



Annual Report

for

2015

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 19th April 2016

7.30 pm in Church

This meeting begins with an act of worship

Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

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Agenda

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

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1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Churchwardens Report
3. Election of Churchwardens

Closure of Meeting of Parishioners

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2015 IN ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

Present: Rev Canon Dr Michael Taylor (Rector), Miss Margaret Gale and Mr Richard Wilson (Churchwardens) and some 40 parishioners.

Michael welcomed everyone to the formal set of meetings and spoke of the fellowship of women and men who have supported All Hallows church over the years. As followers of Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit in the site of God, we are all members of one family in the name of Christ and everyone is very welcome.

Michael then led an opening prayer.

Apologies were received from: Revd K Williams, Mrs M Godfrey, Mr & Mrs T Harrison, Mr I Hickman, Mr K Hollingworth, Mrs N Moulds, Mr A Northern, Mrs V Noake, Mr B Parr, Mr & Mrs J Rigby, Mr & Mrs R Skellington, Mr J Tattersfield.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Michael explained that as the Report had been circulated well in advance, he hoped that any amendments would have been noted. He thanked the Churchwardens and Lorna for putting the booklet together. There were no corrections to be made and those present were in agreement in accepting the minutes.

2. Churchwardens' Report was printed in the booklet. David Richards gave thanks on behalf of everyone for the diligence and competence of the Churchwardens in their running and looking after the church.

3. Election of Churchwardens: David Richards (Vice Chair) took the meeting. He explained that as Rick Wilson had come to the end of his 6 years term of office, he could no longer stand for Churchwarden. David thanked Rick and hoped that he would continue to offer his dedicated service to other areas of church life. Michael thanked Rick for his inspiration, support, courage and dignity in the love of God and for his love of this place of worship, and also for the things he did in the community of Gedling.

Nominations for two churchwardens were read out as: Margaret Gale, Emma Hickman and Kathy Northern. Voting slips were handed to the parishioners and independent adjudicators counted the votes. David announced that the Churchwardens for 2015 were Margaret Gale and Kathy Northern. Emma was thanked for putting her name forward.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

THIS, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend;
Whose love is as great as his power,
And neither knows measure nor end.
'Tis Jesus, the First and the Last,
Whose Spirit will guide us safe home;
We'll praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.

A lovely old hymn which puts into context all that we do as His servants. God is with us as much in the mundane duties which are, of necessity, the Churchwardens, as He is when we kneel at His altar in worship or singing His praises. The love between Christ and His people (the Church) motivates and sustains us in all that we attempt in His name.

Sadly, our Rector, Michael's health has not been good for the latter part of the year and he remains constantly in our thoughts and prayers. We are aware of, and grateful for, his prayers which are a constant support to us. We are extremely grateful to Revd Jean Lamb and Revd Keith Williams for their willingness to cover our services and thus ensure that All Hallows' witness to God through public worship has been maintained.

Throughout the year, 13 wedding services have been conducted and 37 children have been welcomed into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism. 18 funerals were conducted in church and our clergy have officiated at numerous services of cremation. Attendances have remained constant and new people have been added to the Electoral Roll.

It was a joy to welcome our local schools into All Hallows during the Christmas season with their parents and friends.

There have been many fundraising events during the year and these have contributed to our ability to pay our parish share in full. The Friends of All Hallows have also had a busy year raising funds to improve the church building and facilities and Phase 1 of our improvements is now complete. Phase 2 is underway and we look forward to a new coffee bar and extra toilet facilities.

A separate report on the building is included elsewhere but our church Architect has written: *“My inspection confirmed that regular and urgent maintenance items are being kept on top of and that the church is generally in good state of repair. Overall the PCC of All Hallows should be congratulated for the diligence with which they care for their historic church.”*

We are grateful as Churchwardens for the help and encouragement we receive from all at All Hallows. There are many people who work tirelessly for the church in so many different ways and we know that this is all done in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to the glory of God. We are fortunate indeed to belong to such a warm Christian family and to experience the unique friendship and love which is to be found in Christ’s Church. It is our privilege and our common desire to serve God as Christ’s body in this small part of His Kingdom by sharing His gracious, life-giving love with all who will listen.

Margaret Gale & Kathy Northern

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Apologies

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Rector's Report
3. Electoral Roll Report
4. Election of Deanery Representatives
5. Election of PCC Members
6. Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Reports from Church Organisations: Questions may be asked
8. Resolutions to the PCC

Closing Prayers

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2015 IN ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

Apologies were received from: Revd K Williams, Mrs M Godfrey, Mr & Mrs T Harrison, Mr I Hickman, Mr K Hollingworth, Mrs N Moulds, Mr A Northern, Mrs V Noake, Mr B Parr, Mr & Mrs J. Rigby, Mr & Mrs R Skellington, Mr J Tattersfield.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting of 22nd April 2014 had been previously circulated, there were no points of correction, Janet Kenwood proposed them as correct, seconded by Maureen Staniford and accepted by those present. The Resolutions as Matters Arising would be presented in the PCC report on p19.

Michael explained that as the report had been circulated in advance, they would not be read out, however he would go through the reports and if there were any additions or queries, they should be directed through himself as chair.

2. Rector's Report: Michael asked us to think about whether we were doing God's work and if God was being glorified in this place. He expressed how grateful he was for so many people doing so many good things here in All Hallows

church. Michael thanked everyone for the fellowship and working together, especially during the time that he had been suffering from ill health.

3. Electoral Roll Report: Keith Hollingworth reported that at the end of 2014 there were 147 members on the Electoral Roll.

4. Election of PCC Members: Three members had completed their terms of office: Dorothy Ritchie, Brian Noake and Ted White. They were thanked for their time on the PCC. For the five 2015 vacancies there were two nominations: Helen Haren and Pat Yarnall. As there were no further nominations, those present were duly accepted as the new PCC members for 2015-2018. It was noted that as Rick was a Deanery Representative he would have an automatic place on the PCC. Michael said that working with the PCC was a delight and was grateful to those who served and those who diligently attended month by month.

5. Treasurer's Report: The Statement of Financial Activities and a Balance sheet for 31st December 2014 and a report had been circulated in advance which outlined the payments that had been made in 2014 and how close we had been to paying our Parish Share in full.

Eleanor added further notes to the report thanking all those people who gave their time and donations which saved on expenses. She also pointed out that it costs £6,700 per month to keep All Hallows running and although we can pay our regular bills, it is the Parish Share that suffers. Although we were only £3000 short at the end of 2014, running costs are rising quicker than regular giving, it would be excellent if we could find ways to increase our income so that we could meet Parish Share in 2015.

Eleanor asked if there were any questions. Richard Potts asked what percentage increase would meet the shortfall – a 7% increase of all regular giving would raise a further £4300 which would help meet our responsibilities.

