard work for the Churchyard Competition, Mike Harris for his work in the Garden of Remembrance and Judy and Richard for repairing the front fence.

6.3 Treasurers Report - This has still to be approved.

Terry thanked David for the report.

6.5 Deanery Synod Report
Judy said that the Church of England still has many things to sort out.

6.6 Chelmer Crouch Group
Christine reported that the

7 Election of Parochial Church Members

Ian Underwood, due to ill health, has tendered his resignation, which leaves with four vacancies. Three to serve for 3 years and one to service for 1 year.
Nominations

Colin Bryan proposed by David Farrar
seconded by Christine Farrar

Anna Cosby proposed Janet Terry
seconded by Audrey Bryan

Janet Terry proposed by Mike Harris
seconded by Gill Haddington

Simon Johnson proposed by David Farrar
seconded by Janet Terry

Mike Harris proposed by Richard Cecil
seconded by Michael Puffett

Results of Election - as reported by the Tellers.

Janet Terry 26 votes

Colin Bryan 22 votes

Anna Cosby 21 votes

Simon Johnson 19 votes

Mike Harris 11 votes

Therefore Janet Terry, Colin Bryan, Anna Cosby will serve for the duration of 3 years and Simon Johnson for 1 year. Mike Harris was not elected.

last year had mostly been taken up with the Mission and Ministry Units and the Unit Development Fund. All are soon we hope to be resolved.

- 8 Appointment of Child Protection Officer
Alison Read was proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Roy Smith.
Alison was happy to stand for another year. Agreed unanimously
- 9 Appointment of Vulnerable Adult Officer
Christine Farrar agreed to stand for another year and was proposed by Janet Terry and seconded by Christine Mennie. Agreed unanimously.
- 10 Appointment of Independent Examiner
Richard Wheatley was proposed by David Farrar and seconded by Colin Bryan.
Agreed unanimously.
- 11 Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
Liz Bobeldijk was proposed by Anna Cosby and seconded by Valerie Grimwood.
Agreed unanimously.
- 12 Appointment of Sidesmen and Sideswomen
Eileen Bartrup, Joan Bridger, Colin Bryan, Gill Hodge, Christine Farrar, John Gruby, Christine Mennie, Anna Cosby and Pam Norrington.
These appointments were proposed by Nick Bobeldijk, seconded by Mike Harris and agreed unanimously.
Richard and Judy Cecil offered to act as Sidesmen when not ringing the bells.
- 13 Reports from other Organisations.
These were given out as written reports and distributed before the meeting.
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| 13.1 Scouts - Jean Blake spoke on behalf of the Scouts and said that she is now the Group Scout Leader and that they were starting a new Explorer Unit which would follow on from Scouts similar to the old Venture Scouts. | 13.5 Prayer Letters |
| 13.2 Churches Together in Chelmsford | 13.6 Bible Reading Notes |
| 13.3 Chelmsford Nursing Home | 13.7 St Andrew's Choir |
| 13.4 Bell Ringers | 13.8 The Magazine |
| | 13.9 Marsabit |
| | 13.10 Churchyard |
| | 13.11 Sandon Friends |
| | 13.12 Youth Fellowship |
| | 13.13 Cubs |
| | 13.14 Beavers |
| | 13.15 Tea and Chat |
| | 13.16 Tiny Tots Toddler Group |

- 14 Rectors Report
Dennis thanked Terry for all his hard work in the past year and that he had been an inspiration to us all and got us all working as a team.
- 15 Concerns/Questions to be expressed - There were none.
- 16 Any Other Business
Richard Cecil took the occasion to thank, on behalf of St Andrew's Church, Ian Underwood for all for the work he had done for the church, reminding us of the many hats that he had worn, Churchwarden, Magazine Editor, Secretary and Treasurer. He had also helped with the Befrienders and had acted as Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister. This was besides helping clean the church and working in the churchyard. All this work was always done with the support of his wife, Barbara, who also worked tirelessly for the church. I am sure they would say it was all done out of love. Thank you, Ian and Barbara.
- 17 Date of Next Meeting
Sunday 23rd April 2017 after 10:00am service in the St Andrew's Church.
- 18 Closing Prayers were led by Revd Terry Brown.

The Meeting was then closed.

Minutes of the Parochial Church Meeting 17th April 2016

held immediately following Annual Church Meeting.

- 1 Apologies - Mark Champness and Simon Johnson.
Present - Michael Puffett, Judy Cecil, Janet Terry, Dennis Terry, Anna Cosby, Nick Bobeldijk, Christine Mennie, David Farrar, Valerie Grimwood, John Gruby, Colin Bryan and Revd Terry Brown
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chairman
David Farrar was proposed by Christine Mennie and seconded by Nick Bobeldijk and was duly appointed.
- 3 Appointment of Treasurer
Nick Bobeldijk was proposed by David Farrar and seconded by Christine Mennie agreed unanimously.
- 4 Appointment of Secretary
Christine Mennie was proposed by Colin Bryan and seconded by Valerie Grimwood.
Votes for 10; Against 1 - Judy Cecil
Christine was duly appointed.
- 5 Chelmer Crouch Group Unit Development Funding
This report had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed to accept the recommendation David Farrar and seconded by Anna Cosby.
Agreed unanimously.
- 6 Any Other Business
David Farrar had obtained all the Insurance Policies for the church and passed them to Nick Bobeldijk who will keep and pay as needed.
- 7 Treasurers Report
It was agreed to approve this report at the 16th May 2016 meeting.
- 8 Dates of Future Meetings
2016 - 16th May, 18th July, 19th September, 21st November
2017 - 16th January, 20th March

Meeting closed with the Grace.

