

ST. PEGA'S CHURCH, PEAKIRK

APCM REPORT ON CHURCH YEAR ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2019 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019

St. Pega's have had a very busy year with events and fund-raising. The New Year started with celebrating St. Pega's Patronal Festival. A hymn, composed in Latin in St. Pega's honour by a 13th century monk of Crowland Abbey, was ethereally performed by Dr. Samatha Graper.

Two church brunches were held in the village hall, one in February 2019 and the second at the beginning of November 2019. This is a wonderful community event, always a packed village hall, with the added bonus of raising money for church funds.

The Lent lunch in March was held at the Lever's home with a record attendance. The Mothering Sunday service in March was led by our Lay Reader, Derek Harris. Jane Harris organised a craft session for the children and their mothers, and small bunches of daffodils were given out at the end of the service.

Dr. Avril Lumley-Prior organised a "Chats in Old Churches" which was very popular with an excellent attendance, followed by tea and cakes which soon disappeared!

In May, we held a fund-raising event for our new roof, and were wonderfully entertained in a full church by the Glebe Singers. From May until August, Dr. Avril Lumley-Prior organised several visits by groups to our church and has given talks helped by Trish Roberts, on the history of the church, wall paintings and the life of St. Pega, and sometimes including a walk around the village and a visit to a test pit on the village green. These were very popular and the ladies of the church provided tea and cakes afterwards. The visitors included Bourne U3A, Market Deeping Free Masons and Deepings Heritage Group and we received generous donations.

In June, a Benefice Pentecost open air service was held on our village green which was well attended. In mid June another successful fund-raising concert was held in church and we were excellently entertained by Peterborough Opera. This was followed by Pimms and light refreshments.

Pauline Cooke was appointed Church Warden at the APCM in April and we both attended an Admission of Churchwardens Service in Peterborough Cathedral enabling us to serve for one year.

In September our usual Harvest Festival stalls on the Saturday afternoon took place in the Church Yard. St. Pega's Church was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements and many bargains were purchased. On the Sunday morning a Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service was held with generous donations for the Food Bank.

In October a quiz was held to raise funds for the roof. Quizmasters, Stan Houchen and Robert Moss came out of retirement to host this in our village hall. This was followed by a fish and chip supper.

For our All Souls Service and Remembrance Service this year St. Pega's joined St. Benedicts as we were unsure whether the chancel roof would be completed.

In November two pantomimes were held in Peakirk Village Hall – PG Tips Reunion to see the DVD of Alladin which was originally performed in 1996, followed by a Ploughman's supper. The proceeds were shared between St. Pega's and St. Benedicts. Peakirk & Newborough Dramatic Society then presented Sleeping Beauty with all proceeds from their raffle going to our church roof fund. Thank you to both.

Our third Christingle service was held on the first Sunday in Advent, which was well attended, and refreshments were served after the service. This was followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree in the churchyard – the lights around the tree were beautiful, including five robins on the tree and one owl in the churchyard! A big thank you to David, Rob and Tristan who organise the lights every year.

For the Carol Service led by Derek Harris, the church was full and as usual was followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Christmas Day Eucharist was well attended and led by Rev'd Mark-Aaron.

The Mums and Tots group restarted at Easter this year and we have maintained contact. They are happy to renew the display board in St. Pega's with the children's pictures.

We still have a weekly pew sheet, and a bi-monthly church newsletter which is circulated to all village residents. Jane Harris also produces an excellent bi-monthly Benefice Newsletter which is available in all five churches. All the services and events are also displayed on the Village web site.

The Prayer Group led by Jane Harris is still well attended and held once a month on the 3rd Monday at 7pm at 3 The Park. I am pleased to report that there has been an increase in congregation at our church services over the year.

Regular visits are made to the Food Bank – a large plastic container is at the back of the church by the font for any donations.

I would like to thank everyone for their support; we have a wonderful team of helpers who are much appreciated and help with the smooth running of St. Pega's, and events.

Sheila Lever & Pauline Cooke

Church Wardens – St. Pega's Church, Peakirk

March 2020

FABRIC REPORT – MARCH 2020

RE-ROOFING OF THE CHURCH

In November 2018 lead was stolen from the Chancel, Nave and most of the North Aisle. Since then lots of fund-raising has taken place, grants have been applied for and been successful and many generous donations have been received towards the cost of the replacement roofing.