Eleanor then asked if the re-appointment Mr. D G Hollingworth of D&D Accountancy service Ilkeston to examine our books again next year was acceptable. All those present voted in favour.

Maureen Staniford gave a vote of thanks for the work that Eleanor had been doing and David Richards explained that in being diligent with finances, a large amount of money had been saved. Michael also thanked Eleanor for the work she had done throughout the year.

6. Reports from Church Organisations: Michael led the Parishioners through the reports inviting comment.

Eleanor explained that the PCC Report contained information following the Resolutions given to the PCC at the 2014 APCM. Janet Kenwood said that she was disappointed that work on the lighting in the choir had been put aside until it would be included in the refurbishment project at a later date.

In the Associate Priest's report it was noted that Erika Kirk had moved on. Michael said how blessed we were to have such a lovely group of ministers.

Michael thanked the Licenced Lay Ministers noting that the regular monthly meetings were fruitful and a place of energy.

Richard Ogier reported that he would welcome more people to join the Servers team and to be trained up. Michael echoed the appeal saying that the Servers were an important part of the dignity of the service.

The Pastoral team were thanked for the work they do visiting the frail and elderly, an important team in the life of the church.

Michael explained that the Seeking Justice group considered all sorts of extraordinary work and noted that the Food Bank was quietly operating in the background and hugely welcomed by people in the community.

The Living Worship committee are busy this year looking at significant developments in the sacramental elements of worship.

The Deanery Synod report outlined the importance of meeting the Parish Share. Michael said that in conversation with Revd Phil Williams he had been told that the Deanery had been impressed with the effort the Parish was making in building up their Parish Share.

Michael thanked Pat Yarnall for all the years she had been leading Junior Church and for the huge act of dedication she had given to the group. Michael thanked the new Junior Church team for their work with the children and the delight we get in church when they arrive full of fizz and energy.

The work that the Gedling Magazine group do in producing an edition every month made Michael proud to be associated with it through the church, he thanked those who spent so much time making it happen.

Michael thanked Jane and Steve for continuing to develop the website.

Maureen Staniford added to the Friends of All Hallows report by thanking Sheila for the work she had been doing in encouraging people to renew their membership, which brought in both finance and help and support from those who had joined.

It was noted through the Building Committee report that there had been warnings of lead theft again in the area. Rick apologised for the backlog of issues that had been facing minor difficulties, but hoped that we could now move forward.

The Memorial Hall was a huge gift to the Parish, but a huge effort was required in order to keep it going. Although the place is now bright and airy, development is required with major work over the next few years. Rick reported that new small Gopak tables had replaced the old non stackable tables which also helped to brighten up the Hall.

Michael said how lovely it was to have the Toddlers report. Four or five times a year they come into church for various services and are made to feel welcome in this place. Grateful thanks was given to those who worked and put together the Toddler programme.

7. Resolutions to PCC

1. Janet Kenwood asked that the PCC urgently review the choir lighting, especially the flickering of the lights. She thought that money could come from designated funds to pay for the improvements. This to be taken to the Building Committee

2. Keith Hollingworth had written a resolution to be read out in his absence. He wanted the assurance of the PCC, that the shed which was in a dangerous state of decay and had for over four years been on the PCC remit to be replaced, be replaced within the next 12 months. This to be taken to the Building Committee.

3. Gillian White asked that Connie Cole who runs the Patchwork Club on Wednesday in church be sent a thank you note. Although not a member of the congregation she had donated £450 to PCC and had created a lot of good will and outreach with people visiting church to attend her club. Michael will attend to this.

4. Janet Kenwood asked that a thank you note to Emma Hickman for being prepared to stand for Churchwarden be sent. David Richards will attend to this.

Michael closed the meeting with all the formal business having been attended to. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said what a joy it was to see all the work being done in God's name. He added that if we forget our service to Gedling Parish, we have lost our mission and lost our way. He gave thanks to God and to each other for the faithful, quiet and kindly service that the congregation give, making All Hallows a welcoming place to come to.

David Richards gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to Michael which was echoed by those present.

The meeting closed with a The Lord's Prayer and The Grace at 8.55 pm.

FROM THE RECTOR: TO ALL THE SAINTS OF GEDLING

By the time you all read and consider the Annual Report I will no longer be your parish priest. As a parish you will have entered a new time, to look forward to new times and new ways. I pray God will send among you a good, wise, loving parish priest. I know that whoever she or he is you will welcome them with all your warmth and love. God bless them and you in times to come. While you are awaiting the appointment of a new Rector, and while you are waiting for them to begin work among you, I am wholly and entirely confident that you all, as the parish of All Hallows Gedling, will continue to work energetically and with hope and with love for each other, for the people of Gedling and for the sake of the gospel of love, given to us all to share.

During the last year I have been endlessly unwell. I am so sorry for this. I knew in my heart that it was time for me to seek retirement because of my ill health and I also knew that it was time for you to have a new Rector who would be able to work with you and among you in all the ways you need. Leaving you is very hard, but it is the right thing to do. I am so sorry that I have not been able to be the sort of parish priest you have needed in this last year of illness and frailty. Thank you for your many kindnesses. Thank you for your endless hard work, for your faith and for your love.

Now look forwards in hope. Dream dreams, have great visions. Carry on working hard and joyfully and with love for each other. And all will be well. And pray constantly. You are all dearly loved by God; trust in God and find strength and hope in God. Farewell dear friends.

Michael Taylor (Rector: 2006-2016)

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

At the 1st January 2015 the number on the Electoral Roll was 147. Throughout the year three names were removed and five names added. At 31st December 2015 the number on the Electoral Roll was 149.

Keith Hollingworth

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee meets on the Wednesday prior to the monthly PCC meeting. Members of the committee are Eleanor Crossley, Brian Noake, Rick Wilson and me. We are usually joined by Kathy Northern as a Churchwarden.

We scrutinise the accounts prior to the presentation to the Church Council and look carefully at income and expenditure.

Our Treasurer does an excellent job and the fact that the Parish Share has been fully paid reflects her diligence. "Best value" has been achieved in so many areas, particularly in energy and communication services, and this has helped us to keep costs down.

David Richards

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the start of 2015 we brought forward a balance of £17605 in unrestricted funds held jointly in the current and savings account, but by the end of 2015 we carried forward a reduced balance of £14762. However, we paid our Parish Share (Giving for Ministry) of £52908 in full, which was a huge achievement compared to past years. We also contributed £5000 to the Chair and Radiator project and paid all our regular bills. Restricted funds at the beginning 2015 shows £73 from the Arnold Lee fund for music; at the end of 2015 restricted funds stand at £16193 which includes £16120 worth of chairs. The chairs are assets which will depreciate in value over a 20 year period. Thus our overall balance for the end of December 2015 is shown as £30955.

