

St Mary the Virgin Church, Arkesden

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ending 31 December, 2015

Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin Church is located in Arkesden (Essex). It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Pelham Road, Clavering.

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

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2015 include:

- Incumbent – The Reverend Margaret Davis
- Alan Lumsden, Chair
- Church warden
 - Cathy Miles (also serving as Electoral Roll Officer)
- Representative of the Deanery Synod
 - Elaine Moloney
- Elected Members
 - Steve Elvidge (Treasurer)
 - Susan Erb (Secretary)
 - Richard Latham
 - Ysobel Latham
 - Peter Shefford (Vice-Chair).

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 elections in the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Arkesden PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

Following a request in June 2014 by Rev'd Margaret Davis to step back from chairing the PCC meetings, Alum Lumsden faithfully served as the PCC chair during 2015.

Much of the PCC's activities concerned the possibility of re-ordering the church. Discussions continued throughout the year as to how we might best use the space and ensure that activities in the church complement use of the Village Hall. Considerations included using the church space as a means to: make the church building fit for worship in the 21st century; create an environment for a full range of community activities and/or as a venue for music and drama; and provide a location which could be used by charitable organisations to enable them to provide services which would otherwise be impossible based on costs. The PCC decided to proceed with a feasibility study to finalise options for provision of a kitchen,