St. Pega's PCC appointed William Assheton, of GSS Architects, who prepared all the Specifications, Schedule of works etc., and all the information went out to tender. CEL were appointed as the preferred contractor. In March 2019 Historic England agreed that we could replace all the lead roofs with terne-coated stainless steel. A Faculty was then applied for which included the South Aisle and South Porch roofs, as it was reported in the last Quinquennial Report in April 2015 that they were both in a bad state of repair. The Faculty was eventually received in August 2019. Due to the bat roost in the chancel roof and after several surveys by the Bat Volunteer, Antony Mould, and visits and surveys by the Bat Consultant, Matt Cook, it was decreed that we had to replace the chancel roof with lead and to build a bat box to stop bat droppings falling into the church. Luckily Honor Gay, Engagement Officer with the Bats in Old Churches Project, stepped in and agreed to pay the difference in cost for which we were very grateful, and also to pay the costs of the Bat Consultant for all his time and visits.

A special bat license was required from Natural England to carry out this work which meant filling in a 70 page questionnaire. Luckily Matt Cook had to complete most of it with input from me and it was kindly rushed through so that work could start quickly.

Marriott Security who already provided the security system at St. Pega's needed to protect the scaffolding during building work with more cameras, as a condition of our insurance policy.

Work started on Phase 1 of replacing the chancel roof with lead at the end of September 2019. Everything needed to hold church services was packed up and transferred to the village hall. This has worked well, chairs are placed in a horseshoe shape, and the hall has the added advantage of toilets, washing up facilities and tables for refreshments where people stay and chat after the service. Work was completed by the end of October 2019 and after a big clean up inside the church, services returned to normal.

Unfortunately, due to water leakage in the vestry the boiler ceased to work and after several visits by a boiler engineer and many replacement parts, large costs were involved. It was finally repaired mid-January 2020.

Work started on Phase 2 on 20th January 2020 with the Nave Roof and the South Porch. There have been several problems which have halted work, including high winds and very wet weather, discovery of asbestos and rotten roof timbers. We are looking forward to getting back to our church when the work is eventually completed and a big celebration!

Bats

Honor Gay and her team have been very supportive and have offered to help us with fund-raising events, by providing refreshments, publicity etc., and will pay for the monitoring of the bat situation until 2021.

Quinquennial Inspection

This is due in April 2020 - quotes were obtained and Peter Slinger, a local Architect in Helpston, has been appointed at a cost of £600. I have informed William Assheton that he will not be undertaking the Quinquennial this time.

Electrical Inspection

This is also due in April 2020 and we are awaiting another quote.

Churchyard

The churchyard is well maintained regularly by Mr. Harding and Peakirk Parish Council kindly donate money to cover his invoices.

Land at Foxcovert

Network Rail has appointed The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to plant and maintain this land over the five year lease period. They attend on the first Tuesday of the month from 10.30am – 2.00pm to check and maintain the land. Pauline Cooke and I went to their Open Day on 6th August 2019 together with Rev'd Mark-Aaron. Pauline and I have been going each month whenever we can to volunteer and represent St. Pega's.

Sheila Lever – Churchwarden

St. Pega's Church, Peakirk

March 2020

ST PEGA'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**General Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Year to 31st December 2019**

Income	Year to 31st Dec 2019	Year to 31st Dec 2018	Expenditure	Year to 31st Dec 2019	Year to 31st Dec 2018
<u>Giving</u>					
Cash Giving	370.77	619.24	Electricity	222.16	220.00
Gift Aid	4,784.60	6,003.86	Gas	1,130.51	1,282.10
Offertory	1,348.89	50.11	Insurance	1,446.57	1,525.16
Weddings etc	165.00	340.00	Rectors Expenses	287.27	325.84
Tax Rebate	1,447.50	1,407.83	Parish Share	10,360.00	9,845.00
	<u>8,116.76</u>	<u>8,421.04</u>	Visiting Rector		127.61
			Grass Cutting	660.00	865.00
<u>Fund Raising</u>			Boiler Service & Mtce	1,735.80	129.60
Village Fete		729.11	Sundries	198.78	
Lent Lunch	326.53	242.00	Organ Service/Repair	192.00	98.00
Brunch	867.85	875.00	Drainage Rates	36.57	35.72
Open Gardens		507.00	Sundry Maintenance	219.74	341.83
Harvest Festival	335.52	245.10	Readers Fees		
	<u>1,529.90</u>	<u>2,598.21</u>	Organists	480.00	705.00
				<u>16,969.40</u>	<u>15,500.86</u>
<u>Other</u>					
Land Rent	150.00	0.00	Transfer to Charity Fund	180.00	180.00
Donations		180.61			
Parish Council Grant	714.00	700.00			
	<u>864.00</u>	<u>880.61</u>			
Total Income	10,510.66	11,899.86	Total Expenditure	17,149.40	15,680.86
			Deficit for Year	(6,638.74)	(3,781.00)
Totals	<u>10,510.66</u>	<u>11,899.86</u>		<u>10,510.66</u>	<u>11,899.86</u>
Balance at start of year	0.00	3,009.87			
Deficit	(6,638.74)	(3,781.00)			
Transfer from Fabric Fund	6,638.74	771.13			
Balance at end of year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>			