Our contribution to charity included The Ark £600, Luncheon Club travel expenses £225 and £42 to support the Deanery Burundi project. Through our retiring collections we were able to give £950 to Christian Aid to support the Ebola fund, the Nepal fund and the Refugee fund. Through the Christmas services, collection bottles, donations and Christmas card box, we were able to support Family Care with £502 and for the Royal British Legion, £152 was taken in the Remembrance Day collection.

In 2015 we made a saving of £900 on the utility bills, but paid out £1350 more on Church maintenance. Some of the repairs were covered by insurance (£150) and the tower clock service was paid for by a generous grant of £214 from our local counsellors. We saved £400 by not having Christmas cards printed, instead PCC decided to advertise our services in the NG4 (£50) and flyers were handed out to

all the visitors we had in church during the Christmas Tree Festival, the Commemoration service and the Children's School services. We raised £2600 after expenses on the Giltrap concert and there was an increase in planned giving, collections, and Gift Aid of £1500, but income from other fund raising was down by £570. We had £2145 returned to PCC from Gedling Magazine, but overall legacies, wedding fees and other funds were down on 2014 by £3100

Unfortunately the budget for 2016 shows that we are expecting less revenue from Weddings and Funerals as the trend to hold these occasional services in a church building is declining. Our planned giving is also likely to be reduced by as much as £2700 as people have moved away or are no longer continuing to give for whatever reason. However, our Giving for Ministry has been decreased by £1,300, therefore I predict a shortfall of £5,000 by the end of 2016. It is in the light of these figures that we must look to our commitment of supporting the Deanery in doing everything we can to meet our Giving for Ministry allocation. If the Deanery cannot meet its commitment to the Diocese there will be difficulties with recruiting more clergy into the Gedling area and this will have serious repercussions on the churches with smaller congregations who may no longer be viable.

This sounds like a very depressing picture, however our church life is more than figures and money – it is about worship and fellowship and meeting the needs of everyone who comes into church seeking solace, peace and people to listen to them. We are that church, we can offer so much more and I thank everyone for all they do in the service of God in All Hallows church.

Finally I would recommend to you that Mr. D G Hollingworth of D&D Accountancy Services, Ilkeston is re-appointed to examine our books again next year. They offer an extremely friendly and helpful service at a very reasonable rate, which they see as part of their Charitable Giving.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PLEASE ASK CHURCHWARDENS OR MYSELF.

Eleanor Crossley

REPORTS FOR 2015

PCC REPORT

Membership: members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2015 the following served as members of the PCC.

<i>Incumbent</i>	Revd Canon Dr Michael Taylor (until April 2016)
<i>Associate Priest</i>	Revd Keith Williams Revd Jean Lamb
<i>Licenced Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs. Margaret Hicking Mr David Richards Mrs Maureen Staniford Mr John Tattersfield
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Mr Rick Wilson (until APCM) Miss Margaret Gale Mrs Kathy Northern (from APCM)
<i>Bishop's Council</i>	Mr David Richards
<i>Diocesan Synod</i>	Mr David Richards
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	Ms Eleanor Crossley Mrs Maureen Godfrey Mr Rick Wilson
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mr Brian Goodliffe Ms Helen Haren (from APCM) Mr Steve Hicking Mr Frazer Meakin Mr Andrew Morley Mr David Morris Mr Brian Noake (until APCM then co-opted) Mr Richard Ogier Ms Jane Palin Ms Dorothy Ritchie (until APCM) Mr John Tattersfield Mrs Sheila Traynor Mr Ted White (until APCM) Mrs Pat Yarnall (from APCM)

The secretary of the PCC and the Treasurer was Ms Eleanor Crossley.

At the APCM 2 people were elected to fill the vacancies left by the retiring members with three vacancies. Throughout 2015 there were 2 vacancies to represent 2014. Many thanks go to Frazer Meakin, David Morris, Richard Ogier,

Jane Palin and Sheila Traynor who are coming to the end of their time on the PCC and we look forward to welcoming five new members to the PCC in their place.

There were a number of resolutions presented at the APCM in 2015.

1. Janet Kenwood asked that the PCC urgently review the choir lighting. The flickering lights were removed and new bulbs replaced at a cost of £126. The building committee researched new lighting, two electrical fitting suppliers inspected the site but will not offer suggestions until the DAC advisory specialist informs us what would be suitable. This is now in hand.

2. Keith asked that the decaying wooden shed be replaced within the next 12 months. The Building Committee are in the process of investigating a suitable shed and will be asking GBC for planning permission before a faculty can be obtained from the Diocese.

3. Connie Cole who runs the Patchwork Club received a letter of thanks for her contribution to the church and for the donation of the membership fees.

4. Emma Hickman was formally thanked with a letter, for being prepared to stand for Churchwarden.

Other business throughout 2015

The start of 2015 was dominated by the issue of chairs, their colour and democratic processes. The faculty for chairs and heating alterations had been sent to the Chancellor for consideration and a notice was posted asking for objections. Although there were 4 objections in writing, the faculty was unopposed at the next stage and it was recommended that four good examples of pews be retained.

The chairs arrived in July and the pews were auctioned off. While the church building was empty, a band of willing volunteers spring cleaned the pillars, window sills, took up carpets and kneelers and mopped the entire floor. The PCC were concerned about the amount of clutter and some of this was removed or tidied away. Further items for disposal would require a faculty from the Diocese and this is in abeyance.

Two new vergers – Keith Hollingsworth and John Rigby were assigned for the occasional services of Weddings and Funerals. Baptisms, which do not incur a cost, continued to be covered voluntarily by the Churchwardens. Kathy Northern replaced Rick Wilson as Churchwarden at the APCM and fitted in quickly, willingly taking on the many jobs that are required of a ‘hands on’ Churchwarden.

The summer was taken up with issues regarding the closing of the cremated remains area. Margaret Gale wrote to the Diocese asking about opening a new area and receiving DAC advice. It transpired that Gedling Borough Council would need to be approached regarding opening up the churchyard. Rick Wilson contacted GBC and was waiting for a response from their legal department before any further action could be taken.

In Autumn the PCC were informed that Phase II of the re-ordering process was underway with our architect Bruce Bradley being invited to draw up a few plans of a suitable site for a tea bar, additional toilets, storage area and choir vestry. After a bit of getting used to and trying different layouts, the new chairs were proving to be a success, especially for concerts, although some people were concerned that items of furniture had been moved and stored elsewhere. For example there was an enquiry about what was to happen with the kneelers - the congregation was consulted. Some of the kneelers are now decorating the base of the pillars and some are being stored until further notice.

