

Benefice of Laughton, Ripe and Chalvington Annual Report of the Parochial Church Councils for 2017

Introduction Sue Armstead, Churchwarden Laughton

We said goodbye to The Revd David and Lynda Mathers in April 2017, thanking them for their dedicated ministry among us and hoping that their future would be fulfilling and restful.

The year has been lovingly looked after by The Revd Jane Sherwin and all our visiting clergy, we have appreciated their varied ministries and thank them for their kindness, care and support.

We also owe a debt of thanks to Joan Royle and her fellow wardens who have efficiently dealt with all the demands of the vacancy, and generously given of their time and commitment.

We have maintained the life of worship in our Benefice and are grateful to all who have supported this life in so many ways.

Thank you to Thalia Brotherton-Ratcliffe who has arranged inspiring contributions for the Benefice News in the Parish Magazine and to Maggie Teager who encourages a sense of belonging to our wider Church family in the Diocese.

With the help and prayers of Bishop Richard, Archdeacon Martin, our Patrons and the unanimous agreement of our selection panel, we were very pleased to announce in December 2017 that the new Rector of our Benefice will be The Revd Geoffrey Smith. Geoffrey last had a distinguished Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and his special welcoming Service of Induction, for us all to share, will be on Thursday March 8th 2018 in St, John's Baptist Church, Ripe.

We look forward with encouragement and joy as we journey together to know, love and follow Jesus and we thank God for his care, continued blessings and love for our communities.

Safeguarding Report by Sue Armstead

The process whereby those working with vulnerable people may be registered and checked is called DBS, the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Diocese of Chichester uses an organisation called CCPAS to provide the training and support systems to underwrite the service. This means that anyone in a parish who works with young people or vulnerable people in what is known as a 'regulated activity' needs to be registered and checked by this service. It is the responsibility of the Safeguarding Officer to carry out this process on behalf of the parishes. CCPAS manage all the documentation on-line and the service is cost-effective and efficient. Training for those involved at parish level is provided by CCPAS.

There is a Safeguarding Agreement in the Benefice. There is a vacancy for a Safeguarding Officer. If anyone in our Parishes has a concern that a young person or a vulnerable adult has been or is at risk arising from any activity associated with the conduct of the Benefice staff or as a consequence of any Parish activity, they should report this concern to the wardens.

House groups and prayer groups: Report by Maggie Teager

We have a number of groups that meet together on a regular basis:

- Laughton - weekly on Tuesday mornings
- Ripe - weekly on Wednesday evenings
- Deanland - fortnightly on Thursday afternoons
monthly prayer group
- Chalvington - fortnightly on Tuesday evenings
- Benefice - five times a year: Coffee and Prayer
- Chalvington Church - weekly Celtic Morning Prayer on Thurs mornings
monthly *Lectio Divina* prayer on Sunday evenings
- Laughton Church - monthly Celtic Morning Prayer on Wed mornings

Our house groups have continued to provide opportunities to study the Bible, develop our faith through lively discussion, develop friendships and pray for our communities.

- The Laughton group began 2017 by watching more sessions from the DVDs entitled *The Land well loved*, which recorded the inspiring talks given by Chris Hill as he led pilgrimages throughout the Holy Land. Peter & Christine Waring then resumed leadership of the group and followed a course based on the film *Casablanca*. During the latter part of the year they used the film *The King's speech* to inspire their sessions.
- The Ripe group started the year by also watching sessions from the DVDs entitled *The Land well loved*. During Lent they followed the Diocesan Lent course on *The Year of the Bible*, which they found informative and thoughtful. For the remainder of the year, the group has studied the book of Revelation.
- The Chalvington group, led by Michael Royle has studied the books of the Minor Prophets, including Amos and Joel.
- The fortnightly Deanland group has continued to meet under the leadership of Joyce Cox and Barbara Thorne. During the year they have studied the Sermon on the Mount – comparing Matthew's account with the one in Luke's gospel. They then went on to look at Paul's letter to the Colossians.
- House group leaders have met regularly throughout the year.
- Coffee and prayer meetings are held at different venues around the benefice, and prayers are led by different people each time.
- Celtic Morning Prayer at Chalvington Church continues to be said every Thursday morning at 9.30am, and has started to be read monthly in Laughton Church.
- *Lectio Divina* prayer has continued to take place monthly on Sunday evenings at Chalvington. Both of the events at Chalvington Church have provided times of stillness and silence, and opportunities to listen to God.