Electoral Roll Report

The changes are 3 new residents of the parish and one new non-resident. One non-resident was taken off the electoral roll, namely Anthony Saltmarsh who asked to be removed. This brings the totals on the roll to 34 residents and 37 non-residents.

Liz Bobeldijk

Annual Report

Aims and Purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent Revd Terry Brown (Terry), in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building and Churchyard at The Green, Sandon.

Objectives and Activities

St Andrew's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with an incumbent, when appointed, promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building and churchyard at The Green, Sandon. During the year, we continued with the following vision

"In the light of God's call, and our situation here, our vision is:-

- 1 "To glorify and worship God and to further his kingdom on earth.
- 2 "To declare and show the love of Christ for all people to the people of Sandon.
- 3 "To teach, encourage and help people to be disciples of Christ.
- 4 "To proclaim Christ's Gospel to the people of Sandon and the wider world.
- 5 "To encourage commitment and personal growth in Christian discipleship and spirituality.
- 6 "To channel God's love through service and care for all."

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Andrew's. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing a knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work we feel it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew's and regular maintenance is carried out, mainly by volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

This year we have continued to welcome growing numbers of families into our church to the family service on the 2nd Sunday morning each month at 10 am.

All are welcome to attend our regular services of sung Communion at 10 am on the other Sundays, as well as a said communion on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. At present there are 71 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 37 are not resident within the parish. Four names were added during the year and one was removed because he has moved away from the parish. The average weekly attendance is 40, though average numbers counted during October, were 75 as we celebrated several extra festivals at that time. Numbers increased for special services such as the Queen's 90th birthday celebration, harvest, Memorial service for loved ones, Patronal festival, Christingle and at Easter and Christmas times. On Easter Day 71 people attended and there were 46 communicants, while 422 attended special services during Advent and on Christmas Eve and Morning 89 people attended and 61 received communion.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of life's journey. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life completed in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 10 Baptisms and six weddings and held two funerals in our church this year. In November we celebrated with four confirmation candidates at the Cathedral.

Deanery Synod

Two lay members of the PCC and the incumbent sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the PCC continues to explore questions posed to parishes in the deanery about the most effective deployment of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy, and the development of lay leadership as Mission and Ministry units are set up. St Andrew's is now engaged with our 10 neighbouring churches in the formation of 'The Compass Churches'.

Use of the Church building and the St Andrew's Room

The church remains open every day from about 9 am to dusk and many neighbours and visitors come in for quiet prayer and reflection.

During the year work has been done to retille the nave and North Aisle to ensure the church is waterproof for the future. This has been done by contractors with the help

of a grant from the Listed Places of Worship Fund. We plan a Thanksgiving service at the end of April 2017.

Each Wednesday in term time the St Andrew's Room and church are used by our Tiny Tots mothers and toddlers group. Up to 20 children and their carers have been regular attendees and the group also organised a teddy bear's picnic and a summer party.

There is a Tea and Chat group every Tuesday morning with occasional quizzes or speakers. This group enjoyed a Christmas lunch in a local pub and also a trip to the Orthodox monastery. The St Andrew's room is also used by the local school, WI, churches together in Chelmsford, Community Choir, Parish Council and our church choir.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Terry visits at home and church members visit the local Nursing Home and offer lay communion to some of the residents and staff once each month. Terry is a governor at the local secondary school and visits to lead assembly and as chaplain. Church members visit those who unwell or not able to get to church and we are planning to set up a more formal group to take some of the load from Terry as he expands his role in other ways.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The PCC has encouraged fund-raising and we have continued to support a pastor and an evangelist in Marsabit, Kenya for the last 5 years, giving £1920 each year as well as an extra donation of £1000 for a motorbike. We have also supported CHESS the local homeless support group and made small donations to other good causes.

We enjoyed a lunch in July at which the Dean of Chelmsford cathedral spoke to us about stewardship and we launched the Parish Giving Scheme in Sandon to which 10 people have now signed up.

We have enjoyed fundraising concerts by 'The People of the Green' and 'The Southend Boys and Girls' choirs. Our summer fete included a dog show and stalls in the churchyard and raised much needed funds while proceeds from the Christmas Fayre in the village hall also boosted our finances.

Our parish magazine is now distributed quarterly to all houses in the parish and to those on the Electoral Roll, and copies are available in church. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our church and includes articles which help to develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus as well as some which are more light-hearted. The St Andrew's website is kept up to date and includes information about events and services, as well as previous magazines, pew sheets and photos of past events.

St Andrew's Youth Fellowship sadly held its last meeting on 31st March. Thank you to Evelyn Ellis and her team for their dedication. Many will have fond memories of Peter and Evelyn as they worked with the youngsters in the SAYF and the annual pantomimes.

Men's and Ladies breakfasts continue monthly at Butts Green Garden centre. Our annual outreach 'Tea on the Green' in August attracted a crowd of over 150 who sang with the Salvation Army Band and listened to a message from Caroline Brown and prayers.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Chelmsford and The Chelmer Crouch Group. We have this year supported the local United Reformed Church (URC) at Howe Green by attending their Christmas Carols, Fair-trade coffee morning and a new venture of Cafe church on some Sunday afternoons. One member of the URC congregation has joined us for bible studies. Small groups have attended lay and clergy led courses: 'The Way', 'The Rhythm of Life' and 'The Good the Bad and the Ugly' especially encouraging as three of the four people confirmed recently have been coming along.

Volunteers

We thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community: those who clean the church and arrange flowers, work in the churchyard, ring the bells, sing in the choir, make the tea, manage our website, edit and deliver our magazine and all those others who share their talents and time in so many different ways to make St Andrew's a loving community.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), 2 Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. There are 2 deanery synod representatives and there are 9 elected members allowed with 3 elected each year for 3 years. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. 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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. Thank you to our electoral roll officer and our vulnerable adult and child safeguarding officers. Terry is at present 'Priest in Charge' of St Andrew's, Sandon but the PCC in negotiation with Bishop John and the Patron have agreed to remove the suspension of the living and celebrate the licensing of Terry as Rector on Tuesday 9th May 2017.