Most of the winter months were taken up with issues raised by the Deanery Congress in November. Parishes were implored to find ways to help those Parishes who were struggling to meet their Parish Share. Although the prediction was that we would meet our allocation by 100% this year, PCC informed the Deanery that there would not be enough capital to help the Deanery with the shortfall. As noted in the Treasurer's report, it is unlikely that we will be able to meet our share in 2016 and if the trend continues amongst the Parishes there will be repercussions in terms of the number of clergy who will be employed in the Gedling Deanery.

From January 2015 Revd Michael Taylor had been unwell and although he chaired the meetings from March to May, he was not well enough to bring any Rector's Business to PCC. At the September meeting Michael reported that he was on phased return, being supported by the Archdeacon and by November it appeared that he was on the way to recovery. Shortly after this however, Michael fell ill again and it was with great sadness that we did not have the spiritual guidance and words of wisdom that PCC had become accustomed to. We wish Michael every blessing in his new life away from All Hallows and sincerely hope that he will make a complete recovery given time.

Eleanor Crossley, PCC Secretary.

ASSOCIATE PRIESTS' REPORT

I have found this year to be one of the busiest so far in my "retirement" ministry. The Bishop's permission for this ministry is renewable every three years and is due again this coming year. I am hopeful that it will be renewed.

My ministry of celebrating Holy Communion and officiating at the occasional offices such as funerals and weddings, takes me also to other churches. I am therefore aware that generally there is much pressure on our Deanery at present, due to retirement and other movement of stipendiary clergy.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue my ministry in a very practical way and it is a joy to be part of an impressive ministry team. Our PCC and congregation too, have shown their considerable care, support and dedication to the parish and particularly so over issues arising from the Rector's uncertain health in these recent months.

Keith Williams

In the last year I have felt more integral to the life pulse of the Parish of Gedling. Thank you all so much for your support, kindness and above all your prayers for us Ministers and for the work of the Parish.

A year ago, in February, I was putting up my Exhibition in Coventry Cathedral when I was catapulted headfirst from the transit van by my stacked metal art support stands. I was knocked unconscious for an hour and completely broke my right (creativity) wrist in two places. That meant being on Sick Leave for three weeks with another three weeks unable to drive the car, but working at home. This accident happened when my colleague Michael Taylor had had five weeks Sick Leave after Christmas 2014. I remained concussed for months - even after coming back to work in the Parish, which affected my balance, mobility, confidence and planning.

Nevertheless I prepared Helen Haran for baptism on Easter Sunday in All Hallows and Confirmation at St James Porchester in May. Since then she has played a growing part in the life of the Church.

I have assisted with all the services apportioned to me on the Rota between Easter to December 2015 until my colleague Michael Taylor again went on Sick Leave, when I have again taken on his share of work, together with my colleague Keith Williams.

In addition I have planned and presented an All Age Worship Service for Pets in July 2015 after visiting all the schools in the area for the event.

From early Autumn my work time was dominated by the Ministerial Development Review. Many thanks to the people who filled in questionnaires about me.

During Advent I mounted a Real Chocolate Advent Calendar event which proved very popular.

Jean Lamb

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS REPORT

Glancing back at some of the reports that I have written over the past, I realise how much the role of the Reader, as it was called when I was licensed over thirty years ago, has changed.

We are part of the Ministry Team here at All Hallows; a group that meets on a monthly basis with our clergy colleagues to discuss and organise programmes for the year and arrange service rotas for the following months. This forum for exchanging ideas plays an important part in managing the exchanges that the church is having to undergo in the next few years. Within the reduction of clergy posts there will be so much more reliance on the lay ministry to be involved in services.

Due to Michael's unfortunate absence through illness, there has been added work and extra responsibility placed on the Lay Ministers. We have been pleased to support Jean Lamb and Keith Williams in keeping things going and hopefully we have proved worthy of the task.

With the clergy, our meetings on the third Monday of the month are regularly attended by Maureen, Margaret, and the two Johns (Tattersfield and Rigby). We are all conscious that the future will present challenges to both our church here in Gedling and further afield. We are very grateful for the work and enthusiasm of members of our church who do so much and work so hard in so many ways. We thank you for your encouragement and help.

We, the Ministry team, look forward with optimism to another year and are sure and confident of your support.

David Richards

SERVERS' REPORT

All Hallows' faithful team of servers continued to play their part during the year in the liturgy of the Parish Communion and special services. Everyone was very pleased when Brian Noake returned to the team in the autumn after a serious accident the year before. At the end of the year both servers and congregation said 'au revoir' to Richard and Ronnie Ogier who have left the district and are now resident in France. They were given a card, gifts and good wishes in recognition of their work over 20 years in the maintenance of the servers' rota, the training of new servers and the management of the wardrobe of server's albs.

It is very pleasing that new servers have come forward to continue the tradition of serving at All Hallows, in particular Rick Wilson, Eleanor Crossley and Mick Pringle. Everyone is also grateful to Adam Robbins, who has taken on the job of preparing the Servers' Rota. The congregation is asked to encourage anyone they know might be interested in taking up serving, and to put them in touch with a member of the clergy or one of the serving team.

Richard Ogier

GROWING DISCIPLES COMMITTEE REPORT

I am delighted to report that we have very good relationships with the five Primary Schools in our parish namely; All Hallows, Phoenix, Priory, Stanhope and Willow Farm. The primary schools close to the church visit us regularly but Stanhope find the long walk to and from the church a little more difficult. We were, however, delighted to welcome them to our All Hallows Trail in October.

It is good to see the schools joining us for Christmas celebrations and in other church activities. The Junior Church play a major part in many of our All Age Worship services which take place on a monthly basis and in other special services such as Christingle, Harvest Festivals and Mothering Sunday.

We held our All Hallows Trail event once more and this was as popular and well supported as ever. We are indebted to our wonderful band of helpers and volunteers who make "The Trail" possible. As well as learning so much about All Hallows, our visitors are impressed by the welcome that they receive and the experience of just being in this wonderful building. The great majority of the children are our parishioners and instead of just seeing the church from outside, they can learn so much about the treasures within. Around 200 children attend during the event and of course this would not be possible without the help that is

always forthcoming. I can tell you that the schools are already asking about the next one!

I have heard it said that “these children are our future”. They are in fact “our present and our future!”

My thanks go to all who are involved in our Growing Disciples initiatives, “We have a Gospel to Proclaim”

David Richards

PASTORAL CARE GROUP REPORT

A small team meet bi-monthly and aim to support those in need while they are unable to come to church.

A team of 11 people visit the local nursing homes on a monthly rota. These are within our Parish; Charnwood House, Stoke House Nursing Home, The Willows Nursing Home, and the Gedling Village Care Home. We take a monthly service to Gedling Village Care Home and have visited with the choir to sing here and also at Charnwood Nursing Home.

Supporting those who are recently bereaved and delivering a church magazine to their relatives is also part of our role. John Dawn and a small team support members of the church while they are in hospital when a request is made. Prayers are said for those whose names appear on our weekly pew leaflet and visits arranged as appropriate. Thank you to all those who give of their time to support our congregation in this way, it is very much appreciated.

