

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS', BRAUNSTON

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', BRAUNSTON ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The PCC at Braunston has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Vicar to promote, in this ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility of maintaining the fabric of the church.

The PCC accepts the House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance, both policies and practice, and it publishes and regularly reviews its Safeguarding Policy.

The Mission Statement agreed by the PCC states that: "We are here to love and serve God within our community and in the world."

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2018 the following served as members of the PCC.

Team Vicar: The Rev. Nat White. The Rectory, 71, High Street, Braunston NN11 7HS

Churchwardens Mrs A Parker-Tyler Reader and Lay Chairman of PCC.
 Mr P Milner Deanery Synod Representative, Daventry Team Council Representative.

Other Rev. J Stevenson Daventry Team Council Representative
Members: Mr C Allen PCC Secretary until November 2018
 Mr P Hobbs Treasurer
 Mr C Dunn
 Mrs R Morgan Safeguarding Officer
 Mrs J Gibson Lay Pastoral Minister
 Mrs J Lancaster
 Dr F McCloghry
 Mrs K McCloghry Lay Pastoral Minister

THE PCC AND COMMITTEES

PCC meetings were held in January, February, April, May, June, July, September, November and December. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in March.

As well as acting on a broad range of issues affecting the church and the wider community, the PCC received regular Treasurer's reports and reports on the church's fabric as well as reports from representatives of the Daventry Team Council, the Deanery Synod and Friends of All Saints' Church. Attendance at meetings (excluding APCM) throughout the year averaged 85%.

Colin Allen has stepped down as PCC Secretary and from the PCC and we thank him for his many years of support. We also thank Fergus for taking on this role.

CHURCH SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the regulations, the Electoral Roll was revised early in 2018 before the APCM in March. The 2018 Roll listed 93 names (2017 =93, 2016= 91, 2015=90, 2014=89, 2013=87, 2012= 86, 2011 = 86, 2010 = 80 & 2009 = 79).

Attendance at Sunday services during 2018 averaged 61.75 adults and 6.0 children (2017 = 74.4 adults and 6.0 children). These figures are calculated from the attendance at all Sunday Services excluding Easter Day.

During 2018 there were:

- 6 Baptisms
- 10 Funerals and 2 memorial services
- 6 Weddings and 1 wedding blessing
- 0 Candidates confirmed

The service times were changed on the arrival of Rev. Nat. Holy Communion Services are held at 8.00 am on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month and Parish Eucharist services are held at 11.15 am on the first and third Sundays of each month, with an all age service on the second Sunday, and a Family Communion on the fourth Sunday, if there is a fifth Sunday in the month a united benefice service is held at one of the three churches. This has included a breakfast service at Ashby village hall. The all age service in December was our first Café Church service.

Junior Church, led by Rebecca Morgan, is on the first and third Sundays. Evensong was held on the first Sunday of each month (except October). 'No Labels' Worship is normally held on the last Sunday of each month. Other services held at Braunston during 2018 included an 'open air' service at Braunston Marina in June, Harvest Festival service at Bragborough Hall Farm in October, a service to remember loved ones we see no more, and a Service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday. The Christmas services of Carols by candlelight, Christmas Eve Crib Service and the midnight communion were all well attended.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

As part of the wider Daventry Team, members of the PCC have worked both to support All Saints' current worship and outreach activities, and to explore new possibilities for the church's work. All are very aware of the importance of finding new and effective ways to reach out to those beyond the fringes of the church community and drawing them towards God. Also, for maintaining and improving the Church building. The main priority this year was to improve the heating in the church.

Mission

It is a policy of the PCC to, annually, make charitable donations equal to 10% of the planned giving received. The list of recipients of donations from this charitable giving is under review.

The church's mission to children and young people is acknowledged as very important and a continuous effort has been made to encourage children and families to become part of Braunston's regular congregation. There continues to be good links between church and the school resulting in several enquiries about baptism.

