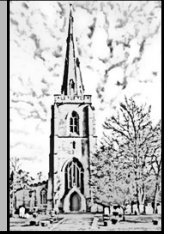


# All Saints' Church, Holbeach

## Annual Report 2018



*This Annual Report is being circulated to everyone on the current electoral roll and also to those on the church contact list.*

*If you do not want to receive this in future years please let me know.*

*You are all invited to the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting - the APCM on Tuesday 9th April 7.30pm in church**, but please note that you are only entitled to vote if you are on the electoral roll.*

### OUR VISION

**We aim to be an intergenerational church at the heart of our community, helping to promote a town in which everyone can flourish, and where people can discover the extravagant love of God.**

### VICAR'S REPORT

Thank you to Margaret and Nigel, our wardens and to Carole our treasurer who are all standing down this year and to Kate and Michaela our assistant ministers and to everyone who contributes in so many ways to the ongoing life of the church.

So what has been new or has developed during the past year?

- The **2019 Electoral Roll** is not yet complete but should include more people than in 2018 as 23 new members have already come onto the ER. 7 members have died or moved away and there will be some who have little association with the church who will probably not renew.
- Our **Junior Choir** has now been running for three years and our autumn recruitment drive brought in several new children from Holbeach Bank School. Towards the end of the year we introduced choir club after the practices and most of them stay on for hot chocolate and toast and games afterwards.
- **Kate** was 'lent' to Sutton Bridge and Tydd for the year which was an excellent learning experience for her and a great blessing to them.
- **Michaela** continues to organise the ministry to the Care Homes and is chaplain to Holbeach Hospital.
- Under Nigel's chairmanship a long-awaited **fabric committee** was formed and embarked on an ambitious programme of works. The launch of the **Saturday Gang** has made a very positive contribution to many of the straightforward DIY and tidying up jobs in the church and churchyard.

- The **finance and stewardship committee** was re-launched with the remit of looking at our investment policy and increasing our fund-raising and pledged giving.
- Our 5th **Flower Festival** on the theme of Musicals raised **£3,200** for the church as well as being a wonderful community effort with some very creative displays. The outside stalls, activities and Family Fun-Day organised by Stephen Johnson adding to the attraction.
- The 5th **St Nicolas Fayre** ran from the Friday evening to Saturday evening this year incorporating a lovely light show on the side of the tower and was fortunately blessed with good weather. It raised **£1,934.95** for church funds largely from the huge catering effort both inside and outside the church. Thanks are due to the committee who run this community event.
- The **papier-mache Nativity figures** were once again a significant feature of all our Christmas services.
- Welland Creative took on the reformatting of the **parish magazine** to great effect.
- **Jude Browes** was appointed our new cleaner and does an excellent job.
- We hosted a **St Georges Day** service for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the district which was a huge success and will be repeated this year.
- Following a meeting with the leaders of the 5 **uniformed organisations** each of them offered to help lead one of our AAW services each year
- **Harvest** was done differently this year, and we used it as an opportunity to celebrate all the areas of church life that are kept going by volunteers and to thank those same volunteers. For the first time we held our Harvest Lunch in church. It was a free event, very successful and proved it could be done.
- We added a very successful **Beer and Carols** in the Pub event to our Christmas services this year.
- The **Tower and West Window project** was launched at the St Nicholas Fayre with a lovely flyer designed by Isobel & Sophie Hutchinson.
- We decided not to continue with the services for **Wholeness and Healing** as they had begun to be very poorly attended, but we are hoping to revisit this as a deanery service in the future.
- We did however **Ring out the Old year and Ring in the New** with the bell ringers and will certainly repeat that in future years
- **Holbeach Community Larder and Cafe** continues to be well supported by our church and other churches and schools in the deanery. A legacy of £5000 enabled the refurbishment of the kitchen and purchase of a new cooker. We continues to feed 30-40 people each Friday with profits from donations towards the cost of the meals supporting the foodbank and replenishing the facilities as needed. Some volunteers have moved on but excellent new ones have taken their places, though we are always on the look out for one or two more cooks. It continues to be well supported by local businesses including TESCO and Marks &

Spencers and local schools and churches. In 2018, 213 parcels were given out to 109 individuals and families, along with 40 Christmas hampers.

