

St Andrew's Church 2015

The Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh is available on the church page of the village website, and the Parish Council also holds a copy, so this is a summary of events that have taken place over the past year.

The Rev Deirdre West continues to serve as our priest and we are in the process of becoming a group of seven churches (or benefice) under her leadership. As with any legal procedure, there are many hoops to jump through before this happens.

Following the sudden death of Valerie Upson last April, we now have just one churchwarden and one elder. Choral Evensong on the fourth Sunday continues to attract people from other parishes – it is a peaceful, reflective service which is valued by many. Our other regular services are either Holy Communion or an informal Morning Service. All villagers are of course welcome to attend. Festival services – Easter, Harvest and Christmas are times when the church looks especially beautiful, with flowers, decorations and candles to enhance this most ancient building. You can find details of all the services in the Parish Magazine, on the village notice board and on the board at the end of Church Road - thanks to Leslie Doe for keeping this board up to date.

Every five years churches are inspected by an architect to report on the state of the building. St Andrew's Quinquennial inspection took place last October and the report judged our church to be 'generally in sound order'. Some minor electrical works were necessary and these have recently been completed.

Members of the PCC are still trying to make progress with the plans to make the church more accessible. It would be wonderful to be able to report that this long term project had been accomplished, but this is not yet the case.

As ever, we spend much time fundraising, in order to keep the building in good repair, in order to be able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese and also to be in a position to help others in need. We are, as ever, grateful to the support of many people in the village and beyond. You can see details of our income and expenditure in the Accounts section of the Annual Report.

Thanks are also due to all those who keep our church in good order and a focal point in our village – those who clean, arrange flowers, ring bells, sing in the choir and play the organ and keep the churchyard tidy.

As new people move in to Kettleburgh, it is good to know that St Andrew's Church is always open, and remains a place where all are welcome, not just on a Sunday, but at any time for quiet reflection or prayer.