All Saints' maintains close links with Braunston School. The church hosted a School Easter Service, Pentecost service, Harvest service and a School Carol Service. The Youth Church meets weekly and continues to be an important support to the discipleship for a number of young people across the Daventry team.

Maggie Murray continues in her role as Parish Nurse, and the PCC are grateful for all her hard work for the villagers. Maggie is supported by a steering group, and the pastoral visiting team, led by Joanne Gibson and comprised of a small number of dedicated volunteers from the congregation including Eucharistic Assistants, Kim McCloghry and Maggie herself.

Peace at Lunchtime continues to be popular. It runs every Wednesday with gentle reflective prayer followed by lunch and time to chat. Numbers attending are between 15-26. This has encouraged some people to attend regular Church services.

Morning Prayer, every Tuesday morning, has been held at Maple Close.

Home Communion has been taken out regularly to 2 homes in Braunston and to other homes on an ad hoc basis as well as to the Evelyn Wright Home and Brownlands Nursing Home in Daventry.

There was an 8 session course open to members of all three churches entitled "Fruitfulness on the Frontline" which proved popular. 30 people attended the course.

The PCC is taking determined action to make the church more welcoming and services more attractive to all ages. This is a work in progress.

Presence in the Village

As a means of mission outreach, All Saints' has continued to maintain a strong presence in the wider village community. This has been done in a variety of ways. The monthly local newsletter, Braunston Village News, continues to be produced and funded jointly with the local Parish Council and is distributed to every household in the village. It includes details of church services and activities, with a regular contribution from the Rev Nat. Jenni Burton retired as editor and there is now a new editorial team; Alan Mawer, Joanna Longworth and Sandra Stapley.

Joanne and Andre Gibson have continued to maintain the Church website and its quality is widely recognised. The site contains up to date information and includes generic email addresses for all the main contacts. The Church also has a Facebook page which is an increasing source of communication for all.

All Saints continues to support the joint initiative with the parish council to run the community café, with many church member volunteers, and members of the PCC are on the Steering Committee which has been chaired by the vicar. Also continuing to co-operate in providing a community car. We have an increasing and important presence in the primary school where Rev Nat, Jean Waghorn and Kim McCloghry have run collective worship every week.

The PCC has a Fete Committee and a Fundraising committee which, supported by volunteers, ran a "Bring and Buy", a Quiz Night, a Last Night of the Proms Concert, a Summer Fete, a car treasure hunt, an Autumn Fair and a Christmas (Musical) Extravaganza. All of these events, besides being money raisers are times when contact is made with the villagers for outreach and fellowship. Some of the events take place in the church building. The PCC is very grateful to parishioners for their support.

The "Friends of All Saints Braunston", the Braunston Church building preservation charity, ran money raising events in the village including the Arts & Crafts Fair held in October. The timeline which they introduced in December 2013, continues to attract visitors to the church and to raise donations. We are grateful for their substantial financial contribution towards the repair of the east windows in the church.

Another initiative which remains popular is the opportunity for individuals to pay to have the church floodlit on a particular date, with many villagers choosing to mark special occasions in this way. This is done on an ad hoc basis but also through "Friends of All Saints", and is an opportunity for all those who do not necessarily attend the church on a regular basis to contribute to its upkeep. An additional incentive is the ability to view the floodlit church on the worldwide web.

In September, thanks to Gloria Brough, the church again welcomed participants in the fundraising Northamptonshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride both Pete White and Nigel Sykes took part.

Hospitality is an important part of church life and we are grateful to all those who serve refreshments after the service. We have purchased a coffee machine which enables us to service fresh coffee which has been a bonus.

Beyond the parish Peter and Brenda Hobbs stopped working for Hope and Homes in February 2018 after twelve years and raising over £30,000 for homeless and orphaned children. The work has been taken on by Colin Allen's niece Joanne Pawlett.

Worship

A constant focus of the PCC continues to look at ways of improving the worshipping life of the church and to find ways to make it relevant and timely to the people we serve. A monthly newsheet has been produced which carries prayer requests for matters of church concern and worshippers are encouraged to take it away with them.