*Revd Rosamund Seal*

## **PCC REPORT**

The 2018 PCC included Revd Rosamund Seal (Chair), Margaret Whaley and Nigel Beverley-Stone (Churchwardens), Carole Williams (Treasurer), Michael Slater (Secretary) Pam Rix, Lynne Barks, Jude Browes, Carol Hellen, Mick Boylan & Sue Sims. Barbara Phillips resigned and Sara Williams, Isobel Hutchinson and Mike Goodman were Co-opted onto the PCC midterm.

Following the AGM in April, the PCC met in May, July, September, November, January and March.

The PCC discussed a number of fabric and finance issues during the course of the year. Having functioned with our a PCC secretary for part of the year it was good to have Michael Slater come forward to fulfil that role at the APCM and to have him do such an excellent job of our minutes.

Copies of all PCC minutes are available at the back of church in a green folder.

*Rev'd Rosamund Seal*

## **STATISTICS for 2018 (2012-2017 for comparison)**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Electoral Roll	156	156	157	178	157	154 new	172
Av Sun Attend	73 + 7 children	71 + 6	73 + 5	73 + 4	73 + 4	71 + 6	70 + 5
Baptisms	37	24	37	35	34	33	19
Weddings	5	6	8	8	10 + 2	5	12 + 1
Funerals	33 + 13 crem	20 + 22	30 + 17	31 + 30	32 + 23	28 + 14	22 + 9

## **CHURCH FABRIC**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the upkeep of the church during 2018, your continued support is most welcome. 2018 has been a very productive year for the Fabric Team with a great deal being achieved. Quotes were received and many general maintenance jobs were completed throughout the year. The Saturday Gang met monthly from April through to November making improvements to the cremated remains area which will be completed in 2019. A slate border was laid along the north and south walls of the church and a wooden perimeter (kindly funded by Holbeach Parish Council) to retain the slate installed.

The old paint has been chipped from the north porch gates ready to be painted in 2019 and the railings in Church Walk have been straightened and a start was made on painting them. A new flower bed was created by the cremated remains area,

leaves were cleared, plants and border edges were tended. The spotlight housing along with the boiler house louvres and door were painted. A report and quote for repairs to the Ascension window was obtained from Terry Devlin. The gutters and downpipes were cleaned and this will be done twice yearly in future.

Approval was given to appoint Peter Slinger to Project Manage the Tower Project and the appeal for this was launched in November whilst AGL Consulting Ltd were selected to do a visual inspection of the tower. A new seat has been provided for the cremated remains area, this will be put in position during 2019. General maintenance work and cleaning inside the church was performed and the church grounds tidied. Drainage issues were looked at and quotes were obtained for the repair of 10 lead downpipes, Conservation Leadworks were selected. Our thanks to the Mary Bass Trust for their continued support throughout the year, with their help we have rectified more of the problems identified in the Quinquennial Report. We already have a list of jobs for 2019, some are jobs were started this year and need to be completed and some are completely new jobs, a busy time ahead.

*Margaret Whaley & Mick Boylan*

## **THE CHOIR**

The number of adult choir members remains as always at around thirteen. The number of Junior members is fifteen. Despite a couple more men joining us this year we could still do with a few more tenors so that we can perform more of the standard repertoire of church choral music.

We are one of the few churches which sings a weekly service of Choral Evensong. Evensong is open to all singers within the Deanery and beyond, who do not have the opportunity to sing this wonderful service, and we regularly attract four or five additional singers from other churches.

Members are thanked for giving of their time so willingly.

In addition to the Choir commitment to the regular services, some of them attended the Annual RSCM festival in Lincoln Cathedral in October and joined forces with choir members from across the county to sing Choral evensong under the direction of Aric Prentice, the cathedral's Director of Music. A great time was had by all who attended.