Services Report by Maggie Teager

We have retained our usual pattern of Sunday services:

Sundays	8.30am BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
First	Laughton	Chalvington – Morning Prayer (BCP)
Second	Laughton	Ripe – Holy Communion (CW or BCP)
Third	Chalvington	Laughton - Family Service
Fourth	Ripe	Laughton – Holy Communion

Fifth	Laughton	Deanland – Holy Communion or Praise
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On Sundays at Ripe, the 10.30 Holy Communion alternates between BCP and Common Worship.

Where there is a fifth Sunday, there is a 10.30 service at Deanland, alternating between Praise and Holy Communion.

Healing services have continued to be held this year. Two were held at 6.00pm on Sunday evenings, and in addition at two 10.30 services there were opportunities for those who wished, to come to ask for prayers for healing or blessing.

We were delighted that Ripe Nursery School joined us to celebrate Mothering Sunday at Ripe, and Harvest at Chalvington. We are extremely grateful to Kate Fleming and her staff for their active support and encouragement.

Other special services were held for Christian Aid, Remembrance, as well as the feasts of Christmas and Easter.

Holy Communion takes place at Deanland Social Centre on the second Thursday of each month at 10.30am.

Deanery Synod: Report by Pat Appleby

Synod is a body consisting of all incumbents within the Deanery, plus two or three lay people from each parish, depending on the number of people on the Church Electoral Roll. In the case of Laughton, Ripe and Chalvington, we have three representatives. The Synod meets four times a year 7pm for 7.30 – 9pm. Venues are churches and church halls within the Deanery. At every meeting issues of financial provisions, quotas (financial) worked out for individual parishes, and any Amalgamations are reported in the Pastoral Strategy Report. Each hosting parish gives a resume of their Mission work and activities. This usually takes the form of a presentation. Recent topics have been:

In January

Kristen Stevenson, the Bible Society's Church Relations Manager, spoke on the work of the Bible Society and the resources it provided which support the focus in 2017 on 'The Year of the Bible'. Their mission is to 'Bring the Bible to life to every man, woman and child at home and across the world'. They translate and distribute copies throughout the world.

In May

A report on the General Synod in York at which there was a debate on 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's bid to reform the Catholic Church (1517) which spiraled into the reformation. Gratitude was expressed for the translation of the Bible into English, The Book of Common Prayer and also that the hostility between Catholic and Protestant is now becoming a thing of the past. Other headings of subjects discussed at General Synod: Issues in Human Sexuality, Presence and Engagement Interfaith programme, Cost of Citizenship, Canon Law and Suicide.

In July

The Diocesan Adviser on Spirituality asked searching questions which focused on prayer in the Church, House groups, private prayer and the skills needed to progress prayer in the community. The Diocese of Chichester has, for the last three years, been focused around our strategy to grow numerically and in holiness, to promote the common good, and to reimagine ministry. To this end we have had The Year of Mercy 2016, The Year of the Bible 2017 and The

Year of Prayer 2018. These have been well received and have a good level of participation. In November

The Rural Dean reported that the pastoral strategy to unite the three parishes comprising Trinity in Lewes would come into formal effect on 1st January 2018, although the building works at St John-sub-Castro have yet to be signed off. In the Deanery all church representatives gave details of how their particular church is 'reaching out' into the community and were commended for their many creative ideas. Change is part of our stewardship and the leaders and members of our churches have to devise other ways of sharing the love of Jesus with people who find it difficult, for whatever reason, to enter into our churches.

Benefice Away Day

This was held on 25th February at the Bishop's Palace in Chichester, by kind invitation of Bishop Martin. The theme for the day was *Thy Kingdom Come*, and we kept this Taizé prayer uppermost in our thoughts: May the Lord keep us in the joy, the simplicity and the compassion of the holy Gospel.

Parish Magazine:

We continue to be very grateful to Michael Slot for his wonderful editorship of the Parish Magazine and to Jean-Mary Crozier for its production and co-ordination of distribution. We thank them for their continuing enthusiasm and dedication.

Benefice Website: <http://www.lrcchurches.co.uk>

We continue to be extremely grateful to Chris Powell who ensures that the benefice website is kept up to date and provides interesting and useful information for regular worshippers as well as for visitors.

