

## **Siltons PCC – Election of officers for 2018, 2017 accounts and summary of 2017 meetings**

### **1. Election/nomination of officers** – the following names were put forward:

Churchwarden, Nether Silton – Dr Christine Challis

Churchwardens, Over Silton – Mr J Inch

Covenant Secretary – Mr J Aston

Secretary – vacancy

Treasurer – Mrs J D Aston

These nominations (IH proposed, JPA seconded) must be agreed by the full Leake & Siltons AGM in March.

**2. 2017 Accounts** These are ATTACHED and the APGM is asked to authorise their being signed off by the Independent Examiner Mr Paul Nicholson. The Treasurer has noted an overspend at Nether Silton, as well as ongoing reductions in Gift Aid payments and collections generally and the PCC is aware.

### **3. Summary of actions etc in 2017**

- Gravestone guidance at Over Silton, advisory leaflet. This was now completed and an electronic copy sent to the vicar to share with families as and when.
- Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults – training etc to take place
- **Nether Silton**  
HC services had taken on the second Sunday of each month, as well as on Christmas morning. Additional services were held for a baptism and two funerals. The annual Carol Service, with the Thirsk Royal British Legion Brass Band, was well supported but costs (band, printing orders of service, decorations and cleaning) considerably exceeded the collection.

Expenditure for maintenance etc covered painting, removal of ivy from walls and repair to an organ speaker damaged by mice.

The PCC is to apply for a faculty to replace the existing organ with another that will be easier to play. It can also have extra kit to enable it to play tunes automatically. This is cost neutral.

- **Over Silton**
  1. Services took place on Easter Sunday as well as in May, July, August and September (Harvest)
  2. Ferrey & Mennim are preparing tenders and specifications for essential repairs on the chancel (99% funded by Trinity College Cambridge). The churchwardens have also been secured grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Jill Franklin Trust, Normanby Trust and Sir John Priestman Trust towards the

costs of mending the vestry roof, the churchyard wall and the perimeter drainage channel. English Heritage had been involved with advice etc. Bat and asbestos surveys were needed.

The complex nature of the funding meant a new bank account, for HLF funds and payments, was set up in 2017. A second account, for the chancel work and Trinity's CRL, will also be needed.

3. Wormholes discovered around the pulpit and pews. Being treated ad hoc at present but will get full treatment when the roof works begin.
4. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission wanted to place a small notice near the church because there is a war grave (Percy Yarker) there. No objection from a descendant. The churchwarden is discussing location etc.

The Friends of Over Silton Church (FOSC) had also been involved with local fundraising.

- The Freewill Offering for both churches was set at £1000 for 2017
- HMRC Gift Aid reclaim for 2016 covenants and collections had yielded £1479.32, to be divided equally between both churches.