Three of our members: Dirk Reynolds, Jude Browes and Sofia Tibbs, are currently working hard towards the examinations for the RSCM silver award in June, and we wish them every success with this venture.

Our special thanks go to Kim Biggs, who has been a real tower of strength as Assistant Organist and Choir Trainer. It is easy to take this for granted, but we are so fortunate at All Saints' to have a musician of Kim's calibre to call upon, and I, especially, am most grateful. Our thanks also to Gill Graper who has done another splendid year as Choir secretary, keeping us all on our toes with the weekly Choir music menus and useful information regarding dates contained therein.

*Barry Lancaster*

## THE JUNIOR CHOIR

Since it began in April 2016, the Junior Choir has been a wonderful success story, introducing young people and some of their parents to the life of our church. The aim, as well as introducing them to the Christian faith, is to provide a quality musical education free of charge, and to encourage them to be permanent members of our Choir. Each week, they cover singing, recorder playing, some music theory and Christian teaching.

During the past year, they took part in the Flower Festival Young People's Concert and sang at the Songs of Praise as well as producing their display 'Sister Act'. This was followed by a Concert and Awards evening in June for which many of them performed solos on other instruments as well as their singing and recorder groups. The annual BBQ in the Vicarage garden (courtesy of Rosamund) provided them with food and fun at the end of a busy term.

In October they had the wonderful experience of singing in Lincoln Cathedral at the RSCM annual festival of church music for the first time. We combined this with a 'detective story' inspired exploration of Uphill Lincoln followed by an excellent lasagne lunch provided by the Cathedral Refectory. This involved extra practice time in order to learn the quite complex music, but they did extremely well, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of singing in such a beautiful building.

Rosamund, Barry and Kim went into schools in October on a recruitment drive, and, as a result, we were joined by seven new Junior members, who have completed their initial training, and were presented with their robes at the Christingle service in December.

November saw the formation of 'Junior Choir Club', which takes place after their choir practice on Fridays until 8.30pm, when they can have fun and games and generally enjoy themselves. November also saw Charlotte & Lily pass the tests for their light blue ribbon which were subsequently presented to them.

The Advent Stable Sleep Over in aid of the homelessness charity Crisis was a fabulous evening and they all coped brilliantly with a busy and demanding evening, raising the amazing sum of £482.90. We were very grateful to Sara, & Carol who sat up all night, Terri who came and did the 4 am slot and to Kim for her accordion accompaniment for the carol singing. The Carol service was a splendid event, and the Juniors performed excellently, with Matthew commencing the service with the first verse of 'Once in royal' sung from the pulpit.

Some of the more 'senior' Juniors found time to prepare for their Dark Blue ribbon assessment and Tom, Paige, Matthew, Gracie-Mai, James, Jacob and Philip were successful, and were presented with these in January.

The Junior Choir takes an immense amount of time and dedication, both musical and pastoral, from the adult team who operate it. A very big thank you goes to Kim, Rosamund, Carol & Sara. Without their time, dedication and enthusiasm, which is given so freely, this venture would not be successful.

*Barry Lancaster*

## **MISSION AND OUTREACH GROUP**

In 2018 we were fortunate to be part of a pilot scheme in the Diocese. The three Bishops offered each of the second year curates a number of sessions when they would come out and take part in whatever had been organised with the proviso that it was intentionally evangelistic. It must be part of the Church's response to Jesus final command that his disciples should spread the good news.

A small group gathered to plan our events. Because Kate was working in Sutton Bridge at the time, we shared our sessions with them. In the end we decided on three events. We called them, 'Coffee with the Bishop', a 'Pint with the Bishop' and 'Lunch with the Bishop'. The first two were advertised as an opportunity to hear the Bishop Nicholas talk about the Christian faith and his own journey and the third, an opportunity to tell him how things were and to pray with him. Learning as we went along, each event was successful in different ways and importantly it became clear that where relationships and trust had already been built, more could be achieved. In particular the event at Sutton Bridge showed us how people do have questions about faith, that they rarely get the chance to ask. And the Lunch event uncovered a willingness to pray, both in thanksgiving and petition amongst many who would be unwilling to come to church for whatever reason. Also the need to silently confess things people were sorry for and to receive God's forgiveness.