ST PEGA'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**Fabric Fund Income & Expenditure Account - Year to 31st December 2019**

Income	Year to 31st Dec 2019	Year to 31st Dec 2018	Expenditure	Year to 31st Dec 2019	Year to 31st Dec 2018
Dividends Received	1,423.65	1,388.65	Quinquennial	-	-
Interest	464.95	155.62			
National Rail	53,250.00		Surplus	55,138.60	1,544.27
	<u>55,138.60</u>	<u>1,544.27</u>		<u>55,138.60</u>	<u>1,544.27</u>

Balance at start of year	37,842.77	37,069.63
Transfer to General Fund	(6,638.74)	(771.13)
Surplus	55,138.60	1,544.27
	<u>86,342.63</u>	<u>37,842.77</u>

Note : Dividends Received

The Dividends Received relate to the following three bequests :-

	Dividend received in			Value of investment at		
	2019		2018	31-12-2019	31-12-2018	% change
128001066S	288.63	3.5%	281.53	9,907	8,345	18.7%
128001089S	383.35	3.5%	373.93	13,159	11,083	18.7%
128001179S	751.67	3.5%	733.19	25,801	21,732	18.7%
Total	1,423.65	3.5%	1,388.65	48,867	41,160	18.7%

128001066S relates to the Graves Trust. Miss G F James in her Will dated 20 March 1934 and proved on 11 November 1941 left a bequest of £250 upon trust to pay the income to the PCC so long as the graves of Reverend Edward James, his wife and children are kept in good order and repair. Also that any surplus be spent on the fabric of the church.

128001089S relates to the Church Endowment Fund. In the same Will as above a bequest of £250 was made to the Peakirk Church Endowment Fund. There is no information as to what the income should be used for.

128001179S relates to the Miss D E Prentice Bequest. Miss Prentice (in her Will dated 5 May 1952, died 20 December 1965, Will proved 25 January 1966) made a bequest of £150 upon Trust for investment. The income to be paid to the Trustees (Incumbent and Churchwardens) for the maintenance of the church and churchyard, so long as the graves of Miss Prentice's father, mother, sister and her own are in good order and condition.

ST PEGA'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Roof Income & Expenditure

Income

Ecclesiastical Insurance	Insurance Claim	15,000.00	
Buckles Trust Fund		10,000.00	
Bats Grant		9,800.00	
Wolfson Grant		7,000.00	
Care of Churches grant		1,500.00	
All Churches Trust	Donation towards roof protection system	1,000.00	
Gift Aid donations		5,509.53	
Tax Rebate - Gift Aid donations		1,038.00	
Other donations not eligible for Gift Aid		2,653.10	
Choral Concert - Stamford Singers		751.45	
Peakirk Village Hall		729.10	
Masons		680.00	
Smarties donations		669.95	
Peterborough Opera		614.65	
Quiz		351.10	
St Pauls		192.88	
West Deeping - Talk & Dig		190.08	
Glebe Singers		360.00	
Pantomione Reunion & Raffle		285.00	
Pop Up Shop Raffle		30.00	
Interest		29.64	
Income to 31st December 2019			58,384.48

Expenditure

N Evans	Temporary roof covering	1,144.17	
N Evans	Temporary roof covering - repairs	408.00	
Marriott Security	Roof security system	5,713.20	
Tobit Curteis	Review survey of wall paintings	1,884.00	
CEL	Phase 1	27,443.52	
GSS Architecture	Replacement roof covering	7,305.86	
Expenditure to 31st December 2019			43,898.75

Roof Account Balance at 31st December 2019	14,485.73
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ST PEGA'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**Balance Sheet 31st December 2019**

		<u>31st Dec 2019</u>	<u>31st Dec 2019</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
General Fund	Schedule 1	-	-
Fabric Fund	Schedule 2	86,342.63	37,842.77
Roof Fund	Schedule 3	14,485.73	-
Total		<u>100,828.36</u>	<u>37,842.77</u>

Represented by

CBF Fund C of E	76,941.29	31,470.34
Barclays Bank Current Account	3,181.91	6,372.43
Barclays Bank Savings Account	20,151.83	-
Cash received in December but banked in January 2020	553.33	
Total	<u>100,828.36</u>	<u>37,842.77</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to St Pega's Parochial Church Council, Peakirk

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on schedules 1 to 4.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and state whether any particular matters have come to my attention. My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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2nd March 2020