

# The Church Of St Margaret of Antioch, Shottisham

## *Extract from Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council*

### For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### 1. Administrative Information

St Margaret's Church is in the Wilford Peninsula Team Benefice, part of the Woodbridge Deanery, which is part of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, within the Church of England. Within the Wilford Peninsula Team Benefice, there are three clusters and Shottisham Parish is part of one which comprises seven parishes.

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PCC members are:

Team Rector/Vicar(s)	Revd Simon Cake (Team Vicar) Rev Mandy Reynolds (Team Vicar)	Chairman
Churchwardens:	Anne Buswell Micky McBurnie	(also Treasurer)
Elected Members:	Pat Bendon Helene Berry Jeremy Emerson	(also Elder and Secretary)
Ex Officio	Rev Kathy Wilson	

#### 2. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

#### 3. Objectives and Activities

##### Achievements and Performance

#### 4. Church Attendance 2023 (2022)

The average numbers for a 'typical' Sunday at Shottisham across the year were 9 (7) including 2 (2) children (some attending non FC services). The highest attended service is yet again the Christmas Carol Service (35).

Average attendance at regular services slightly increased from 2022. We also held the usual special services of the Lent Lunch and Good Friday Walk - this time from Sutton. Attendance for other services were Pet Service 10 (14), Harvest at the Allotments 20 (16), Village Carol Service 35 (48) and Christmas Eve (9.30 pm Midnight Mass at Bethlehem) 25 (21).

The regular service timing continued as first Sunday - Family Communion 9.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Praise 11.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evensong 6.00, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – no service.

The visitors' book lists 110 (81) people for the year.

There were no baptisms but sadly four funerals during the year.

There were 16 (16) parishioners on the **Church Electoral Roll**, 5 (5) of whom were not resident within the parish. (must be baptised and either be a resident or habitually attended worship)

## 5. Review of the Year

The PCC met in full five times (25/1, 23/4, 30/4, 19/7, 10/10). The meetings were chaired by either Rev Simon or Pat Bendon. All were minuted.

Four events for church funds took place; these were the Pancake Party, Summer Fete, National Cycle Ride and the Winter Fayre. These raised net £173 (£160), £1619 (£1110), £75 (£85) and £356 (£391) respectively; a total of £2223 (£1746).

Three events also took place for charities. The Lent Lunch £65 (£115) to the Bishop's Appeal, Autumn Concert for East Anglian Air Ambulance £216 (£260), and Carol Singing around the village £139 for the Children's Society (cancelled in 2022).

Events arranged so far in 2024. We have already hosted the Pancake Party, Lent Lunch and Good Friday Walk. We still do not have a project manager to organise a garden walk, however there will be an Open Garden at the New Rectory on 9<sup>th</sup> June from 3-6pm. We will also be holding the Pet Service again on 18<sup>th</sup> August, Church Fete on the August Bank Holiday Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) and Harvest at the Allotments at 3.00pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## 6. Financial Review.

Detailed separate report presented at the AGM. In summary, general income was £6670 (£5153) and outgoings £8257 (£6790), giving a net outgoings of £1587 (£1637). The largest item of expenditure was £5351 for the Parish Share which pays for our priest(s) and Diocesan costs. No major expenditure took place during the year. The contactless device continues to account for the majority of the offerings received in the church. A detailed breakdown of income and expenditure will be available shortly for general review in the church porch.