

St Peter's Field Broughton – Churchwardens' report for 2015

Parochial Church Council

Dr Edward Taylor and Mr John Hibbert were elected as Wardens at the vestry meeting prior to the 2015 Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 22 April 2015.

Mrs B Hibbert was elected representative on the Deanery Synod: she attended 2 out of the 3 meetings held. The PCC met 6 times during the year, in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Worship

Sunday services

Sunday and Christmas Day services were held at 9.30am all year excepting 13 December (5.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols) and 20 December (5.30pm Christingle service).

Special services

A Communion service was held at St Peter's on 19 June to celebrate Corpus Christi: 12 attended.

7 other special services were held:-

No baptisms

3 weddings: 22 May (Ross – Marsden); 6 August (Churchill – Gaskell); 5 September (Rhodes – Kelly).

1 burial without funeral service: 9 December Charles Maurice Mercer*.

2 funeral services: 27 February Linda May Jane Stables; 31 December Bertha Ellen Crowe.

1 interment of ashes: Brian Edward Ronald Moss*.

*Attendance not recorded

2 recorded services were held at St Peter's for the Cartmel Priory congregation while the Priory was closed in preparation for the flower festival. These services are not included in these statistics.

Attendance

Average attendances for 2015 (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011) where numbers are shown in the Register.

Sunday services and Christmas Day			Special services
Communicants	Under 16	16 and over	All attendees
20.8 (20.3, 20.4, 20, -)	0.7 (0.5, 0.2, 0.3, 0.8)	23 (23, 21.4, 21.2, 19.65)	61.3 (60.2, 105, 92, 62.5)

Community

Public Access

The church was open: at weekends up to Palm Sunday and from the end of October to year end; and every day from Palm Sunday to the end of October.

A website has been set up under the URL www.stpetersfieldbroughton.org.uk with external hosting.

Invitations and Events

Invitations were delivered round the parish for Easter, Autumn and Advent programmes.

An Organ Recital was held on 27 June for St Peter's day. A joint patronal celebration was held at Finsthwaite.

An evening with Words and Music for Harvest was held on the Saturday of Harvest Festival, 3 October.

Hall Committees

John Hibbert was the PCC representative on the High Newton Village Hall Committee and both churchwardens attended meetings of the Field Broughton Parish Rooms Committee. The Field Broughton Parish Rooms Committee was reconstituted and John Hibbert is the Trustees' representative on the new committee.

Management

Property

The boiler was cleaned and serviced by Bespoke Heating on 1 July.

Fire extinguishers were checked and certified by Nationwide Fire Training Ltd on 25 October.

Gutters were cleaned out in December and an annual cleaning is planned in future.

Some leadwork has proved unequal to this year's rainfall and will be examined for possible improvement.

Gravestones were examined and found to be in good order: any remedial work is being undertaken.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been kept up to date. It contains the names of 80 people.

Record keeping

Church logbook, churchyard map and associated spreadsheet, burial book and Registers for Services, Baptisms, Banns, Weddings and Burials have been kept up to date. A new inventory has been produced and agreed.

According to the data policy all digital data for the year has been backed up on disk and stored in the floor safe.

John Hibbert, Churchwarden, January 2016