The monthly "No Labels" evening service, with a band and worship songs, was introduced in 2015, has continued to be popular.

On Good Friday afternoon there was a meditative "Hour at the Cross". On the eve of Easter there was a Passion Narrative Service with music.

Following Sarah's move to the cathedral the church had a period of four months interregnum.

Rev. Nat was installed in office on 28th April.

On 4th November evensong was led by Bishop Donald. This was well supported by the Daventry Team.

In December the church moved to the village hall for the main 11.15am services to benefit from heating. It also proved an excellent setting for the first café church service.

The special Christmas services were held in the church building and were well attended.

Maintenance

The PCC are very appreciative of the multitude of routine and maintenance and replacement tasks undertaken by Pat Milner, Charles Dunn and the many volunteer parishioners.

The heating was a priority and new under-pew heating will be installed early in 2019. We will be applying for a faculty to install exterior doors to prevent the drafts.

Possibilities for re-ordering are still being investigated to look at the best way of using the current space at the back of the church to make this more welcoming and functional.

REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER

Presentation of the Electoral Roll 2019

Every 6 years we have to start a completely new Electoral Roll, dropping off all those who have moved away or no longer wish to take part in the governing of the Parish. At the Annual Meeting last March there were 93 members recorded on the All Saints' Electoral Roll, with 2 more added during the year. At this year's revision we have retained 57 previous members, lost 38, but gained 6 new members, giving 63 names on the new list.

John Caunt
Electoral Roll Officer
24th February 2019

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 24TH MARCH 2019

This report is to be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 24th March 2019 firstly having been presented to the Parochial Church Council.

One of the duties of your Churchwardens is to present a report on the condition of Church building and its contents

1 MAJOR WORKS

1a Work on the two big windows at the west end of the church that were in need of extensive restoration was completed on the 24th April by Stone Edge Contractors. The work was paid for by The Friends of All saints and the P.C.C

1b Overhead screen and projector has been installed paid by the P.C.C.

1c Additional Church heating was installed under pew seats either side of the central aisle . the power coming from the main supply in the porch and an underground cable into the Church. The cost of this work was paid for by the P.C.C. and private donations

2 EXTERNAL WORKS

2a A drain pipe was laid in the Cemetery to take excess water away from graves. This is thought to have been due to a water spring

2b Air vents blocked with chicken wire to stop wild animals entering.

2c Paths around the Church were sprayed with weedkiller regularly

2d The water butt in the Cemetery was filled regularly

2e A group of trees causing damage to a house was cut down.

2f Stability tests were carried out on the graves

2g Clean gutters from Church roof

2h A trench was dug from the porch to a vent for an electric cable and backfilled

2i Cut back trees along path to Church road

2j Erect new outside notice board

Items 2a and 2j were carried out by contractors

Items 2b,c d,,e f g h and i were carried out by working parties.

3 INTERNAL WORKS

3a Replacement of spotlight bulbs has been carried out regularly throughout the year

3b The two pianos in the Church were tuned

3c Several floor tiles have been refitted

All the above items were carried out by working parties

4 WORK CARRIED OUT BY QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

4a Lightning conductor has been tested

- 4b** Central heating boiler has been tested
- 4c** Old organ has been serviced
- 4e** Water heater in kitchen has been repaired
- 4f** Fire extinguishers have been tested
- 4g** Tower clock has been serviced and reset

ONGOING FABRIC ITEMS

- 5a** A wooden screen is to be fitted around the messy corner
- 5b** Glass panelled draught proof doors are to be fitted to the outside of the main porch replacing the metal gates together with hand rails
- 5c** The old organ will be serviced
- 5d** The heating boiler will be serviced
- 5e** The Tower clock will be serviced
- 5f** The Fire extinguishers will be serviced

6 The inventory of the Church contents are kept at the home of one of your Churchwardens, together with the Church log Book. Peterborough Cathedral Treasury have confirmed by telephone that our three antique silver Chalices and two silver Patens are still in their keeping and currently in their safe.

