

# The Church Of St Margaret of Antioch, Shottisham

## Annual Report to the Village Parish Council

### For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**My name is Anne Buswell. I am one of the two churchwardens at Shottisham. I lived in the village from 1979 to 2004 when I moved to Sutton village. My son Joe, his wife Jess and 2 children now live in my former home. I have served on the church council in 3 separate times of my life and most recently for the last 10 years.**

#### **1. Administrative Information**

Our church of St Margaret is in the Wilford Peninsula Team Benefice which consists of 17 parishes and these are sub-divided into clusters. Shottisham Parish is part of Rev Mandy's cluster which also includes Bromeswell, Sutton Village, Sutton Heath, Rendlesham St Gregory and Rendlesham St Felix, Eyke and Wantisden. The team leader of the benefice is Rev Giles Tulk who is based at Orford. The benefice is currently advertising for a half time priest.

Shottisham church council members who served in 2020 were:

Team Rector/Vicar(s)	The Revd Ruth Hatchett until 29.2.20 then Revd Giles Tulk (R) <b>and then joined by Revd Mandy Reynolds (V) as a result of cluster re-arrangement.</b>	Chairman
Churchwardens:	Anne Buswell Micky McBurnie	
Elected Members:	Stuart Beeston Treasurer Pat Bendon Helene Berry (Sutton Heath resident and Elder) Gareth Williams Secretary	

There were 14 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 5 of whom were not resident within the parish.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and stand for election to the council.

We are now without Stuart and Gareth who have moved to Woodbridge and we only have one village resident on the council. We would very much like to encourage at least another two people from the village to join us and if they felt able to fill either the now vacant posts of treasurer (does not need to be an attendee) or secretary that would be even better!

## Achievements and Performance

### 2. Church Attendance 2020

2020 has been the most untypical year in living memory for most of us because of the worldwide pandemic of Covid 19. Church attendance was prohibited from 23 March until end June and then limited for the rest of the year. We had a peninsula wide service in Shottisham in July conducted by Rev Giles; this was electronically broadcast by Zoom. Other non-regular services held since then at Shottisham were the Pet Service, Harvest Praise, Carol Service and "Midnight" at Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Electronic services have been broadcast from Orford regularly during the year and have been available to attend. Recordings of services have also been available to view electronically.

Our regular service timing is; first Sunday Morning Praise 11.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Evensong 6.00 (with tea and cakes from 5.30 when allowed), 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Communion 9.30.

The average for a 'typical' Sunday at Shottisham across the year and across these 3 services was 10. This includes 3 children. Average attendance for each service was: Praise 6, Evensong 4 and FC 17.

We usually hold special services for Lent (Lunches), Good Friday Walk, and Sandlings School Carol Service, but these could not take place because of Covid 19. The attendance for services that *were* held were Pet Service in the churchyard 22 plus 9 dogs, Harvest 11 (in church as wet; normally at the Allotments), Village Carol Service 20 and Christmas Eve Midnight (9.30 pm) at Bethlehem 13.

The visitors' book lists 15 entries (not people) for the year compared to 60 in 2019.

There was one burials of ashes in the church during the year, but no marriages or renewal of marriage vows and no funerals.

### 3. Review of this Year and Future Events

The church council met three times during the year.

Only two of our usual Fund Raising Events took place and these were the Pancake Party and the National Cycle Ride. The party raised £210 and the cycle ride £215. Three people took part in the cycle ride; half of the money raised comes to our church.

#### **Future Events:**

Pet Service on 15<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00 pm

Summer Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Harvest Festival on 19<sup>th</sup>

Concert in afternoon of Remembrance Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m

**In connection with the fete, we are hoping to have a get-together of church council members and village helpers mid July (if restrictions allow) to discuss details. Please look out for actual date and venue.**

**Now over to Mandy**