Margaret Hicking and John Rigby

SEEKING JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Seeking Justice, Peace and the Integrity of God’s Creation Committee is concerned with local, national and international issues and campaigns that advance social justice, the environment and peace.

Locally the Parish Communion with toys service, Family Care Service held during advent gave an opportunity for members of the congregation to bring gifts of toys and tokens for less fortunate families. The response to this from the large congregation was overwhelming and demonstrated the high degree of good will

towards families living in challenging circumstances. We have continued to flag up the vital work of the Gedling Food Bank and thank you all for your continuing contributions.

Nationally, we continue to support the work of the Children's Society. This is done throughout the year and especially during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany with donations via the collection candles and boxes. This campaign reaches its climax with the Christingle Service, bringing together supporters of all ages and backgrounds. We would like to thank Peter Burton for his continuing work on behalf of the society.

The response to the sponsored swimming activity led by Cath, Margaret and Emily was wonderful, with over a thousand pounds being shared between the Christian Aid Nepal Relief Fund and facilities for disabled students.

Internationally last year, All Hallows Church congregation raised £355.07 during Christian Aid week, from donations and a cake sale in our Christian Aid week. This did not include the monies collected at the CA service which went towards to East Midland CA returns.

John Tattersfield

LIVING WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee held only three meetings, February, March and May, due to the illness of the Rector and our departure from Nottingham in July. Early in the year we welcomed two new members, Annette Satterley and Kathy Northern.

At the February meeting we undertook our annual review of attendances at Sunday worship during 2014. The figures used were those recorded in the Parish Register of Services and it was noted that there had been a slight increase in numbers attending the Parish Eucharist but other numbers had remained unchanged.

The March meeting looked in detail at Baptism as a key part of initiation into faith and areas of the Service were identified for further reflection and consideration at a future meeting.

It was agreed to look at the publication *New Patterns of Worship* in May but unfortunately the Rector was unable to attend this meeting. In his absence Richard Ogier led the discussion on the publication *New Patterns of Worship*. The committee discussion was very useful but it was agreed that it should be a future

agenda item when the Rector could provide his guidance on the use of this book as support for those involved in preparing and leading worship.

Richard & Ronnie Ogier

BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT

The Bible Study group has grown from strength to strength this year. There is an average of 10/12 enthusiastic members who meet fortnightly in members' homes or in church.

In 2015 we have studied the Gospel of John using material from Tom Wright, and have just completed a York study course "Praise Him" Songs of Praise in the New Testament. This covered topics such as Gratitude, Image of God, Humility, New Birth and Word made Flesh.

In 2016 we will begin to study Acts, and learn about the growth of the early church and discuss any lessons for our church growth today.

New members are always welcome Please contact Maureen Staniford or Margaret Hicking.

Margaret Hicking

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

All Hallows' three Deanery Representatives continue to be Eleanor Crossley, Maureen Godfrey and Rick Wilson.

The overarching theme for 2015, which throughout the year was given increasing priority was Finances, namely the Parish Share. This culminated in a special forum held in November in order to discuss the seriousness of the anticipated shortfall and its impact. It included Clergy, Church Wardens, PCC Secretaries and Treasurers. To highlight the importance of meeting the Giving for Ministry (Parish Share) comparative tables of giving were compiled and referred to by David Yates, Deanery Treasurer. Eleanor has been able to assure the Deanery that for 2015 we have met our share.

The Deanery continues working with on-going programmes and its remit to consider environmental, social, educational as well as spiritual growth and

awareness was included in several presentations together with some new initiatives.

Michelle Hampson from Open Minds explained her role in providing training sessions to help clergy deal with people with mental health problems. A series of dementia awareness talks, in which All Hallows had been a participating church again heightened the need for greater understanding of the condition of people with this life changing illness and the support needed for patients and their carers.

‘I Care about Care’, in which caring for the lonely elderly is addressed saw a repeat of a successful days outing and in September, supported by GBC, a cruise on the Trent was organised.

A presentation on Education support for Church schools by Board of Education staff was given and a plea went out for more people to act as school governors.

An environmental vote was narrowly passed supporting proposal that the use of fossil fuels were counterproductive. This was fed to General Synod.

Following a deanery visit to Mantana in 2014, each parish agreed to a contribution of £42 towards a scholarship for a sponsored named candidate. His progress will be fed back.

New ventures included Soul Spark , meditative prayers sessions and a Deanery co-ordinated hustings session prior to the general election.

Rick Wilson, Eleanor Crossley, Maureen Godfrey

MUSIC IN WORSHIP REPORT

The robed choir of All Hallows has a total of 22 choristers. The choir meet every Friday at 7.00pm for rehearsals. Our work includes preparation of hymns and psalms for the Sunday services and rehearsing anthems.

In addition, the choir and organist are called upon to take part at weddings. This year the number of choir weddings has been small, this is disappointing in one respect as weddings are our only source of income. I am most grateful to those members who give up their time to sing at weddings and I know wedding couples too are very appreciative.

Recently we have said our farewells to Frazer Meakin, who has gained a place at Bristol University studying drama. We will of course welcome Frazer and Sheffield University student Emma Morley back into the choir in the holidays.

Congratulations to three choristers Kate, Margaret and Chris for attaining the RSCM bronze award which was presented by the Bishop in Southwell Cathedral. We will continue to encourage this type of study.

In 2016 on Good Friday we will once again be singing Stainer`s Crucifixion; we hope to make it more a community choir by inviting members of our congregation and other choirs in the deanery to join us.

We as choir members will continue to encourage the young members as the future of the church will be in their hands; recruitment of junior school age children is to be a high priority this year.

The choir has been generous with its commitment not only in the morning but also the evening service where the chanting of psalm and canticles is competently achieved.

Steve Hicking, Organist & Choirmaster

MUSIC IN WORSHIP	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Keith Hollingworth (Acting Treasurer)			
Opening Balance			2158.48
Fees for Choir Weddings	565.00		
Donation	50.00		
Interest	43.18		
Christmas Tree Festival		10.00	
Mulled Wine for Carol Service (2014)		30.00	
RSMC Subscriptions		97.00	
RSMC Festival Books		135.00	
RSMC Entry Fee		39.00	
Music & Medal		34.19	
Wedding Payments to Choir		290.00	
Total Income			658.18
Total Expenditure			635.19
Excess Income			22.99
Total Balance			2181.47

JUNIOR CHURCH REPORT

We meet most Sundays in the Memorial Hall, returning up to the church with the children for the final part of the service. The children who attend are usually between 3 and 9 years of age, with most children now attending with their parents or carers. There are now usually between 10 and 15 children in each session, nearly all of whom attend regularly throughout the year. Three adults currently volunteer as co-leaders of the Junior Church; Sarah Potts, Claire Chetwyn-Allen and Anna Stapleton.