7 There are a number of items of work which are outstanding and these are listed in Appendix A. The Parochial Church Council will continue to monitor these and make decisions according to risk, urgency and cost.

8 The smooth running of All Saints Church is the result of the tremendous support and assistance received from the many helpers within our congregation and Parish throughout the year. This is, as ever greatly appreciated and our great thanks go to all who contribute to the Church services as well as the regular tasks of Church cleaning, moving of dustbins, flower arranging, bell ringing, the choir and organist, all involved with providing refreshments and other catering, the organisation of the various rotas and floodlighting, the careful looking after of our finances, gift aid envelopes and stewardship details and general paperwork. We would also like to thank those who readily give their time to help with working parties both inside and outside the Church. We extend our thanks to the non Church goers for the help given when needed in many ways. The Church as we know it would have difficulty functioning without all this, often unseen, work and we are truly grateful to everyone involved in its running.

PAT MILNER AND ANNE PARKER-TYLER
Churchwardens

APPENDIX A

Repairs to the broken Chest Tombs under consideration

The Chest Tomb to the west of the Church has been identified by the Architect as being in need of complete repair.

Floor grates

It is proposed to fill in the floor grates by the front door.

Continual observation and consideration of Health and Safety matters.

There will be annual stability tests on gravestones

DEANERY REPORT FOR APCM MARCH 24TH 2019

There have been two meetings held during the last year. Unfortunately, your representative was unable to attend the April meeting because it clashed with the rehearsal for Rev: Nat's licensing and no minutes have been issued.

12th February meeting held at Bugbrooke Community Hall. This was to be the last meeting before Canon Michael retires.

There was an introduction with members introducing themselves and the Parish being represented. Opening worship.

Finance Robin Baker. Update on the Deanery funds and the Daventry Deanery Parish share.

.Parishes need to find an average of £67000 . This is for Clergy training, salary and housing.

Deanery visit to Peterborough Cathedral. 50 from the Deanery went by coach to see the space craft followed by a service led by Sarah Brown.

The motion put forward by the Daventry Deanery to the Diocesan Synod was defeated. There seems little chance of representing it.

There was a Who's Who in the Peterborough Diocese.

Canon Mary Garbutt is to be the acting Rural Dean

Pat Milner
Deanery Rep

Braunston Ringers Tower Captain's Report – February 2019

The Bells and Fabric.

The bells are in good working order, other than tightening the odd loose bolt no major repair or maintenance has been necessary in the last year.

The ropes are now some years old, while mostly in good condition the tail ends are now starting to show a few signs of wear and tear where the rope threads through itself to double the ends over. This can be addressed by some re-threading in the short term, eventually we will need to splice on new tail-ends but it is not anticipated that this will be necessary for a couple more years yet.

We had intended to clean out the bell chamber during the last year but good intentions did not result in action, so there continues to be a significant accumulation of twigs and other debris that has been deposited by our industrious Jackdaws during nesting time. Hopefully we will get around to organizing a working party to tidy things up this year.

There is still an issue with the electrical supply to the tower as having both heaters on in the ringing chamber will intermittently trip the circuit breaker.

The Ringing Band.

We have eight experienced ringers who ring regularly for Sunday service; five from Braunston, two from Ashby and one from Willoughby. This is enough to ensure that we can generally ring all six bells on Sundays, despite absences for holidays and so on. Since some of our ringers are still at work, we can have problems with numbers when weddings are held on weekdays, but it is normally possible to find substitute ringers from other local towers.

The size of our band is good especially when compared to many other local towers who struggle to find enough ringers. We are conscious that in the long term we need to try and recruit more learners to maintain our numbers.

Attendance at Thursday practice sessions is very good, with all the Sunday ringers coming regularly. We have started one new learner, however they are making very slow progress and will not be ready for service ringing for a long time yet.

The objectives of the practice continue to be to improve the basic quality of our ringing in terms of striking and rhythm and then to extend our repertoire of methods.