Administrative Information

St. Andrew's Church is situated by The Green, Sandon. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. Our correspondence address is:-
c/o The Vicarage, 1 Glebe Meadow, Great Waltham, Chelmsford CM3 1EX
PCC Members who have served from 1st January 2016 until the date of this report are:

Priest:	Revd Terry Brown	
Wardens:	Mr David Farrar	
	Mrs Janet Terry	<i>till 24th May 2016</i>
	Mr Mark Champness	<i>24th May 2016 till September 2016</i>
	Mrs Judy Cecil	<i>from 1st November 2016</i>
Deanery Synod		
Representatives:	Mrs Judy Cecil	<i>elected in 2014 for 3 years</i>
	Mr Dennis Terry	<i>elected in 2014 for 3 years</i>
Elected members:	Mr Nicholas Bobeldijk	<i>elected in 2014 for 3 years</i>
		<i>Treasurer</i>
	Mr Colin Bryan	<i>elected in 2015 for 1 year</i>
		<i>then elected in 2016 for 3 years</i>
	Mrs Anna Cosby	<i>from April elected in 2016 for 3 years</i>
	Mrs Valerie Grimwood	<i>elected in 2014 for 3 years</i>
	Mr John Gruby	<i>elected in 2015 for 3 years</i>
	Mr Michael Harris	<i>till April 2016</i>
	Mr Simon Johnson	<i>elected in 2015 for 1 year</i>
		<i>then elected in 2016 for 1 year</i>
Mrs Christine Mennie	<i>elected in 2015 for 3 years,</i>	
	<i>Secretary and Chelmer Crouch Group Rep</i>	
Mr Michael Puffett	<i>elected in 2015 for 3 years</i>	
Mrs Janet Terry	<i>elected in 2016 for 3 years</i>	
Mr Ian Underwood	<i>till April 2016</i>	

Standing Committee:

Incumbent or Chairman, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary

Bank: Lloyds TSB, Chelmsford Branch

Examiner: Richard Wheatley appointed by PCC as minute of 2015 annual meeting

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2016

Giving from all sources decreased in 2016 by £2,098 to £28,579 from £30,677 in 2015.

Income from Other Charitable Activities and other Trading Activities also fell by £2,262 compared to 2015. As a result, our total income fell by £8,491 to £46,379. Our outgoings decreased slightly by £586 to £41,834 giving us an excess of income over outgoings of £4,544, with last years' excess being £11,408.

As at 31 December 2016 we had total balance in the bank of £21,963 although some £4,427 of this total is restricted funds.

The Building Maintenance Fund had a balance of £7,984 at the end of December. The main expense items were:- Parish Share £26,250, Magazine £1,885, Insurance £1,714, Electricity £2,366, Water £77. Maintenance expenditure was £550.

Churchyard expenses totalled £678 although much voluntary work was carried out over the year for which we are very grateful. No grant was received from Sandon Parish Council during 2016 in respect of maintaining the churchyard.

In Mission a total of £3,803 was given to various causes.

Fund Raising expenses were £696.

We paid various affiliation fees and subscriptions totalling £175.

Miscellaneous expenses were £53.

Nick Bobeldijk, Treasurer, 20th March 2017

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	33,756	—	2,940	—	36,696	42,939
Income from charitable activities	2,120	—	549	—	2,669	3,126
Other trading activities	6,764	—	216	—	6,981	8,786
Investments	31	—	—	—	31	18
Total receipts	42,673	—	3,705	—	46,379	54,870
Payments						
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—	15
Expenditure on charitable activities	39,059	—	2,775	—	41,834	42,404
Total payments	39,059	—	2,775	—	41,834	42,420
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	3,613	—	930	—	4,544	12,450
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	830	—	6,389	—	7,219	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(6,389)	—	(830)	—	(7,219)	—
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses	(1,945)	—	6,489	—	4,544	12,450
Net movement in funds	(1,945)	—	6,489	—	4,544	12,450
All assets at 01 January 2016	14,791	—	(5,822)	—	8,969	(3,481)
All assets at 31 December 2016	12,845	—	667	—	13,513	8,969
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	12,845	—	—	—	12,845	14,791
Restricted						
Agency collection	—	—	(8,814)	—	(8,814)	(8,814)
Building Maintenance	—	—	7,984	—	7,984	1,740
Diocesan Board of Finance	—	—	158	—	158	—
Friends of Sandon Church	—	—	256	—	256	490
Mary Pearson Bequest	—	—	562	—	562	562
Organist's Fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rectors Fees	—	—	415	—	415	—
SVH Booking Deposit	—	—	105	—	105	200
Treasurers Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6430	COIF	562	562
	Total Fixed assets	562	562
Current assets			
6501	Current Account	4,427	1,944
6505	Deposit Account	17,500	15,000
6590	Cash	36	276
	Total Current assets	21,963	17,221
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	9,012	8,814
	Total Liabilities	9,012	8,814
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	13,513	8,969
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	4,544	—
Z01	Starting balances	8,969	8,969
	Total Reserves	13,513	8,969
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	12,845	14,791
	Designated	—	—
	Restricted	667	(5,822)
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	13,513	8,969