Our remit is to facilitate the spiritual development of the children and adults who attend, and also support the worship at the regular church services including All Age Worship. We plan our sessions to include a balance between prayer, developing knowledge of the Bible and Church through practical activities, and praise such as singing or celebrations. We try to plan a series of sessions along a theme, such as belonging or stories about Jesus. Some sessions also involve preparation for the Junior Church participating in All Age Worship, for example Mothering Sunday or the Crib Service.

During the coming year, we would like to be involved in re-designing the children's corner in Church as part of the re-development plans. We would also like to be involved with clergy in adapting the Crib Service to include speaking parts and more acting, whilst retaining the traditional feel of this important service. We would always welcome new members, and also more helpers would be greatly appreciated.

Anna Stapleton

JUNIOR CHURCH	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Eleanor Crossley			
Opening Balance			191.20
Gedling Play Forum		30.00	
Christmas Tree Entry		10.00	
Christmas Tree Prize Entry	30.00		
Christmas Gifts		86.79	
Total Income			30.00
Total Expenditure			126.79
Excess Expenditure			-96.79
Total Balance			94.41

BELLRINGERS REPORT

We have continued to ring for most of the Sunday morning services. Weddings were down in numbers this year. Frazer left for Bristol doing drama and is enjoying the experience. Emma is in her final year at Sheffield and doing well. Becca and Kate are working really hard in the final push before they go off to university. We welcomed a new ringer Sue, who hadn't rung for 50 years and has taken to the challenge well and is enjoying the new friends in the tower.

Late this year we spent a lot of our funds in having work done on the wheels on the back four bells plus other work which was pointed out when an inspection was carried out.

Finally, my thanks to all the ringers in the tower of All Hallows for their continued support in the ringing of the bells here in Gedling.

John R Rigby, Tower Captain

BELLRINGERS	IN	OUT	BALANCE
John Rigby			
Opening Balance			2389.83
Weddings – Gross Income	910.00		
Interest	20.77		
Donations	65.15		
Paid to Ringers		630.00	
District Subs		65.00	
Bell Repairs		2564.00	
Total Income			995.92
Total Expenditure			3259.00
Excess Expenditure			-2263.08
Total Balance			126.75

THE GEDLING MAGAZINE REPORT

The Magazine maintains a circulation of 500 copies per month and makes a useful resource in making contact with our local community. The cover states 'Community News for the Parish of Gedling' and we try to keep a balance between church information and activities that are of interest to the general public and I

would like to thank all those who regularly contribute articles and pictures. We are prepared to consider any offerings so please feel free to contact us.

We are supported by a varied selection of advertisers and this proves to be a useful directory for those planning to have work done. We thank our advertisers for their continuing support and we hope in turn you will give them some business. Joan and Keith Wollacott do an excellent job as our Advertising Managers and keep the advert slots filled each year. Potential advertisers can get on a waiting list if there are no slots available.

This year we have received greater advertising revenue with the result that we have been able to give a surplus of over £2,100 to All Hallows general fund. Janet Grinnell, as our Treasurer, has again kept a watchful eye on our accounts for which we are grateful. Eleanor Crossley is invaluable with inputting articles and laying out pages to make them attractive to our readers. Our printers, Christian Duplicating Services, give us excellent value with their quick turn round each month.

Our network of 27 distributors do a brilliant job in getting each edition out before the last Sunday in the month and we must thank you, our readers, who subscribe each year and give us encouragement by your feedback and kind words.

Rick Wilson, Editor

THE GEDLING MAGAZINE	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Janet Grinnell			
Opening Balance			1000.00
Subscriptions	2357.78		
Adverts	4255.00		
Donation	10.00		
2016 Adverts (paid in advance)	290.00		
Printing		4032.00	
Expenses		445.34	
Transfer to All Hallows		2145.44	
Total Income			6912.78
Total Expenditure			6622.78
Excess Income			290.00
Total Balance			1290.00

WEBSITE REPORT

www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk

or simply type All Hallows Church Gedling to reach the All Hallows website.

Our aim is to share God's love not only with the congregation of All Hallows but with the whole world.

We now live in a world where information is freely available to all on the World Wide Web. To find out about our church the majority of people do not pick up a telephone, but visit the website. Our job is to welcome them and give them the up to date information they seek.

We aim to share every aspect of church life as it happens through pictures and words. All the information is stored under the headings 'Growing Disciples', 'Seeking Justice', 'Sharing God's Love', 'Living Worship', 'Christian Teaching', 'Friends of All Hallows', 'Church Gallery', 'Calendar' and 'Blog'.

Our most visited pages are, Contacts, Weddings/Baptism/Funerals, Events and Calendar.

Our website is provided by Weebly. Since last year we have had 59239 page views and 14274 unique visitors, these are all real people who want to know about sharing faith in Gedling.

The website editors are Jane Palin and Steve Hicking. We thank Lorna Gilbertson for updating the calendar daily and posting the pew leaflet. Thanks as well to Eleanor Crossley for updating the events page. We also have contributions from church members to whom we extend our thanks. We welcome new contributors to give a proper reflection of church life in Gedling.

Steve Hicking

GEDLING MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

We have 11 members, most of whom attend our meetings on a regular basis and we are delighted to welcome them each month.

January – one of our members, Mary Harris, who is Chairman of the local branches of the men's and women's sections of the Royal British Legion, gave us an account of their recent visit to the Belgian battlefields where they received an excellent welcome.

February – The minutes of our 2014 meeting were read, and together with the accounts, were approved. A report of our activities during the year were then given after considering the position of our branch, membership, finances etc. The leaders and committee members remain the same.

March – ‘Nottingham Then and Now’. Various views were screened of Nottingham as it was just after the war and how it looks now. Amazing changes have been made.

April – Our thoughts were turned towards Easter.

May – We welcomed Sue Banks, one of our Deanery representatives, who gave us information which would assist us in encouraging new members to join us, of which we are in urgent need.

June – Quite an unusual subject was presented to us by Rick Wilson; Mustard!! Complete in pots of all shapes and sizes.

July – Members enjoyed a social afternoon followed by a strawberry tea.

August – No meeting.

September – Social time.

October – Helen Catchpole, one of our Diocesan speakers, who has recently been together with a group to Mumbai, told us of their experiences.

November – Members wrapped parcels for the church Bazaar on 30th November.

December – We had the nine lessons and carols service which ended our year.