Finances.

As usual the tower secretary will provide detailed accounts separately, suffice it to say here that the tower funds have a healthy positive balance.

Junior Church Report 2018/2019

Junior Church has continued to run this year on the first and third Sundays of each month. Attendance has declined somewhat this year with fewer families with children attending services in general: we have probably averaged around 3 children per session. However, we have had more adult support this year with Jean Garner also joining the team.

Junior Church uses a similar format each session: a story which is related to the lectionary reading for that week followed by a craft activity linked to the story. We always report back to the congregation after a Junior Church Session and enjoy sharing the activities with the wider congregation.

We have created a number of different craft projects over the course of the year: some images of some of these are below.



We celebrated epiphany by creating the three magi using the ever versatile loo roll. This very handy craft material was also put to good use when we made a temple to explore the story of the presentation of Christ at the Temple.

Junior Church always tries to make the key message of the main sermon understandable for our younger congregation members; see (right) our attempt at making the 'bee' attitudes more accessible!



The challenges facing Junior Church are in maintaining and growing our numbers and, as last year, how to continue to engage our young people as some move towards upper primary school age and are beginning to need more than a story/craft session can provide.

Becky Morgan.

Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is a parent/carers toddler group for pre-school children. We meet at the Rectory every Tuesday in term time from 9-11am. The group was launched on January 16th 2019 and 10 mums/grandparents and their children came.

We have had a regular group of between 10 – 13 families coming each week. We have a mixture of age groups ranging from 8 week old babies to 2 year olds.

The mums and carers have been extremely positive about the group, saying how much they value the opportunity to meet together and for their children to play together.

We have free play for the first part of the session, snack time and story, followed by a craft activity related to the story. The session finishes with singing time together with the adults and children.

We finish the session with the action song, 'Our God is a great big God' which has become a bit of a favourite.

We have fresh coffee and homemade snacks for the adults and children.

The group is run by an amazing team – Rene and Jean look after all the adults providing hot drinks and home-made goodies, making the snack for the children and giving everyone a really warm welcome. Jane is wonderful at getting alongside the mums for a chat. Maggie, in her role as Parish Nurse, has attended regularly and offers guidance and support to those who need it. Kim co-leads the group with me. This team has been invaluable, and I am so grateful to each of them for their contribution to making this work so well.

Thank you also to the PCC for their support with this venture and for the money provided for Bible story books, CDs and other equipment. We ask the parents/carers for donations which go towards the refreshments, snacks and craft activities.

One of the mums told me, 'this is one of the best toddler groups I have been to...'

Our God is a great big God and I praise him for this group and the blessing that it is to our community.

Rev. Nat White.

Daventry Team Youth Church

The youth church group has continued to meet serving the Daventry team. In May we moved the meeting to a Sunday evening, with once a month on a Saturday, usually at The Rectory. We join with the 'No Labels' service when we can. There are 4 regulars in the group and the format of our time together includes sharing food and stories from our week, worship, prayer, Bible study as well as a few regular social evenings thrown in.

Over the summer we ran a series giving an overview of the whole Bible, then spent some time thinking about how we can share our faith and more recently learning how to pray and especially listening to God and contemplative prayer. This usually involving times of silence and sitting very still which is not a usual practice for teenagers but they love it!

Pete White

Home groups

Our home group meets at John and Rene Stevenson's home in Ashby Fields, Daventry on Thursday evenings at 7pm (with breaks for holidays etc.). We begin with tea, biscuits and a chat and usually finish by about 8.30ish. We have been using studies from 'The Good Book Company'. In 2018 we looked at :-

'The Complete Christian' - 8 studies using Colossians.

'Free For All' - 8 studies using Galatians.

'The Implanted Word' - 8 studies using James.

'The One And Only' - 8 studies using Deuteronomy.