Parish of Ripe and Chalvington

Functions of the PCC

The PCC of Ripe and Chalvington co-operated with the House for duty priest, The Revd David Mathers, until his retirement in April 2017, for the combined benefice of Laughton, with Ripe and Chalvington Parishes. Their primary function is to promote in the Parishes the whole mission of the Church: evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Membership

House for Duty Priest in charge

Vacancy from April 2017

Wardens	Dr Joan Royle	Standing Committee
	Mr David Taylor	Standing Committee
	Mrs Hilary Pogge Von Strandmann	Standing Committee
	Mrs Thalia Brotherton-Ratcliffe	Standing Committee

Deanery Synod
Representatives
Elected Members

1) Mrs Pat Appleby
2) Mrs Maggie Teager (Acting Chairman of PCC)
Mr Douglas Gee
Miss Pru Hobbs/Treasurer Standing Committee
Mrs Gill Ross
Mrs Leaghie Wainwright
Mrs Joanna Hoban/Secretary Standing Committee
Mrs Jenny Sanders (Co-opted November 2017)

The Standing Committee has the legal power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given to it by the PCC.

Electoral Roll (Ripe & Chalvington)

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of names and addresses of every person who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. In 2017 there were 146 names on the roll – the same number as in 2016.

PCC Meetings

The PCC has held the usual four meetings as well as the APCM in March, to cover the worship in our churches and the caring of our church buildings.

Ripe Café

Having agreed to support the setting-up of the Café at Ripe Village Stores last year, we have been heartened by its overwhelming success, which in turn has contributed towards the viability of the village shop. This has now become a valuable hub for the community. Ripe & Chalvington PCC decided to make a further financial donation during 2017, in order to replace and update some essential equipment.

We continue to look for further ways that the Church can assist the community that we seek to serve.

Church Attendance in Ripe and Chalvington

Extracts from the annual statistical returns:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1st Sunday of October	67 Harvest	35 Harvest	41 Visiting Choir	65 Harvest	113 Harvest
2nd Sunday of October	69 Visiting Choir	50 Visiting Choir	19	45 Visiting Choir	15
3rd Sunday of October	15	18	10	13	12
4th Sunday of October	10	4	50 Evensong	8	9
5th Sunday of October	-	-	-	20 Deanland	20 Deanland

Christmas Communicants	55	35	60	56	56
Easter Communicants	57	59	75	36	42
Baptisms	3	-	5	2	4
Weddings	2	4	-	3	3
Funerals	2	4	3	3	3

Treasurer's report by Pru Hobbs

The total assets held at 31.12.2017 stand at £78,028 (£88,260 at 31.12.2016). Receipts to the General Fund are down 11.8%, £27,290 (2017) versus £30,931 (2016) and payments slightly up 3.8%, £28,349 (2017) versus £27,936 (2016). No fundraising activities were carried out this year while our energies were taken up with saying farewell to David, organising the Interregnum and the happily successful but long and time-consuming process of finding his replacement. Further details of receipts and payments for the general and restricted funds are detailed in the Financial statement.

This year the planned roof repairs to Chalvington church steeple were carried out in April. The work was completed on time and under budget. The PCC has until June 2018 to consider whether there is further work to be completed on the roof to enable us to claim the remaining £1854 of the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair grant. The Fabric fund already received £9,100 of this grant and is due to receive a further £2,046 for the work already completed. Plus the VAT paid to date has been reclaimed and was received in Jan 2018 (£3,404). The flag pole at Ripe church was damaged in bad weather and had to be replaced and replacement lighter weight flags were purchased for the new pole. Fortunately, the Quinquennial report for Ripe church completed in 2017 did not reveal any major work needed.

Payments are up again this year (£1,041) in spite of the reduced rectory running costs due to the Interregnum. This has been mainly due to increased heating oil payments, (2016 was a mild year with low oil prices) and increased electricity costs, especially at Chalvington church. The latter has been investigated and the heating settings re-set to try to maintain a warm church for services while reducing the total electricity consumption for 2018.

The Parish magazine has been unable to cover its costs again this year and the Committee met in September to discuss this as reserves are becoming worrying low. We have been able to cap printing costs since then but further ideas and action will be needed in 2018 to restore a healthy financial position.