Nora Crossland

GEDLING MOTHERS' UNION	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Pat Yarnall			
Opening Balance			399.88
Refreshments	37.50		
Visitors	7.00		
Raffle	93.50		
Bring & Buy	23.55		
Strawberry Tea	27.00	27.00	
Subscriptions	242.00	231.00	
Overseas Boxes	12.00	12.00	
Counts Your Blessings	40.00	40.00	
Rent for Memorial Hall		149.25	
Speakers		7.00	
Church Christmas Flowers		25.00	
AIFA		10.00	
IMPS		10.00	
Interest	0.09		
Total Income			482.64
Total Expenditure			511.25
Excess Expenditure			-28.61
Total Balance			371.27

ALL HALLOWS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

It has been a very active year for the fellowship. We started our events with a visit to The Malt Cross to see the recent changes made to the old music hall. 14 members and friends enjoyed visiting the caves and having lunch there. June saw the Men's Fellowship Parish Summer Outing to Harlow Carr at Harrogate where a coach party enjoyed a day at the RHS gardens.

August was barbeque time with a mixture of sun shine and showers. It was great to be able to welcome a number of guests of fellowship members. In September a trip was organised to the indoor 'Lost World' golf course at the Nottingham Corner House. This proved to be great fun and we hope to repeat the adventure again.

The Parish Christmas Dinner was well supported with excellent food and service provided by the Mapperley Golf Club. The suggestion that the Christmas meal might take the form of a lunch proved very popular and a jolly good time was had by all.

The January 2016 AGM is to be held for the first time at the Willowbrook. What was particularly pleasing in all the Fellowship events over the year was the number of guests from the parish who joined us as a result of invitations from members and the general congregation.

The Fellowship is open to any adult male living in the parish, whether or not a member of the congregation. To join us please see the Chairman, John Tattersfield.

John Tattersfield

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Andrew Morley			
Opening Balance			658.67
Membership	50.00		
Harlow Carr RHS Trip	966.75	813.00	
2015 Christmas Dinner	855.00	795.15	
Total Income			1871.75
Total Expenditure			1608.15
Excess Income			263.60
Total Balance			922.27

FRIENDS OF ALL HALLOWS REPORT

The Friends remit is to raise funds to support the refurbishment of the church, but this is not the only aim. It could be argued that its most important role is to bring people together for social occasions and to encourage people outside the church family to join in with our events. We organise our events alongside those organised for church funds, so between the two we have an event on average every month.

Drawing upon the experiences and talents of a variety of our active committee, a number of successful events have been organised this year. We started off in February with a Valentine's Square Dance, which was so well attended that we had to restrict ticket sales to allow for space for dancing. In April we were pleased to have Stuart Dixon conduct Gardener's Question time and in June Neil Kendrick offered his services to host a quiz.

In July the Friends saw their fundraising efforts come to fruition when the chairs replaced the pews. John Rigby seized the chance to be the first to perform with the

new seating arrangement and brought Bestwood Male Voice Choir to sing in the church. Later in September, with inspiration from Helen Haren and Julie Brooks, the church was rearranged and turned into a boutique. This was followed by our grand finale of the year with the Christmas Tree Festival in December which ran from Friday to Sunday. Planning had started way back in June and the fruits of our labour resulted in many people visiting church for the first time and going away having enjoyed a few hours in our beautiful church building.

During 2015, fundraising, membership and sales of preserves amounted to £7977; of this £6,500 was transferred to the All Hallows Building Trust for the PCC to use at its discretion. A further £5891 was raised through chair donations, the sale of pews and membership which went directly to the Building Trust account.

The successful year was down to the hard work of our committee to whom I give a huge thank you and my thanks to our outgoing chair Maureen Staniford. We have support from the 84 members of The Friends, continued support and sponsorship from our local councillors Jenny Hollingsworth and Nicki Brooks, from Vernon Coaker our MP and sponsorship from Veolia.

Our next fund raising task is to raise funds for the work of the Phase II development of the West end of church, with a new tea bar, toilets and storage areas. We have planned a year's worth of activities and look forward to the continuing fellowship of The Friends and all our supporters.

Eleanor Crossley

FRIENDS OF ALL HALLOWS Ian Staniford	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			5684.21
Subscriptions/Membership	504.00		
Money for Chairs	570.00		
Valentine Dance	809.10		
Donations General/NCC/Veolia	454.00		
Gardeners Question Time	400.00		
Quiz Night	347.50		
Preserves sold by Eleanor	564.50		
Church Book Stall	23.00		
Lectures	335.00		
Clothes Show	1044.21		
Bestwood Male Voice Choir	621.00		
Christmas Tree Festival	2305.40		
Transfer to AHBT Account		6500.00	
General/Hall Hire Hall/Prizes/Remembrance Book/Banner		1004.10	
Total Income			7977.71
Total Expenditure			7504.10
Excess Income			473.61
Total Balance			6157.82

ALL HALLOWS CHURCH BUILDING TRUST REPORT

The All Hallows Church Building Trust is a Registered Charity which receives funds from the Friends of All Hallows and other sources and holds them until they are required by the PCC to pay for work on the church building and its furnishings.

The Trust made a payment of £19,790 to the PCC to pay part of the cost of providing the new chairs and re-positioning the radiators.

HM Revenue & Customs agreed to recognise the Trust as a charity for tax purposes on September 28th 2015. This will allow the Trustees to make claims under Gift Aid.

Ted White

ALL HALLOWS CHURCH BUILDING TRUST Ian Staniford	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			24339.45
Interest from Bank	15.62		
Subscriptions/Memberships	140.00		
Donations	510.00		
Transfer from Friends of All Hallows	6500.00		
Donation from Ride & Stride	27.50		
Funds in for Purchase of Chairs	1615.08		
Payment from Give as you Live	24.49		
Clothes Show	145.00		
Transfer from Church Funds	3441.00		
Cheque to Gedling Church Council		19790.00	
Total Income			12418.69
Total Expenditure			19790.00
Excess Expenditure			-7371.31
Total Balance			16968.14

RE-ORDERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Re-ordering Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC established to research and recommend schemes for re-ordering and enhancing the church building and then submitting them to the PCC for consideration and approval.

The Committee consists of Margaret Gale, Kathy Northern, Eleanor Crossley, Steve Hicking, Rick Wilson, Richard Potts, Rick Camenisch and Frazer Meakin. Frazer left us to go to University but still keeps in touch and contributes to our discussions. We met three times during the year.

The main task the Committee undertook during 2015 was the implementation of the plan to replace the pews with chairs. The Faculty giving permission to make this change was granted by the Diocesan Chancellor in February and the work was completed in June. The radiators were re-positioned so that they created an open space in the nave and then the wooden chairs were placed in the worship area where they are expected to remain with very little disturbance. Another set of lightweight metal chairs are normally kept on trolleys at the rear of the south aisle where they can be brought into use easily as the occasion demands. Small folding tables have been provided at the west end of the nave and some of the metal chairs are used with these.