'The Good Living Guide' - 9 studies using Matthew 5.1-12

We are a small (but not select) group and you would be very welcome to join us.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAPLE CLOSE MORNING PRAYER GROUP 24TH JANUARY 2019

The Maple Close Morning Prayer group was started about six years ago by Eric and Laura Kibblewhite. It meets on Tuesday mornings at nine o'clock. The group was, initially four and has now grown to about nine in number. There is a version of the Morning prayer which is said with members making contributions during the service. On the second Tuesday of each month there Holy Communion with a member of the Eucharistic Assistant team leading the service. The group offers a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and welcomes newcomers.

Pat Milner

PEACE AT LUNCHTIME REPORT 2018

Peace at Lunchtime has continued steadily over the last year. With our donations we were able to have a meal out at The Plough which was thoroughly enjoyed by all especially those who usually prepare the food!!

We are very lucky with the quality and quantity of people leading the short service/talk/reflection/carols round the piano at Christmas!!

Our numbers seem to be quite steady between 18 -24 although we have had as few as 16 and as many as 27! We have a committed core of attenders and have lost some members but gained new ones.

Our problem at the moment is that we are short of volunteers to do the catering but we feel sure that the Lord will provide and no one will starve.

It has been very exciting seeing people getting to know Jesus in their lives by this outreach into the community. People have come from PAL to Café Church which is brilliant.

We look forward to another year of love and fellowship.

Pastoral Care Report 2018

1. Pastoral Visiting Team Report

The pastoral visiting team continues to go from strength to strength. Co-ordinated by Joanne Gibson, under the oversight of Rev Nat, and working closely with Kim McCloghry and parish nurse Maggie Murray, it consists of a dedicated team of people who generously give of their time supporting and visiting those known to us in need of pastoral care.

The team have all been DBS checked, have completed the recommended diocesan safeguarding training, and carry identification endorsing their role as pastoral visitors from All Saints'. The team meets every quarter for mutual sharing, reflection and support. In 2018 we looked at ways of improving our welcome as a church, for those with disabilities of varying kinds, focussing in particular on developing our support for those affected by poor mental health, or dementia related diseases.

Some of the team are licensed Eucharistic Assistants who take Holy Communion to people in hospital, care homes, or in their own homes. In 2018, 26 home communions were delivered; 39 to care homes, and 1 to a parishioner in hospital by the team.

Some also volunteer in the Community Café and play a valuable role in showing the love of Christ to all who pop in. We also have representation on the Braunston Charities, which means we get to suggest those who may need a little extra help, whether it simply be that we let them know we are thinking of them, or sometimes more practical help. It is another way for us as a team to reach those whom we otherwise may not have known about as the Charities have reps from all the major groups in the village.

Kim, our other lay pastoral minister, has a focus of responsibility for baptism families and works closely with Rev Nat in this regard. She and her husband, Fergus, are also soon-to-be Waterways chaplains, and are currently going through the training. Living on the Marina, they are a valuable asset to our Marina and towpath community, and are helping ensure we don't miss any in need down there, as most of the pastoral visiting team live up here in the main part of the village.

Everyone in the team is actively involved in keeping an eye of folk, and being available for a listening ear, prayer, visiting people in their homes, care homes and in hospital. We are a motley crew, but between us I hope are managing increasingly to catch and care for those who might otherwise have fallen through the cracks. I give thanks to God for the gifts of each one of them, and pray that we may continue to grow and mature as a team to be a blessing to this congregation and village community.

Joanne Gibson, Lay Pastoral Minister

2. Baptisms Report

Baptisms have been going well since the last APCM.

There have been 6 baptisms in all and all families have an affiliation with All Saints even though they may not be living in the village i.e. parents were married here. We would love to see more families from the village though and have put baptism leaflets in the local schools and pre-schools with our contact details. The leaflets are those from the C of E. They are self-explanatory and fun to look at.

Throughout the last year we moved the baptisms to be included in the monthly All-age service. This has proved to be very successful as the families feel very much part of the church family. From May the baptisms will be taking place at the service on the fourth Sunday of the month so as to continue with café church on the second Sunday.

The families are initially visited by Kim in her role as a licenced lay pastoral minister and then again by both Kim and Rev Nat.

