

HATLEY ST GEORGE CHURCH

2016/17

Services

- Monday in Holy Week 2016, Stations of the Cross reflective service
- As part of Mrs Pearson's ALM Worship Leader training, her parish project was to create a generic and flexible liturgy for Evening Prayer across the Benefice. Using this new service booklet, she led an Evening Prayer service at Hatley church on 26 June
- Wedding blessing in September; funeral in September
- Mrs Pearson led an Advent Reflective afternoon in November focusing on the Great 'O' Advent Antiphons, followed by Advent Evening Prayer
- The carol service on Wednesday 21 December 2016 was well attended by the community and the Christmas Day service went well

Events and fundraising

£631.70 was raised during the Hatley Big Weekend Friday 26-Sunday 28 June 2016. This covered a flower festival, concert and Village Fête at the church over the weekend.

Mrs Pearson has organised Hatley Village Fête at the church for the last five years but has now stepped down as organiser. We are grateful to The Hatley Village Association who have now taken over the Fête and to Hatley Parish Council for agreeing to donate 50% of this year's profit from the Fête to the church.

Hatley St George church is grateful for the donation of £108.44 from the Hatley Coffee Mornings from October 2016 to February 2017.

Rector Vacancy

Reverend Steve Rothwell left the Benefice in September 2016 and since then we have had visiting priests take services at Hatley St George church. We are grateful to Churchwarden and Licenced Lay Minister Chris Miller for organising cover for services. Background information to advertise the post of a new rector for the Benefice of Gamlingay Hatley St George and Everton has been collated from members of all three churches in the Benefice; the position was advertised in April, but without success. Further advertising will take place over the next couple of months.

Church fabric and churchyard

Repairs and maintenance: Simon Jarvis carried out temporary repair work to the external drains and downpipes in April 2016. Sid the Roofer repaired lead flashing on top of the tower in April 2017.

Quinquennial: The inspection took place in April 2016 by church Architect Nicholas Warns who felt the church was in a fair condition. There are some items in Category A that need to be addressed within 12 months.

Churchyard: Laurence and William Drake continue to look after a few maintenance things at the church and churchyard. The meadow on the south side of the church was hand cut with a scythe a few times in the year by Alistair Hobbs from Everton.

Composting toilet

The toilet was installed in August 2016 and an official 'opening' ceremony by Steve Rothwell took place in September with people from the Hatleys' and Gamlingay attending. The toilet was bought and installed mostly from grants.

Grants	Date awarded	Amount
Gamlingay Community Turbine Tithe Fund	November 2014	£350
South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Chest Fund	February 2015	£1,000
Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust	March 2015	£1,000
Gamlingay Community Turbine Tithe Fund	November 2016	£500
Total grants received		£2,850
Project cost including installation		£4,200
Money from Hatley Restoration Account to cover difference		£1,350

Due to lack of funds, the hazel hurdle screening and woodland planting around the toilet building have not been done yet, but may be implemented in the future should funds become available.

The church and the local community

For over six years, Mrs Pearson has been involved with Hatley village activity including being a member of the HVA and taken time to attend Hatley parish Council meetings and be a spokesperson for Hatley church at

these and other events. She has produced a village newsletter with news and information from Hatley St George church, the Parish Council, HVA activities and other local items. She stepped down from these activities and from her role as Deputy Warden (Hatley) in October 2016.

Special thanks also go to Penny Hewlett and Pam Offord for their continued support with preparing the church for services and to others in the community who help with looking after the building. Thanks also go to Hatley Estate for their support in maintenance of the churchyard and some aspects of the building.

Finances

Both Hatley and Gamlingay churches are of one Parish – Gamlingay and Hatley PCC – and, therefore, have one general bank account for both churches. Each church has their own separate restoration account from where money is spent per church on repairs and maintenance, as required. All general money given to each church, whether that is from collections, donations, fundraising or any other method goes in the Gamlingay and Hatley PCC account.

The accounts, which are prepared and administered by Gamlingay and Hatley PCC's Treasurer, do separate out each church's income and expenditure and this is a summary of how Hatley St George church fared in 2016:

Hatley St George Church: January-December 2016				
Income		Expenditure		Deficit
Collections and donations*	£625	Including electricity and insurance	£1,966	-£1,805*
Planned giving	£538	Ministry Share*	£1,633	
Fundraising	£631	Expenditure Total	£3,599	
Income Total	£1,794			
<i>*Includes October-December donations (£59.26) from Hatley Village Coffee Mornings</i>		<i>*See separate note</i>		<i>*The deficit is paid by Gamlingay church</i>

Ministry Share allowance

Gamlingay and Hatley PCC pay an amount each year called the Ministry Share to the Diocese of Ely which essentially pays for a priest, or in a Vacancy, fees for visiting priests. The amount in 2016 was £29,696 (the amount usually increases each year), and Hatley church should be paying 5.5% of this, £1,633 for our 'share' of a priest.

Gamlingay church has for several years paid any deficit as the income for Hatley church is never going to meet expenditure requirements. It is a difficult situation as there are very few people going to services at Hatley church, apart from the Christmas Carol service. The handful of regular people (3-4) who attend services are the only ones who look after the church in terms of getting things ready for services each month and minor maintenance here and there.