In 2017 the PCC was very happy to make donations to the Kingdom Way Trust (£627) and the Royal British Legion (£610) of the collections including gift aid given at Harvest Festival & lunch and the Remembrance services respectively and also to donate to the Leprosy Mission (£180) all monies collected in the Lent Boxes. We have also been pleased to be able to continue to support the Ripe Stores Café project by donating £434 towards replacement of equipment needed due exceptional use with the high number of users both from the community and

visitors to Ripe. Congratulations to Kath Sibia and all the volunteers for making it such a success and to Maggie for her vision and hard work.

Finally, I would like to thank Laughton Parish Council and Ripe & Chalvington Parish Council and the Flower Show Committee for their continued support of the Parish magazine, Ripe and Chalvington Parish Council for again supporting the upkeep of the churchyard and the Flower Show committee for their generous donation towards the cost of the flagpole.

Chalvington Church Fabric: Report by Thalia Brotherton-Ratcliffe and Hilary Pogge Von Strandmann

It has been a privilege to enjoy services given during the Interregnum by visiting clergy. Archdeacon Martin Lloyd Williams has been tremendously supportive throughout and we were grateful to the Bishop of Lewes for choosing to conduct our early Communion service on Christmas Day.

This smallest of our churches continues to draw walkers and cyclists, ever grateful that it is open at all times to visitors. Celtic prayer is held every Thursday and traditional services of Common Prayer have their loyal following.

Two Baptisms have been conducted in the last year. In June, the burial at Chalvington took place, following his funeral at Ripe, of John Carder, whose contribution to the life and fabric of St. Bartholomew cannot be overestimated. His energy, judgement and expertise was frequently sought and so it was that, together with his charm and interest in people he brought a vital fund raising campaign to significant and successful conclusion. A member of the PCC for many years, he was Churchwarden for 17 years. Ever practical, an example of this would be memories of John, with Richard Wainwright driving the cracked church bell, in the rear of a pickup truck, to the London foundry to be mended.

There is a residual sum left from the LPOW grant. In order to comply with the terms of the grant this must be spent on prevention of water ingress. To this end we are awaiting estimates for the repointing of gulleys and the verge to the North porch, also pointing to the bargeboard edge of roof tiles with mortar fillet. A quote has also been requested for an inspection of the below ground surface water drainage system.

In January, just as we had established a satisfactory midwinter, night storage heating setting, one of the ancient, trefoil shaped pieces of stained glass popped out, slid down the roof and luckily stopped in the gutter. We are told this will require specialist replacement as it was previously puttied in - and some restoration.

The role of the sidesmen during our long period without a priest has been more onerous than usual. Different visiting clergy need a good welcome, arrive to prepare for early services at differing times and the sidesman is often the first port of call for any questions concerning the church, the service or the congregation. A huge thank you to all. Providing refreshment at Chalvington is not straightforward and so very much appreciated.

Many thanks to our organists and Joan Royle and the choir, to Leaghie Wainwright for all that she does, a special mention for co-ordinating the kind team of cleaners. Congratulations to the flower ladies, particularly for Mary Major's specially grown colour scheme to match the East window stained glass and the stunning Christmas decoration.

Ripe Church Fabric: Report by Joan Royle

2017 has been a busy year, with the retirement of Revd David Mathers in April, and booking of the kind services of many visiting priests since then. We are most grateful to them all; the Reverends' Jane Sherwin, Ronald Chatwin, David Farey, Will Pratt, Colin Pritchard, Peter Owen-Jones, Lucy Murdoch, Canons Andrew Wingate and Linda Green, Rural Dean Judith Egar, and Lay Reader Christo Corfield. We are also most grateful to the Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, the Venerable Martin Lloyd-Williams who has been a great support, advising us when necessary and taking many services for us. The Bishop of Lewes, the Right Revd Richard Jackson took early Communion at Chalvington and family Communion at Laughton on Christmas Day. We have been inspired by their willingness to help us and guided by their words and wisdom.

An interregnum, or vacancy, could be a very difficult time for churchwardens, but we have received a great deal of support from the other PCC members, and all the sidesmen and many helpers who do so many tasks without asking for any reward. We are most grateful to them all.

