

**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, WELTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2010**

Promoting the Christian Way of Life in Welton

Administrative information

St. Martin's is the parish church of the village of Welton, near Daventry. It is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England. The correspondence address is c/o The Treasurer, 14 Clarkes Way, Welton, Daventry, NN11 2JJ

The Church is much loved and well cared for, with services held every week with additional services at Easter, Christmas, and Festivals. The church is well attended and extends a warm welcome to visitors. The building is a fine medieval perpendicular gothic three aisle church dating from 1258, set in lovely surroundings. Services are accompanied by a magnificent organ; the interior is light and airy, with splendid stained glass windows. There are 650 residents in the parish.

On 13th March, 2010, Revd Chrys Tremththanmor was licensed by the Bishop of Brixworth and installed as Vicar of Welton by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The whole congregation gave her a very warm welcome.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2010 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Chrys Tremththanmor Chairperson from 18 th April, 2010	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Helen Thompson	
	Mr Robert Somerville	Resigned as Chairman, 18 th April 2010
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>		
	Mrs Rachel Horder	
	Mrs Margaret Roper (ex-officio)	
<i>Elected members:</i>		
	Mrs Susan Addams	Secretary
	Mr Anthony Addams	Treasurer
	Mrs Jan Glascodine	
	Mrs Rachel Horder	
	Mrs Val Hamblin	
	Mrs Gillian Weigel	Resigned 18 th April 2010
	Mrs Ann Robinson	Elected 18 th April 2010

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Martin's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Chrys Tremththanmor, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the

Church and the Cemetery in Ashby Road. Detailed reports by PCC members are available separately on request.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 39 parishioners on the Electoral Roll at the last Annual Meeting. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 28, but this number increased at festivals and at Christmas services

A number of baptisms, marriages and funerals took place during the year

Review of the year

The full PCC met every six weeks during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. There were no formal sub-committees, Event organising and other special tasks were delegated as convenient. The PCC and members of the congregation work closely with the school, the PTA, the WI and other village community groups.

Minutes of the PCC meetings record the subjects covered and decisions taken. The more significant issues of the year are reported in more detail in the minutes, accounts and individual reports.

1. Welcoming Revd Chrys and helping her develop the Christian Mission in Welton, through connections with the Welton School, introductions, church service arrangements, social and fund raising events, etc.
2. Through Revd Chrys' expertise, setting up our Church Web Site and adopting Internet technology to ensure the Church and PCC can communicate to meet the needs of modern convenience, as particularly used by younger people.
3. Formulating a new all inclusive service booklet to be finalised in 2011.
4. Completing urgent building works from the Quinquennial Report, and successfully raising funds from charities and donors to cover the costs.
5. Making arrangements for services, coordinating with the Deanery Synod and other Church of England requirements.
6. Managing health and safety requirements and normal maintenance and financial arrangements. Also, reaching out to anyone known to be in need of comfort.
7. Developing a policy for charitable giving,

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year were £36,266 and Payments were £37,031. Included were building repairs of £15,992. This was successfully covered by an Appeal to residents of Welton, and also by Grants received, together totalling £14,278 which was received during the year, with a VAT recovery submitted for £2399, but not received until 2011. The PCC is particularly grateful for the grant of £7,500 willingly given by The Welton Foundation. This charity was set up from the estate of Sir Halford Reddish who in his lifetime attended St Martin's regularly. The charity has given generously over the years to projects in the village.

Donations were also received as usual from The Townlands Trust (£1,400) and the Parish Council (£550). The Diocese contributed £300, and The Welton Players £100. A particular donation of £1000 enabled the clock on the tower to be repaired and repainted with numerals in gold leaf, conveniently arranged whilst the scaffolding was in place.

At the year end our cash balances were satisfactory at £13,353. In 2011, a further £6,000 (incl. VAT) worth of repairs from the Quinquennial Report will be carried out. The VAT should be

recoverable.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £13,353 on unrestricted funds at the year end matched this target, if the exceptional building repairs were excluded from the total payments..

It is our policy to invest our deposit funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. The Currant Account is held with Natwest Bank, Daventry.

Appreciation

Members of the PCC willingly undertake many different tasks and activities throughout the year, requiring time and commitment. There are also others who attend to cleaning, flower arranging, duties at services, bell ringing, gardening, fund raising, and providing support to those in need and keep the Christian neighbourly spirit alive in the community. The Government has a policy of encouraging community responsibility, and St Martin's, Welton plays a major role within the district in this respect.

**Approved by the PCC on 3rd April 2011 and signed on their behalf by
Revd Chrys Tremththanmor, Chairperson PCC**