We try to make each baptism service very personal to the family.

Kim McCloghry, Lay Pastoral Minister

2. Parish Nursing Report

Maggie's role is about wholistic care, which concerns physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. Maggie carries out visits, and liaises regularly with Joanne, Rev Nat and Kim regarding the roll of the parish nurse and the needs of our community and church.

She works with all people in our village, regardless of whether they have a faith (of any kind) or not, and thus plays an important role in helping us reach those in our community whom we might not otherwise have known about who are in need. In 2018, 458 people in the village benefited from a consultation from Maggie (of which 58% were non church-goers).

Here are some of the ways parish nursing has been delivered in Braunston in the last year:

1. Spiritual Care:

Spiritual care and support offered to those who desire it includes listening and emotional support, prayer, pastoral support, faith discussions and invitations to church. Several people come to either Peace At Lunchtime or church, or both as a result of Maggie having invited them. One lady wishes to be confirmed.

2. Preventative Care

The types of preventative care given are mainly lifestyle discussion, nutritional advice, exercise and falls prevention.

Maggie has promoted health with the pastoral care team, including Geoff Waghorn from the steering group and representatives from local dementia and diabetes groups, forging links with the community through a stall at the church fete and Arts and Craft fair, resulting in referrals and health and spiritual conversations with the community.

Maggie has given talks at the WI, Friendly Club and Parish Council, resulting in referrals to parish nursing service.

She also went with a member of the team to promote health and parish nursing further afield at Peterborough Cathedral.

3. Mental health support:

The types of mental health support given are mainly coping enhancement, self-esteem building and stress management. Maggie liaises with the local mental health team to support clients in the community.

4. Other care:

This includes giving one to one care in the community, whether it is help or support to manage a chronic illness, palliative care to those with a terminal illness, or psychological and emotional support, whether it be anxiety or depression or loneliness; and support for those rehabilitating or with a disability or recovering after illness.

A great deal of time is also spent supporting carers who look after family or friends, and signposting as required to voluntary and statutory agencies.

5. Signposting:

Maggie has signposted many people to the NHS, Social services or voluntary agencies or support groups, liaising with them to improve care and support to the community.

Maggie has succoured financial aid through grants, making people aware of benefits and assisting with applications.

She has also succoured grants and help for equipment or aids to help enable people live safely in their homes.

Maggie offers advice and support for clients and families when considering long term care, and also assists clients with housing needs.

This year Maggie aims to continue to support the church and community in whichever way is required. However a goal would be to focus on health promotion. There are lots of great resources in the church and community which we would like to see used for the benefit of each individual and community as a whole.

Maggie Murray, Parish Nurse

4. Parish Nurse Steering Group

Client feedback tells us that Maggie is highly valued in our community, and people are benefitting from reduced mental anxiety/stress, increased sense of wellbeing, improved physical health, increased opportunity for social interaction, and have received spiritual encouragement and support. These are all objectives we stated in our grant application when we were thinking about employing a parish nurse, and they come under our Growth action plan objective that the church be a blessing in our community rather than a drain. Maggie is testament to us taking a huge step forward in this regard, and we thank her enormously for what she is doing in this part of God's Kingdom.

Maggie is supported by Parish Nursing Ministries, meeting regularly with the Parish Nursing Coordinator and peer group for review and support. She also attends various courses and symposiums for continuing professional development to fulfil and develop her role, and is studying for a diploma in Clinical and Pastoral Care Counselling.

Maggie is also supported by the All Saints' Steering Group, consisting of Rev Nat, Joanne, Kim, Jane Moore and Geoff Waghorn. Our challenge this year is to secure funding for a further three years so that we may employ her beyond November 2019, when her current contract and funding comes to an end. We need your help in this regard as we need to raise about 50k. The steering group are actively applying for grants at present, however, there is an expectation among any donors, that we also put some money up, so we will be talking to you more about that in due course.

Joanne Gibson, Lay Pastoral Minister