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Investments		
COIF		
Mary Pearson Bequest (Restricted)	562	562
	562	562
Total for Investments	562	562
Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account		
Building Maintenance (Restricted)	3,994	—
Diocesan Board of Finance (Restricted)	63	—
Friends of Sandon Church (Restricted)	216	—
Organist's Fees (Restricted)	—	—
Rectors Fees (Restricted)	415	—
SVH Booking Deposit (Restricted)	—	—
Treasurers Expenses (Restricted)	(24)	—
General fund (Unrestricted)	(527)	1,944
Agency collection (Restricted)	289	—
	4,427	1,944
Deposit Account		
Building Maintenance (Restricted)	3,990	1,740
Diocesan Board of Finance (Restricted)	95	—
Friends of Sandon Church (Restricted)	40	490
Organist's Fees (Restricted)	—	—
SVH Booking Deposit (Restricted)	105	200
Treasurers Expenses (Restricted)	24	—
General fund (Unrestricted)	13,337	12,570
Agency collection (Restricted)	(91)	—
	17,500	15,000
Cash		
General fund (Unrestricted)	36	276
	36	276
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	21,963	17,221
Agency accounts		
Agency collections		
Agency collection (Restricted)	(9,012)	(8,814)
Total for Agency accounts	(9,012)	(8,814)
Grand total	13,513	8,969

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Buildings - Building Maintenance						
Restricted	1,740	2,900	2,755	6,100	—	7,984
Sub-total for Buildings	1,740	2,900	2,755	6,100	—	7,984
DBoF - Diocesan Board of Fi						
Restricted	—	133	—	24	—	158
Sub-total for DBoF	—	133	—	24	—	158
Friends - Friends of Sandon Ch						
Restricted	490	256	—	(490)	—	256
Sub-total for Friends	490	256	—	(490)	—	256
Organist - Organist's Fees						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Organist	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pearson - Mary Pearson Bequest						
Restricted	562	—	—	—	—	562
Sub-total for Pearson	562	—	—	—	—	562
Rector - Rectors Fees						
Restricted	—	415	—	—	—	415
Sub-total for Rector	—	415	—	—	—	415
SVH - SVH Booking Deposit						
Restricted	200	—	(5)	(100)	—	105
Sub-total for SVH	200	—	(5)	(100)	—	105
Treas - Treasurers Expenses						
Restricted	—	—	24	24	—	—
Sub-total for Treas	—	—	24	24	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	14,791	42,673	39,059	(5,559)	—	12,845
Sub-total for General	14,791	42,673	39,059	(5,559)	—	12,845
Grand total	17,783	46,379	41,834	—	—	22,327

Analysis of receipts and payments

Donations and legacies

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	10,953	—	—	—	10,953	17,823	
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—	
0112 - Small Donations Scheme	5,000	—	—	—	5,000	5,000	
0201 - Other planned giving	1,799	—	—	—	1,799	1,011	
0202 - Parish Giving Scheme	5,658	—	—	—	5,658	—	
0301 - Collections	1,557	—	—	—	1,557	2,044	
0501 - Donations - Gift Aid	833	—	—	—	833	4,035	
0550 - Donations - Non Gift Aid	489	—	2,290	—	2,779	764	
0601 - Gift Aid Recovered	7,465	—	—	—	7,465	8,958	
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	2,001	
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	1,300	
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	650	—	650	—	
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	33,756	—	2,940	—	36,696	42,939	

Income from charitable activities

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
0911 - Ride & Stride	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	2,120	—	549	—	2,669	3,126	
Total	2,120	—	549	—	2,669	3,126	

Other trading activities

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
0910 - General Fundraising	5,676	—	216	—	5,893	6,700	
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	425	—	—	—	425	425	
1260 - Parish magazine sales	662	—	—	—	662	1,661	
Total	6,764	—	216	—	6,981	8,786	

Investments

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
1001 - Investment Income	20	—	—	—	20	15	
1020 - Bank Interest	11	—	—	—	11	3	
Total	31	—	—	—	31	18	

INCOME TOTAL	42,673	—	3,705	—	46,379	54,870
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Raising funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
1701 - Bank Charges	—	—	—	—	—	15
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	15

Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
1730 - Event Expenses	696	—	(5)	—	691	902
1850 - Mission	3,803	—	—	—	3,803	2,981
1851 - Ride & Stride	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910 - Parish Share	26,250	—	—	—	26,250	26,829
2101 - Clergy Expenses	10	—	—	—	10	632
2145 - Miscellaneous	53	—	—	—	53	23
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,714	—	—	—	1,714	1,832
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2340 - Vestry Supplies	644	—	24	—	669	602
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	678	—	—	—	678	1,574
2360 - Printing and Stationery	224	—	—	—	224	73
2370 - Fees and Subscriptions	175	—	—	—	175	227
2401 - Church running - electric	2,366	—	—	—	2,366	2,476
2410 - Church running - Extinguishers	—	—	—	—	—	39
2420 - Church running - water	77	—	—	—	77	83
2501 - Magazine expenses	1,885	—	—	—	1,885	1,986
2701 - Church repairs - structure	(71)	—	2,755	—	2,684	1,255
2710 - Church repairs - other	550	—	—	—	550	883
Total	39,059	—	2,775	—	41,834	42,404

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	39,059	—	2,775	—	41,834	42,420
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GRAND TOTAL	3,613	—	930	—	4,544	12,450
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This report dated: 25 February 2017

Fabric Report for 2016

Church Roof retiling project

Following the repair requirements of the Quinquennial Report of 2013 page 13 para. 5.3 and further more recent inspections of the roof, we have pressed ahead to get finances to cover the retiling of the 4 main roofs of the Church. (Lady Chapel and Nave Roofs).

A Roof Committee was set up and our second bid to the Listed Places of Worship Fund (Lottery Fund backing) was successful to the tune of £61,900. In addition to this 'The Friends of Sandon, Church' contributed £6,900 and two further grants of £5,000 each from The Wolfson Foundation and via the National Churches Trust, plus PCC financial help, has enabled us to go ahead with the project at the end of 2016. The work is currently going on in early 2017 and should be complete by March 21st 2017.

