

## St Barnabas Church Report for the Parish Council AGM 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

It's been another busy year in the Church.

Our Parish share for 2018/2019 is nearly £15,000 which we have to pay to the diocese.

Last June the North Wolds group which we are a part of was combined with Brocklesby park and Croxton group to make a total of nine churches. They are Barnetby, Elsham, Bigby, Somerby, Melton Ross, Croxton, Kirmington, Great Limber and Brocklesby.

We welcomed our new Vicar Lee and his family to the Group and they live in the Vicarage in Barnetby.

Half the churches have services in rotation at 9.30am and the other half have their Sunday services in rotation at 11am. In Barnetby we remain to have our services on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month at 11am and we have started a midweek communion service every Tuesday morning in the vestry at 9.30am.

There have been 72, services in church this year. There have been 26 Sunday holy Communion services, 23 Said Communions on a Tuesday Morning, 4 School services, 1 Archdeacon Visitation service, 4 Easter services, 5 Christmas services, 1 Harvest service, 3 weddings, 1 Licensing service, 7 Funerals, 1 Diocese training seminar, 1 Fashion Show, 1 concert, 6 Christenings.

We have had visits from the Bishop of Grimsby and Archdeacon.

I have also been continuing my mission part of my role as Churchwarden to run Toddlertime on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. During this year I also started a knit, crochet and natter groups that run every Tuesday afternoon in the whistle and flute and every Thursday evening in the vestry. I have also run summer holiday sessions for children which were a great success and I am hoping to do them again this year. We also did the scarecrow event which continues to be a success and it is evolving each year.

### Baptisms

May – Esme Stothard

June – George Newman

July – Emily Lancaster

Aug – Jacob Cavill

Sept – Oliver Metcalf

Nov – Kai Mingaye

### Weddings

Aug – Stephen & Zoe Mailey

Aug – Peter & Joanne South

Aug – Shane & Carla Morrison

Funerals

Mar 17 – Annie Brader

Mar 17 – Shirley Lusby

Aug17 – Marjorie Joan Barron

Feb18 – Keith Curtis

Mar18 – Joan Thurman

Mar18 – Lynda Siddle

Apr18 – John Burr

The Churchyard is improved with thanks to my husband Chris and Ian Tennyson. They have been pruning and clearing the churchyard and we will be remapping the churchyard this spring as we have found more graves since we have cleared the back and side area.

With Discussion with the Diocese and the agreement of the Parochial church Council we will be starting the paperwork to officially close St Marys churchyard this year.