

The Church Of St Margaret of Antioch, Shottisham

Summary of the Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council to Shottisham Parish Council

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved by the church council were:

Team Rector/Vicar(s)	Revd Mandy Reynolds (Team Vicar) then Revd Simon Cake (Team Vicar)	Chairman Chairman
Churchwardens:	Anne Buswell Micky McBurnie	(and Treasurer)
Elected Members:	Pat Bendon Helene Berry Jeremy Emerson Helen Kemp (now resigned)	(and Elder and Secretary)

Achievements and Performance

1. Church Attendance 2022 (2021)

We were very pleased to be able to resume our pre Covid pattern of services and fund raising events in 2022, although we decided not to have a Garden Walk so that it did not clash with possible Jubilee celebrations.

The average numbers for a 'typical' Sunday at Shottisham across the year were 7 (7) including 2 (2) children. The highest attended service continues to be the Christmas Carol Service.

Average attendance at regular services was: Evensong 6 (6), Morning Praise 8 (5) and FC 7 (7). We also held the pre Covid usual special services of the Lent Lunch and Good Friday Walk. Attendance for these special services were Pet Service 14 (5), Harvest at the Allotments 16 (15), Village Carol Service 48 (37) and Christmas Eve (at time of Midnight Mass at Bethlehem) 21 (17).

The regular service timing in 2022 remained as 2021 BUT note that the pattern has changed for 2023 to 1st Sunday FC, 2nd Sunday MP and 3rd Sunday ES. Notice of next service is displayed on board at foot of steps in church lane and on the A Frame by the southern gate to the churchyard.

The visitors' book lists 82 (66) entries for the year.

There was one baptism and there were two funerals during the year.

There were 16 (16) parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 5 (5) of whom were not resident within the parish.

2. Review of the Year

The PCC met six times during the year. The meetings were chaired by either Rev Mandy or Pat Bendon. All were minuted.

On 5th October we were very pleased to attend a service of induction for Rev Simon Cake who is now Team Vicar for the Hollesley cluster of churches of which Shottisham is a member.

A major improvement to facilities in St. Margaret's Church took place. This was an upgrade of our electricity supply from 2-phase to 3-phase which means that we can now run all our heaters at the same time. We thanked Helen Kemp for project managing this so well.

A new notice board was commissioned and is now in place at the foot of the church steps. AB and JE have keys to this. The flag pole was mended by Joe Buswell in time for flying the flag for the Jubilee celebrations and Joe also undertook the subsequent lowering and raising of the flag on the sad occasion of the Queen's passing.

Four events for church funds took place; these were the Pancake Party, Summer Fete, National Cycle Ride and the Winter Fayre. These raised a net £160, £1110, £85 and £391 respectively.

Other fund raising events also took place, the income from which went to charities. These were; Lent Lunch £115 to Bishop's Appeal for Ukraine, Autumn Concert £260 to East Anglian Air Ambulance, and £25 contactless collection taken at the Harvest at the Allotments to The Salvation Army.

Unfortunately the planned carol singing around the village for the Children's Society had to be cancelled due to the extreme cold weather.

Events in 2023. We have already hosted the Pancake Party, Lent Lunch and Good Friday Walk. We have decided not to hold a garden walk as it is very time consuming and really requires a project manager independent of the council. We will be holding the Pet Service on 20th August and Church Fete on 27th August (bank holiday Sunday) (planning meeting 14th June 7.30 in church) as well as the Autumn Concert on Remembrance Day afternoon and Winter Fayre on 9th December and the usual seasonal services.

3. Financial Review.

Detailed, independently examined, separate report is available for general review in the church porch. In summary, general income was £5153 and general outgoings £6790, giving net outgoings of £1637. Major expenditure was the electrical upgrade of £10359 funds for which came from the restricted account. The contactless device now accounts for the majority of the offerings received in the church.

The church council thanks all who have supported the church as an organisation, its services and events, the building upkeep and wonderful displays of flowers at appropriate times.