The contract for the work was awarded to a local company, Caters Roofing, overseen by our Church Architect, David Ferguson. The total cost will be in the order of £76, 500. Caters have been very attentive to our needs for the use of the Church for weddings and funerals etc during the retiling period.

We sincerely thank our 'live wire' Anna Cosby who has led the considerably complicated bidding process to get where we are today. In addition we also thank all those on the Roof Committee and those also involved in raising money through 'The Friends' by buying tiles, and donating their time and energy to this project.

There will be a specific Thanksgiving Service for the project completion on Sunday the 30th April.

The Church's Interior

Cracks over the exit arch to the St. Andrew's Room have recently been beautifully repaired by Kim Davies. Also Andy Hilton's Building company have very skilfully repaired a large hole in the wall in the lower Chancel area and also cracks around a lofty window from where wasps had habitually emerged.

All of these repairs have been done Free of Charge and we thank Kim and Andy for this.

St Andrew's Room and Church Cleaning

Matthew Wood has cleaned and polished the SAR and Church regularly this year as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program.

Church Roof Gutter Cleaning This was done in early 2016.

Holy Dusters

This is a new group set up to keep the Church clean. Christine Mennie has managed to keep the group suitably well organised and supplied with refreshments etc. We are always seeking additional helpers.

Churchyard

Christine Mennie has again done an excellent job organising regular churchyard maintenance groups, usually on a Saturday morning. We were rewarded for this endeavour by winning third prize again at the RCCE (Rural Council for Community of Essex) competition- which covered the whole of Essex.

Churchyard Front Fence

The yew hedge now constitutes the front fence and is growing through those areas occupied previously by the old fence panelling (removed and burnt during 2016). A few other stretches of the fence have also been repaired throughout 2016.

Churchyard Trees

These have been regularly inspected and kept in check by Mike Harris for which many thanks.

Memorial Garden

The wooden surround posts had rotted and Mike Harris very kindly replaced them expertly during 2016. The writer had all the plaque names re-fettled and Denise Carter has kept the gardens looking attractive. Thank you Denise and Mike.

Grass Cutting

The PCC thank the Parish Council for cutting a significant part of the churchyard grass this year. Nick Mennie continues to cut a big area and the writer does the Memorial Garden area and environs. We particularly thank George for doing a great deal of hard work throughout the churchyard during the year. He is an enthusiastic colleague!

Lightning Conductor Testing

This was carried out this year and we now have a relevant certificate!

Fabric Purchases and Gifts during the Year

During the year we purchased a new white projector screen for £130 and a new lightweight 'Shark' vacuum cleaner for £150. Of greater significance however is that we were given three new chandeliers each bearing 9 candles by Sarah and Andrew Harding following their wedding in Church on the 28th of December. We are currently applying for a Faculty so that the chandeliers can remain in place. A Madonna figure was purchased to replace one that had disappeared some time ago. This was subject to a Faculty duly processed by Michael Puffett. So, overall the Church fabric is now in a better condition than previously but there are plenty of other items which will need our attention very soon.

David Farrar, Churchwarden

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery synod met 4 times in June at East Hanningfield, September at South Woodham Ferrers, November 2016 at Danbury and February 2017 at St Luke's, Moulsham.

Topics included:

Schools Youth Ministry (SYM) presentation and discussion about their work in mentoring youngsters in many local schools and provision of 'Refresh' a space for youngsters to offer prayer or take part in guided discussions.

'What are Deaneries for Now?' – this was a discussion led by Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden around the purpose of Deaneries after the formation of mission and ministry units (MMUs).

A service of thanksgiving with Canon Ann Easter preaching about her work as one of the Royal chaplains.

Youth Work and youngsters in church – a discussion led by Mark Tiddy the youth advisor for Bradwell area.

Three MMUs are developing – South West Chelmsford Churches, The Great Baddow Team and Compass Churches of which Sandon is a part together with the rest of the Chelmer Crouch Group and Stock, West Hanningfield, South Hanningfield and Downham.

The Deanery Synod will continue after the formation of the MMUs to share best practice, arrange speakers of interest, share prayer and worship together as well as its legal and pastoral duties within the diocesan structure.

Judy Cecil

Chelmer Crouch Group and Compass Churches

Sandon have for many years been members of the Chelmer Crouch Group.

Following the launch of Bishop Stephen's paper for the diocese entitled, Transforming Presence in 2012, there has been a renewed conversation about the ways in which churches of the diocese work and collaborate together. This resulted in plans for a new set of groupings which are entitled Mission and Ministry Units, MMUs and parishes asked to form such groupings. Some have been and are working well notably the South West Chelmsford churches which contains Galleywood; Widford, St Mary's and Church of the Holy Spirit; and Moulsham also with 2 churches, St Luke's and St John's. The Chelmer Crouch Group, CCG, has formed the basis of the MMU of which Sandon is a part. But there have been changes. Recently the CCG consisted of the following parishes: Boreham, Little Baddow, Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers, Danbury, East Hanningfield, Sandon and South Woodham Ferrers. At the start of the process Boreham decide to leave the CCG to join parishes in the north of Chelmsford. Stock and West Hanningfield have agreed to join with the CCG and more recently the churches around Downham have

decided to join this group. These are Downham, Ramsden Bellhouse, Ramsden Heath and South Hanningfield.

Attempts are being made to formulate and formalise a structure for this new grouping. It has a new name, Compass churches and for the time being it is being chaired by Revd Clive Ashley. It has 4 full time paid ministers, namely, Revd Clive Ashley, Revd Carol Ball and Revd Stephen Robertson. Revd Dr Stephen Need is paid but part time. Revd Jane Seymour is a paid curate but with significant responsibilities at Broomfield hospital and Revd Michèle Marshall and Revd Terry Brown are unpaid ministers.