We published the churches profile in May, which is available on the website. It was submitted to the Archdeacon and to the Bishop of Chichester for the process to commence of appointing a new priest, who will be a non-stipendiary, part-time, house for duty Rector. The post was advertised in the Church times in September, and our new incumbent, the Revd Geoffrey Smith takes up his appointment in March 2018. We are fortunate to have found someone so quickly.

The pattern of church services at Ripe has not changed through this time. The Mothering Sunday service and Harvest Festival, attended by the Nursery school children and their parents have been very successful lovely occasions, thanks to Maggie Teager and Kate Fleming. All the families have been most welcome, and they attended church again on Christmas Eve for the gift service. Many gifts were donated to Diocesan Family Social Work. Remembrance Sunday was a moving occasion led by the Revd Lucy Murdoch, with fond memories of her late father, General Houghton.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the church took place in December 2016 by Mark Anderson, Church Architect. Fortunately, no major work needs to take place, but there are minor repairs needed to roof tiles, flint walls in the churchyard and rainwater goods. The flagpole on top of the tower had to be replaced.

The churchyard requires ongoing maintenance and we are grateful to the volunteers who turn up regularly with secateurs and edging tools.

We are looking forward to the institution of our new priest and another chapter in the history of our parishes.

Pelham Choir Report by Joan Royle

The regular choir is sadly diminished in numbers through natural attrition, but we are fortunate to be able to enlist singing friends for occasions such as Good Friday, Evensongs, and Christmas Carol services. The organists Graham Catt, James Robertson have kindly supported most of the services, with occasional help from visiting organists, John Ross, Stephen Jones, Stephen Rooke and Nathan Waring. There were two evensongs combined with Hellingly Church choir, one in May and one in September. The 'Carols by Candlelight' service was supported by a choir of 18 singers who filled the church with a joyful sound, a service in September during the Music Festival Entente Cordiale weekend was conducted by Katie

Hawks, with some wonderful visiting singers who sang part of Vaughan Williams Mass in G, and Midnight Mass was also well attended.

Thank you

- Continued thanks to Jane Sherwin for taking many services throughout the year, for taking baptisms, marriages and funerals, and for providing much-needed continuity with sensitivity and love.
- to Joan Royle and the Pelham Choir
- to Stephen and Jenny Beckingham, Peter and Val Hay and other visiting bell ringers
- to Chris and Yvette Smith, Maggie Teager, Roger Dennien and David Taylor for administering the Chalice
- to Yvette Smith and Mary Major and all the flower arrangers
- to Leaghie Wainwright, and our teams of cleaners
- to Pam Tidy - our Safeguarding Officer
- to Chris Powell - our webmaster
- to sidesmen, those who read, welcome people, lead the intercessions, serve refreshments and perform all the other countless (but often hidden) jobs.
- to Jeremy Godwin for winding the clock at Ripe
- to Mark Randall, Alan Blackwell and the team of willing volunteers who keep the Churchyards looking neat and tidy .

Parish of Laughton

Functions of the PCC

Since the departure of the House for Duty priest, the PCC of Laughton has functioned under the guidance of the Archdeacon. Their primary function is to promote in the Parishes the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Membership

House for duty Priest	Vacant	
Wardens	Mrs Sue Armstead Mr Mark Hartley	Standing Committee Standing Committee
Deanery Synod Representatives	1) Mrs Margaret Pedder 2) Mr Michael Slot	Standing Committee
Elected Members	Lord Newton Mrs Marion Kemp Mr Jack Mapplebeck	Treasurer Secretary

The Standing Committee has the legal power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given to it by the PCC between meetings.

Church Attendance

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 st Sunday of October	8	5	5	5	8
2 nd Sunday of October	8	10	6	4	6
3 rd Sunday of October	28	30	21	18	15
4 th Sunday of October	28	30	15	25	16
Christmas Communicants	41	32	36	32	23
Easter Communicants	35	41	30	35	42
Baptisms	2	2	2	2	1
Weddings	2	1	1	2	2
Funerals	0	3	2	3	2

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is a list of names and addresses of every person who can vote in the annual parochial church meeting. In 2017 there were 143 names on the roll – the same number as in 2016.

PCC Meetings

The PCC has held the usual four meetings as well as the APCM in April 2017 to cover the worship in our churches and the caring of our church buildings.

Church Fabric Report

 by Sue Armstead and Mark Hartley

The Parish Church of All Saints, 13th Century, Grade 1 Listed. The Church is kept in good repair and lovingly cared for by a small band of helpers.

