

THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM ST MARYS CHURCH NAUGHTON

During the last year the PCC have held four meetings including the AGM, all well supported by PCC member, although there are only 4 of us including our churchwarden. We would love more people to join

There have been 19 services during the year; including services for Mothering Sunday, Easter, Rogation, Harvest Festival and a Carol Service attendance for 2016 totalled 370, but average figures for a normal service is around 6. Collections for the year end raised around £1300 during 2016 there was 1 Christening, 1 Funeral and no weddings.

There are 14 people on the Electoral Roll, of whom 3 are non-resident.

The single major annual expenditure continues to be the Parish Share which was £5353 this year and we have managed to pay it in full. Insurance was over £700, so you can see where all our money goes.

During the last year, following the quinquennial inspection of 2014 we had the go ahead to remove the concrete bases the pews were on, which was causing a damp problem, with brick and lime mortar as per the original flooring in the rest of the church. We have also completed other issues mentioned in the report that are less obvious.

This year's May Fayre took £5127.60, the net figure still has to be finalised. The PCC would like to thank everyone who helps us on the day; we couldn't do it without you! We also raised £131 for the church through the Suffolk Historic Sponsored Bike Ride and I would like to thank the Homer family, who had quite a few punctures along the way.