The Compass Group needs to complete decisions about working in smaller groups because the parishes are predominantly rural they are larger distances apart, how it will be represented on its decision making body, how parishes will actually relate to each other and how it will apportion Parish Share which has been suggested in due course.

Richard Cecil

Churches Together in Chelmsford

Sandon have for many years been members of Churches Together in Chelmsford. About 50 churches in Chelmsford are members and its main activity is the Procession of Witness from 5 points to the City centre High Street for a service to mark Good Friday. Last year that was followed by a Passion Play in the High Street which although not organised by Churches Together in Chelmsford was supported by CTiC.

At its AGM last year it was agreed to change the name to Christians Together in Chelmsford, still CTiC. CTiC sponsored the performance of a moving play, Simeon's Watch, by the Riding Lights Theatre Company in November. Collectively the churches in Chelmsford support the work of CHESS, the Foodbank, Street Pastors, Renew Counselling, Work Place Chaplaincy, YMCA, Christian Aid and Interfaith Forum and Chelmsford 24-7 Prayer. Since Revd Canon Carol Smith took up a new post in Kent in January 2017, Revd Keith Jackson, senior pastor at Life Church in Chelmsford has been acting as Chair and Revd Ade Adayi has been acting Vice-Chair. All denominations are involved and it provides a vehicle where churches can share events across a wider forum. Its AGM is on Sunday 4th June at Skylark church at 3:00 pm followed by Tea and Displays and all are welcome to attend.

Richard Cecil

Chelmsford Nursing home

A small group of members from the church continue to take the Blessed Host to the Nursing Home and share this during a layperson led service.

Numbers of residents participating have slowly increased and we now have on average between 10-12 attending either as a group or visited individually in their rooms for communion or a blessing as they are bed bound. It is also good to see that visitors and staff (duties permitting) often join with us.

A larger group from the church joined with Staff and Residents to sing Carols just before Christmas, the residents seeming to know more of the words than we do, they all joined in with great Gusto. It is good to see that residents look forward to our visits, and as part of our Evangelism I find this very rewarding. From little acorns mighty oaks grow.

Dennis Terry

Bell Ringing Report

We have continued to ring for most Sunday services and eight weddings this last year. We still to rely on the support of Ken and Jo Elliot. Their home tower is Great Baddow, so when Great Baddow require their support on the first Sunday of the month it is hard to find enough ringers at Sandon, but things are improving.

We have lost the services of Nick Champness, but we have recruited Matthew Wood whose training is coming on well.

We need more ringers and are always looking to recruit and train more. If anyone is interested please contact Nick Tovey.

Four quarter peals have been rung in this tower over the last year. Only one involving our ringers and two by the Ladies Guild of Ringers.

We have had visiting ringers on five other occasions, one training day by the Ladies Guild and one by the Essex Ringing Course.

Practice nights continues to be fairly well attended with support from other towers mainly Great Baddow, Downham and Galleywood.

Neil Arnold and Mike Worboys have continued to carry out a regular programme of cleaning, inspection and planned preventative maintenance on the bells. During the last visit in November 2016 the Stays on bells 2 and 3 were tightened, and all of the bolts on the frame were checked and tightened where required. Their next visit is scheduled for 12th April.

Nick Tovey, Tower Captain

Praying for Roads

During 2015 the PCC agreed to deliver prayer letters to all the homes in Sandon on a rota basis, one person delivering to about a 12th of the roads each month. We did not receive much feedback or requests for prayer but residents were made aware that

they were remembered in prayer during ‘their’ month. The PCC voted ‘yes’ to continue for 2016 but the ‘yes’ was only a vague approval, not a passion to ensure it happened and we lost momentum, probably only persevering for about half the year. When we reviewed our aspirations for prayer as a parish we considered praying for the people of the parish in a different way. The suggestion is that during the summer months a group may walk along the roads nearer to the church praying for residents as we go.

In addition the roads of the parish and their residents are remembered in prayer in our Prayer Calendar, each road being allocated a date so that each will be remembered one day per month by all those using the calendar.

Judy Cecil

Bible Reading Notes

A limited number (12 copies - some to couples) have been taking New Daylight published by BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) which provides a short scripture reading for each day with a commentary about it. These commentaries, written by a wide range of authors can explain stories from the Old and New Testaments as well as use scripture to illuminate the lives of men and women of God from different ages both before Christ and since. To grow effectively as a Christian some form of Bible study (along with prayer, fellowship and witnessing) seems a must. These notes do not have a monopoly on this but do provide an outlet for a disciplined approach if that is what you aspire to.

Richard Cecil

St. Andrew’s Choir

The choir has continued to provide the music for all regular services. Like most church choirs, it is limited in its repertoire by numbers but I am grateful for their loyalty on Friday evenings and Sundays.

During the year, it was a great thrill to sing with the Cathedral choir at Harvest festival. On St Andrew’s day we were joined by choir members from Broomfield and from Terry’s former parishes, for choral Evensong.

This year at Passiontide we are joining with the choir of All Saints, Maldon for Stainer’s Crucifixion. We will continue to enjoy our singing, but it would be much easier with more members.