Quinquennial Inspection in November 2016 requested that repairs were made to the roof:

- Redress lead to south east corner of Nave roof
- Dress lead to chancel roof
- Realign UPVC gutters

Completed May 2017

Other requests for cleaning and maintenance will be addressed during the next five year period.

Health & Safety

Thank you to Tom Dean, our Health and Safety Officer, for his thorough inspection and report. He recommends anchoring the fire extinguishers with stands or pegs to prevent them from being moved. (Pyrotec recommend the same but not compulsory). He recommends that the Calor Gas enclosure is secured with a code lock. Gravestones leaning considerably in the Churchyard could benefit from soil being placed under the acute angles to provide a cushion. Large raised Ledger Monument north west churchyard in need of repair. Not urgent – Peter Pritchett, Architect.

5 yearly Electrical Inspection and Portable Appliance Testing. Carried out October 2017. Lectern light and extension lead failed PAT Testing – For discussion with Clive Collicott, Electrician.

Annual Pyrotec, clearance of gutters and Gas Boiler Service have taken place.

Churchyard Maintenance.

A working party was held in October – all the ground gutters were cleared of debris and a large amount of undergrowth cleared from the Rectory walls, car park surface and garden. Further clearance of Rectory garden will be required prior to occupancy by both PCCs.

Thank you to Len Booth who tends the Churchyard regularly and particularly the Garden of Remembrance.

Cloakroom & Kitchenette

We sought professional advice from a second Architect in response to an alternative proposal received in April 2016. Simon Dyson, RIBA, AABC from HMDW Architects Ltd recommended that the proposal would be compromised by the restrictions of the tower and that the present scheme provides the best practical arrangement and one that is a fitting enhancement to the church and that there is plenty of space across the west end of the Nave to accommodate the facility without it being cramped by the existing layout of the church. (Full report available). The facility will be of great benefit to the wider community. We hosted several events in 2017 amounting to approximately 700 people. The need for these facilities was very evident.

In June 2017 the PCC agreed to the next phase of the Project

- Final detailed plans for DAC inspection which have been simplified in order to keep costs as low as possible, and which also include disabled access for the porch
- Archaeological Survey
- Builders tenders – probably four
- Faculty Application – probably in April 2018. Method of drainage to link in with Rectory is being explored. A Grant from Lottery Awards for All has enabled us to proceed to this phase of the project.

We look forward with hope and are very grateful to all who have supported our fundraising and given generously to the Project which will benefit generations to come.

Fund Raising :

April 2017 – A generous donation from the Laughton Village Choir and Friends Concert ‘A feast of Elgar and Copland’

June 2017 – Arts & Crafts Exhibition – Art & Craft from local artists and from our two nursery schools

A Quiz planned for November was cancelled at short notice by the Roebuck – hope to re-schedule in March.

Our continued grateful thanks to all who have faithfully contributed to and supported the life, witness, upkeep and care of All Saints. Our thanks to Peter and Christine Waring who have overseen the cleaning arrangements in the church for many years and retired in September 2017. Four other long standing members of the cleaning team also retired. We are indebted to Olga and Ian Isted who are covering the cleaning needs meanwhile and we seek more help. Thank you very much to the Revd Jane Sherwin for her loving care, support and advice during the Interregnum for the congregation and for the PCC. Thank you to all our visiting clergy. Thank you to the PCC for their considered decisions in all aspects of the care of our parish church.

Thank you

To Revd David Mathers, Revd Jane Sherwin and all our visiting clergy

To our Churchwardens and PCC Members

To Michael Slot our Organist for faithfully supporting our worship and being our Deanery Representative

To Stephen Beckingham and his team of bell ringers

To our communion assistants, Richard Newton, Margaret Pedder, David Taylor and Sue Armstead

To all sidespersons, those who read, welcome people, lead the intercessions, serve the refreshments and perform all the other countless, but often hidden jobs

To Rosemary Newton and her team of flower arrangers

To Christine Waring and her team of cleaners

To Mark Randall who keeps the Churchyard looking so tidy

To Mark Hartley, Len Booth, Anthony Verelst-Way, David Kemp and the work party team of volunteers who help to keep the Churchyard in good order

To Peter Pritchett, our inspecting Architect, for his advice and support

To Mike Preece for helping to maintain our heating system

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