

## All Saints' Church – Waldringfield.

## Report to Parish Annual Meeting – 2014.

Proposed benefice reorganisation is unresolved, under yet further review and continues to make for unsettling times. It seems almost certain that the sister churches in the benefice of Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley will be substantially affected. We are fortunate that the Assistant Rural Dean, the Reverend Robin Spittle, continues to offer us unqualified support and undertakes to afford us the opportunity of holding one service in each of the churches most Sundays. Visiting preachers have said how much they enjoy coming to Waldringfield. We are particularly pleased to enjoy the regular visits of the Reverend Chris Nunn, a non-stipendiary vicar from Kesgrave. We have also been able to continue our customary joint Lenten Sunday Evensong around neighbouring parishes.

Fund-raising in 2014 was masterminded by Rolls Barclay, Chairwoman of the newly formed fund-raising committee. Hard work, generosity of donors of the lots, of food, drink and raffle prize, and buyers and partakers of same culminated in a hugely enjoyable evening for our Auction of Promises in our new venue at the Village Hall. The magnificent sum of £5,629 was realised. The fund-raising committee provided a wonderful Rock Evening at Rivers Hall in August to realise £1,450. Picnickers enjoyed a beautiful sunny evening with village rock band, Bits and Pieces, lighting displays, wine / cocktail bars, LED balloons, face-painting and impromptu games by various grandchildren. Not quite rocking in the aisles, but you may have missed a sublime summer's evening, --mojito, mixed with great aplomb by Robert Barclay, in hand, listening and perhaps dancing to Mick Chennell's rockers! Thankyou to our hosts for their generosity.

Annual Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride in September saw much groundwork and pedalling by participants and brought our share of £965.25., an increase on the past two years. This year's ride ~ Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact our organiser Frances Matheson if you would like to take part.

Essential Repairs to All Saints. £4,773.12 was spent on essential exterior work to remedy damage from rainwater and installation of preventative measures to obviate further damage. These included work on the flagpole, north timber louvres and work on the tower. Interior work was carried out, including inspection of damp, some paintwork and careful work on our very fine 16<sup>th</sup> century octagonal font, all by local experts. A Community Enablement Grant of £500 was obtained through Suffolk Coastal District Council, designated on application to partly fund this work.

Annual Yachtsmen's Service. We were very pleased that the WSC was keen to hold this long-established service in July.

Remembrance Day Service collection of £44.00 was made up to £50 & we revived our customary practice of donating this collection to the RBL Poppy Appeal. A cheque was sent to Woodbridge RBL Poppy Appeal.

The Mothers' Union small group is led by Jean Haste.

Waldringfield Craft Group continues its success story in the Church Room and funds purchases of furnishings, kitchen supplies etc. It also holds a Craft Day in December in aid of St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Waldringfield Parish Council £500 annual grant is designated for costs of maintaining the churchyard- grass, trees, hedges, machinery/fuel costs etc. This currently covers just about half the cost of annual maintenance. If anyone is willing to help voluntarily between May and end of October,, even on an ad hoc basis, please contact Ron Payne.

Waldringfield Churchyard. Work has been carried out to open up the churchyard a bit and the PCC is currently looking at surveying and recording all gravestones, memorial tablets etc. Work on some old memorials has already been carried out by a local stonemason at cost to the Parochial Church Council.

The on-going support of our donors – from 99% of whom we claim Gift Aid - is greatly appreciated, and is of the utmost importance in maintaining this beautiful, peaceful and historic place which we ALL hold in trust for our community and the future of the village.

WALDRINGFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. Currently full complement of members.

Robin Spittle ~ Chairman ; Adrian Catchpole ~ Senior Warden/Joint Secretary ; Margaret Quantrill ~ Rector's Warden; Katie Catchpole ~ Joint Secretary; Harriet Earle ~ Treasurer ; Rolls Barclay ~ Chair, Fund-raising; Walter Aldis ~ Lay Reader . Members: Frances Matheson; Ron Payne; Anne Parkinson; Stella James; Jean Haste; James Barclay; Jill Edgar ; Bridget Dearlove

Liz Kennedy ~ organist ; Peter Thubron ~ Accounts Examiner.