The next task of the Committee is to research plans for a second toilet and improved catering facilities. By the end of 2015 these were at an early stage but drawings showing some initial ideas were provided to us by our architect and these will be pursued during 2016.

A dishwasher has been installed under the sink in the Choir Vestry temporarily until it can be incorporated into a permanent tea bar.

Ted White

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee do not meet formally on a regular basis but we try to keep the church in a safe and secure condition by completing routine jobs and dealing with repairs as and when required. At one long formal meeting we tried to resolve issues of new works such as shed replacement, handrail installing, lighting upgrading, etc. All these items needed consultation, research and costing and some of the issues will hopefully be resolved early next year. In the meantime, the major work of the year has been the removal of pews, repositioning radiators and the installation of wooden chairs and accommodating 100 stacking chairs on trolleys. The work was completed successfully in June and while the church was stripped the opportunity was taken to deep clean the building from archways to walls, columns, plaques and hatchments down to the stone flooring much of which had not seen the light of day for some time. A large number of people helped in this process and a lot of enthusiasm and good will was shared.

Attempts to have our flat roof, down pipes and soakaways overhauled with a grant did not succeed as the minimum spend was not achieved. Ted White spent a lot of time making the application and hopefully his work will be useful for the next round of applications.

Ecclesiastical Insurers, our long term insurers, carried out a survey to revalue the building and to warn of risks that needed to be addressed. As we are planning some internal rebuilding with phase 2 of the Refurbishment Plan it was essential that we had a hazardous materials survey done and once this was completed no asbestos or other materials were identified as needing special treatment. Other issues by our insurers have now mainly been addressed.

Just before Christmas, a dishwasher was installed in the choir vestry and a new sink unit built. This will be incorporated into plans for the phase 2 work.

In addition to Ted we have to thank Mick Pringle and Mick Simpson for their weekly maintenance duties and turning their hands to anything that needs doing whether it is building our stage, clearing drainpipes or reorganising the seating for concerts. Extra volunteers are always welcome and we hope for a response to the request for helpers on the cleaning rota.

Rick Wilson

LUNCHEON CLUB REPORT

The Lunch Club meets weekly on a Wednesday at the Memorial Hall; lunch is served at 12.30 pm. The lunch comes ready cooked and is provided by County Enterprise Meals Service and is a two-course meal.

We have 14 regular diners and at Christmas, our drivers and helpers joined us and we had 20. The aim of the Club is to provide a hot meal and a chance for the members to socialise, as most of them live alone.

We have a number of helpers and drivers, but we could always do with more. My thanks to them for all their help; we couldn't manage without them. Thanks also to the members who come each week.

Pat Yarnall

BOOKSTALL Roy Skellington	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			955.52
Greeting Cards & Donated Books Sales	147.50		
Stock of Books for Baptism	48.88		
Stock of Greeting Cards	32.80		
Bank Interest	0.19		
Cash in Hand	130.20		
Profit from Sales of 'Roy's Story'	600.00		
Purchase of Books for Baptism		120.00	
Purchase of Greetings Cards		64.26	
Total Income			959.57
Total Expenditure			184.26
Excess Income			775.31
Total Balance			1730.83

GEDLING MEMORIAL HALL REPORT

The Hall has been heavily used over the last year and we thank all our regular groups for using the premises. We are particularly grateful to Dawn King and Gedling Ballet School who have several hours bookings a week and we are pleased to note the success that the students achieve in examinations and with their annual performance.

During the summer some repairs and decorating took place to maintain the Hall in good order and replacing skirting in the Blackburn Room. Guttering had to be replaced on the Arnold Lane side of the Hall and electrical improvements have included the installation of an up to date emergency lighting system.

In an effort to make people more aware of the Hall's potential, signage has been applied to the main entrance, outside noticeboard and a welcome sign greets those entering the building.

We are grateful to Pat Ward for maintaining the monthly booking calendars, issuing keys and keeping in contact with our hirers. Those visiting the Hall will be aware of the clean state of all the rooms and this is due to Eleanor Crossley making regular visits to keep the premises in a hygienic state as befits a building being regularly used by the public. We would also like to thank Mick Pringle for making

a regular mid-week check on the state of the Hall. The tidy appearance also results in repeat bookings.

Financially the balance sheets show a small excess income over expenditure, and although the funds are gradually building up we are likely to have some planning expenditure as we look to future developments. The main expenditure has been to buy a set of small flat pack tables which are contained on a trolley and have proved to be convenient for Coffee Mornings and group usage.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for their support over the year and our special thanks go to Robert Cheney who has given excellent voluntary service as our Honorary Treasurer for many years. Robert has completed his work this year and a new Treasurer will be appointed at the next AGM which will be held on Monday 23rd May 2016.

As always, we could do with volunteers – with or without skills - to help at various times. The small plot next to the hall had become over grown but has now been tamed and it would be useful if someone could occasionally keep it weeded. Please contact the Chair with any offers of help.

Rick Wilson

GEDLING MEMORIAL HALL	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Eleanor Crossley			
Opening Balance			25310.41
Lettings	16591.00		
Interest from Investments	39.04		
Utilities		3093.99	
Admin, Cleaning		2705.00	
Annual Fees & Inspections		2331.20	
Building Repairs & Maintenance		1722.53	
Miscellaneous		1625.25	
Total Income			16630.04
Total Expenditure			11477.97
Excess Income			5152.07
Total Balance			30462.48

ALL HALLOWS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP REPORT

We are pleased to report that the toddler group has remained successful and popular. We continue to open every Tuesday during term time and offer play and fun for children aged birth to 5 years.

During the first term we attended church for a lovely Easter service where the children were given chocolates and a Mother's day service where the children were given daffodils for their mothers. We ended the summer term with a wonderful summer party with a bouncy castle in the church hall.

During the autumn term numbers dropped quite drastically, as a lot of our regular children were pre-schoolers who went up to their schools in September. Numbers are varied at the moment and a lot of young babies have starting at the group, which is lovely to see. The children enjoyed our autumn crafts that Jo Rowely helped with like leaf rubbings and firework glittery pictures for bonfire night.

We unfortunately couldn't attend church for the Christmas service which we were thoroughly disappointed about. We held a fun Christmas 'Bongo Bongo' party which the children enjoyed thoroughly where we had music, games, dancing and food. All the children received a gift from Father Christmas which was so exciting for all of them!

I would like to sincerely thank the tea ladies who help us out every week whatever the weather, they are such a big part of the group and the children love them, we really could not cope without them. So thank you very much Noreen and Pat.

Unfortunately running the group on my own is hard work, although I seem to be picking up a few more helpers as the weeks go on. I have really enjoyed it so far and all the hard work setting up every Tuesday is well worth it when you see the happiness on the children's faces that attend the group.

My son and I absolutely love attending and running the group and he is my number one helper.

Alex Harwood

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