Ron Woods

Magazine Report

The magazine is indebted to the wide variety of those who contribute in so many ways: ideas, articles, reports, advertisements, distribution. Perhaps the most significant change is that, following a review of similar magazines entered for the Rural Council for Community of Essex competition, the PCC agreed to a quarterly

publication. This began in December 2016 with an updated style, including colour front and back pages and thanks go, thus far, to Valerie Grimwood and Gwen Horscroft for their front cover designs. We are grateful for the regular columns provided by Narelle Arnold and the Speakman family. Each edition has included a letter from Terry and some light hearted items too. Pat Eden and David Farrar have contributed well on that front. We have continued to track the 100th anniversaries of those shown on the WW1 war memorial. We have a good team of distributors who circulate the magazine, now free, to all households in the parish 4 times in the year. Those outside the parish are asked to pay 50p. Thank you again to all who have contributed and please continue to do so.

Richard Cecil, Editor

Marsabit Report

In 2012 the PCC decided to promise an annual sum of £1920 to the diocese of Marsabit in North Kenya to support a Minister and an Evangelist. We have continued to raise money for this and we also remember them in our prayers. The Revd Joshua ministers in Kargi and the evangelist, James, is in an even more inhospitable region of the country but with our support continues his work. Rob Martin, the retired Bishop of Marsabit, visited Sandon in September and then partook of the confirmation of 4 from Sandon and Chelmsford Cathedral in November. We are enormously privileged that Daniel Qampicha, the current Bishop of Marsabit, has asked to come to visit Sandon on a forthcoming visit to the UK.

Richard Cecil

Churchyard

We were lucky enough to come third again in the churchyard competition. David Farrar, Denise Carter and I were invited to the Race Course for an evening of food and wine to collect our certificate; as we are a fairly large working churchyard I think we did very well.

Of course none of this would happen without the help of volunteers who come regularly to work so hard in the churchyard. Thank you to David Farrar, The Parish Council and Nick Mennie for cutting the grass. A special thank you to Denise for looking after the Garden of Remembrance and to George Turner whose help we could not do without. We were lucky to have the uniform groups come one evening and tidy up for us. I hope you will come and join us every 2nd Saturday of the month in the future. We have a great time and perhaps make new friends.

Thank you all once again.

Christine Mennie

‘Friends of Sandon Church’

This year the number of ‘Friends’ members is 71.

During the year we donated £6,900 to St Andrew’s Church for the Roof Retiling project.

Our Annual Meeting was held on the 2nd September 2016 with 26 people present in the St Andrew’s Room. At that time we had a total of £11,500 in the funds. We welcomed two new committee members aboard, Denise Carter and Andrew Harding.

In 2016 three fund raising events were held:

Quiz. This was held in the Village Hall on the 23rd of April and raised over £500.

Concert. This was held in Church on the 18th of September and raised over £600.

Dickensian Evening in Church. Held on Saturday, December 3rd, this produced over £300, about twice the amount compared to the previous year when we held the event outside!

Overall therefore the Friends raised nearly £1,500 during the year from three events.

We still seek new members. You can easily sign up either on a yearly or Life membership basis. The ‘Friends’ is a registered Charity which solely supports the Fabric of St. Andrew’s Church, Sandon.

Current Committee members are as follows: Rev. Terry Brown, Denise Carter Darren Chaplin (Treasurer), Anna Cosby, David Farrar (Secretary), John Gruby, Andrew Harding Andy Hilton and Janet Terry.

Please join us! You will be made welcome!

David Farrar, Secretary

Scout Report

1st Sandon Cub Pack is celebrating providing Scouting for 8 – 10 ½ year olds in Sandon for 40 years in 2017, and the young people continue to thrive on a varied and balanced programme provided by the leaders, section assistant and young leaders.

In the past year, this has included badges and activities such as camping, Air Activities (with trip to Duxford), Chef, Road Safety, Adventure Activity, fire-lighting without matches, various arts and crafts, dressing-up and a multitude of games – all in a safe environment.

We meet regularly for Church Parade and enjoy supporting the Church (along with the other sections) with activities and items we make – for example poppies for Remembrance Service and church yard clean-up, which won 3rd prize in the district competition!

Steve Eatly

Syndicate Explorer Scout Unit (ESU)

Syndicate ESU has been running successfully for almost a year now, and has approximately 20 attendees on a regular basis - plus myself as the Leader, Chris Watkinson as Assistant Leader, and Vincent Lee as an occasional helper. A district-lead unit, Syndicate ESU now has a waiting list for any future members waiting to join. Now that I have completed the rest of my required training, we are about to officially invest the longest-running 15 members of the unit formally - some completing the transition from Scouts, some from a Guiding background, and others as newcomers into the Scout network. We will look to invest the remainder later in the Summer term of early in the Autumn term. A good start for a much-needed group, and strong foundations that we are looking to build on going forward.

Charles Richardson, Syndicate ESU Leader

Ladies' Breakfast

Since last year's annual Church meeting regular gatherings have been held at the Butts Green Garden Centre for the ladies' breakfasts.

The 8:30 am start is well worth the effort for 15 to 18 ladies as they settle at the tables to listen to the invited guest, usually from the diocese, who gives an interesting talk for about half an hour. These have been on a variety of subjects from Fashion, Art, life histories and their faith etc. The six speakers we have welcomed have been:

23rd April Canon Carla Hampton, 18th June Canon Christine Horton, 13th August Revd Sandy Southee, 8th October Revd Gemma Fraser, 10th December Very Revd Elizabeth Snowden and 11th February Revd Tim Ball.

Following the talk we then all enjoy a delicious Full English Breakfast, perfectly cooked and served to us by friendly and helpful staff.

Throughout the seasons we can enjoy the meal in comfort. By the cosy log fire in winter and out on the veranda in the sunny mornings of summer.

Finally for those ladies who have not yet sampled the delights of good food and friendly company a warm welcome awaits you. You will find dates and times of future Ladies' Breakfasts in the Sandon Voice magazine.

Pat Eden

Inter-Village Walk

Our charity inter-village walk was again a day of two halves. First half from Sandon to the Cricketers Pub at Danbury Common and then after lunch from the Cricketers to Sandon.

We managed to get 28 walkers and a total of 38 meals were served at lunch time! Overall we enjoyed the clockwise route of just over 7 miles with fewer people getting lost and good weather helping the enjoyment.

A total of £540 was raised for Little Havens Hospice and Church Funds equally. This year the walk will be on Saturday the 13th of May and start at 10 am from St Andrew's, Sandon. Please watch out for more details nearer the time.

David Farrar, Church Warden

Ride and Stride

Our Annual Ride and Stride effort came from two members of the congregation, John Gruby and David Farrar cycling a circular route from Willingale to Fyfield, Moreton, Bobbingworth, Greenstead, Ongar and back to Willingale. This totalled about 22 miles. The two raised donations, mainly from the congregation and friends, to the value of approx. £615 which was given to the Friends of Essex Churches who organised the event. The Church gets half of this back automatically so we thank all donors who contributed. This year's event will be as usual on the 2nd Saturday in September, 10th, so all able bodied cyclists please join us.

David Farrar, Church Warden

Greenacres

One of the pleasures of the last year was meeting the youngsters at Greenacres. We first met them when they came to talk to Tea and Chat and explained how they taught horticulture and cooking and interactive skills at Greenacres. From then we have kept in contact with them. We were very pleased to take a group of people to sing carols to them after their Christmas dinner, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next came a stall at our Christmas Market which showed off their talents. After the carol concert, the youngsters showed us their cooking skills with proving a selection of tasty titbits. Meeting up with them has always been a pleasure and they have always made us welcome.

Christine Mennie

Holy Dusters

As the numbers of helpers had fallen, we had to change from two people cleaning the church every week, to a group cleaning once a month. Numbers vary each month, but we have a loyal group as the core (I may add not very young) and we have managed to keep the church up to a good standard. Having a break while the roof repairs were done, we of course came back to a fair amount of dust. I was more

than pleased to see the number that came and washed all the wood in the church, no mean task.

This was followed up by a Holy polish. We have to have a spring clean, but we are well on the way to a spotless church.

Thank you to everyone whole helped throughout the year it was much appreciated.

Christine Mennie

Tea and Chat

Tea and Chat continues to be held every Tuesday morning after Eucharist. Again it is a very loyal group that come every week. We did not have our usual given talks but we did go up to Greenacres on one Tuesday morning; they made us very welcome with tea and cakes. Shrove Tuesday brought pancakes (thank you Kim and Mark Davies) and even the most diligent dieters succumbed.

Tea and Chat is open to everyone ,including children, dogs and visiting relatives.

Please come along and join us; all will be welcome.

Christine Mennie

Tiny Tots Toddler Group

Wednesday afternoons have never been so much fun... lots of little people crafting, playing, exploring and throwing the ball around church, not forgetting stopping for a well earned drink and snack, before rounding up with songs from the Rhyme Time Bag to finish!

It's worth mentioning that our team of Tots bring with them their adult carers who also get to craft, play and explore, along with the delights of drinks and cakes from our busy kitchen!

Since Dessi Speakman joined the team over a year ago, we have been spoilt by a number of her delicious home made cakes, inspiring some of the mums to bake and bring along for us to enjoy on Wednesdays too.

The Toddler Group as a whole has also been on quite an adventure, as we relocated to the Village Hall for the duration of the roof works. This was the first time the group had been held anywhere else since it began and it was enormous fun. The highlight could possibly be the inflatable boat filled with balls to make a ball pit, which mostly consisted of Tots throwing the balls out and the adults retrieving them (and repeat!). Great fun had by all.

Our thanks go to the Sandon Village Hall Committee for their hospitality.

We are now safely back in the beautiful surroundings of St Andrews and would like to express our thanks to all those involved in the running of the church, especially the team of Holy Dusters, who allow us to run, play and experience our 'midweek church' together in a clean and safe environment.

Alison Read

Parochial Church Council Meeting

(immediately after the Annual General Meeting)

- 1 Appointment of Vice Chairman
- 2 Appointment of PCC Treasurer
- 3 Appointment of PCC Secretary
- 4 Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
- 5 Next meeting dates
provisionally 15th May, 17th July, 18th September, 20th November 2017,
15th January, 19th March 2018

Agenda for Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings and First PCC Meeting

The meetings will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7:30 pm

Annual Vestry Meeting

- 1 Opening prayers
- 2 Appointment of Clerk
- 3 Apologies
- 4 Approval of the minutes of the year 2016 Annual Vestry Meeting and Extraordinary Vestry meeting
- 5 Election of two Churchwardens
(Nominations must have been received by the chair prior to the meeting.)
- 6 Date of Next Meeting –
provisionally Sunday 22nd April 2018 circa 11:30 am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(immediately after the Annual Vestry Meeting)

- 1 Notice Convening the Meeting
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Election of Tellers
- 4 Approval of the minutes of the year 2016 Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 5 Matters Arising
- 6 Reports
 - 6.1 Electoral Roll Report
 - 6.2 Annual Report
 - 6.3 Financial Report
 - 6.4 Fabric Report
 - 6.5 Deanery Synod Report
 - 6.6 Chelmer Crouch and Compass Report
 - 6.7 Christian Together in Chelmsford
- 7 Election of PCC Members
- 8 Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
- 9 Appointment of Child Protection Officer and Vulnerable Adult Officer
- 10 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 11 Appointment of Sidesmen and Sideswomen
- 12 Reports from other Organisations
- 13 Rector's Report
- 14 Concerns/Questions to be Expressed/Asked
- 15 Other Appropriate Business
- 16 Date of Next Meeting – Sunday 22nd April 2018 circa 11:30 am
- 17 Closing Prayers