As a result of the Bishop's initiative, the Mission and Outreach group continue to meet, planning for the future and continuing to hold the prayer Lunch bi-monthly. This is attended by up to twenty people plus helpers and is shaping itself into a little Fresh Expression of church in our parish. A grant is being applied for to help pay for the lunch and hire of the hall but costs are kept low as the lunch is only simple. Also, aware that we need to reach out to young people more than we do, the junior choir has been extended by an hour into 'Choir club' which allows the members to socialise and have fun together on a Friday night. These young people are becoming a rich blessing to our church.

One of the great joys in this work is discovering that as we step out to try and do God's will, he does bless our little efforts. He knows we are trying and he comes to help. It has been an opportunity to deepen our own faith and trust. I think, we have all got to know each other better as well and that has also been a joy. If any of you would like to join the group we would be delighted. Just let Rosamund know.

*Rev'd Kate Plant*

## **THE HOLBEACH BOOKSHOP**

Part of our church's vision is to seek the flourishing of our town and the congregation's support of The Holbeach Bookshop has been one of the ways it has contributed to that vision. I am very grateful that the PCC supported the project both financially and by encouraging me (the curate) to explore the idea.

Most curacies require, as part of their training, the curate to undertake some sort of project. When I first came to Holbeach, one of the first things people would say

to me was how sad they were about the failing High Street. It seemed such a shame that such a pretty and well kept town should be struggling to keep up the vibrancy of the past. Also, as a school governor I became aware that children in the area are on average starting school with lower literacy levels than the national average and that aspiration levels amongst many young people across Lincolnshire were low.

Putting all these together with my own love of books and some research about how reading to small children, (and by older children) can enhance life chances, we came up with the idea of 'The Holbeach Bookshop'.

This probably would not have gone much further than being 'an idea' if I hadn't been introduced to Carolyn and Brian Boardman. This truly gifted couple have retired to our town and Brian (amazingly) was previously a bookseller by trade. Cllr Nick Worth also approved and supported our idea and then Charles Baker kindly joined our little group of what have become the Bookshop Trustees. After what seemed an endless search for the right property the bookshop finally opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September last year. And was officially opened by Benjamin Zephaniah in October.

As its reputation grows so does its customer base – people will and do travel to second hand bookshops and our hope is that our customers will increase the footfall in the town generally, raising people's awareness of our other excellent businesses and shops. We now comfortably cover our costs and hope to be able to repay the generous support of the church in the future. Story time for Small Saints pre-school happens every week in term time and volunteers have (reportedly) enjoyed making new friendships. The town has supported the shop well and we are never short of an excellent range of books for all interests.

As time goes by, money raised will be given to other projects across the Deanery that promote the area and raise aspiration (as well as a small percentage responding to crisis appeals further afield). The Bookshop has completed its application to become an independent charitable incorporated company and is very grateful to its other supporters also, including private donations, the Diocesan Social Justice Fund, and the Mary Bass Trust. Most of all it relies upon the good natured and cheerful support of its volunteers. I believe it will be a good and lasting contribution by the church to the flourishing of the town it loves and will benefit us all in the future. So well done and thank you to All Saints Church!

*Rev'd Kate Plant*

## **SCHOOLS**

William Stukeley School held 4 church services, including a Communion service on Maundy Thursday with us in 2018 this year and each year group used the building as a class room using a series of teaching resources we have developed for each of the Key Stages.

Kate Plant, Mary Dack, Helen McGee, Carole Williams & Iain Braid served on the governing body as Foundation Governors during the year and I am an ex-officio

governor. I lead collective worship in the school twice a month and Gill Graper once a month, as Bishop's Visitor.

Holbeach Primary Academy have held three church services (one led by the Methodist Minister Alan Barker.) Sadly, despite all my efforts, they have not yet taken us up on the offer of providing curriculum resources. I lead an assembly for each of the Key Stages once a month.

The University Academy continue to use the church for their excellent Christmas Concert, and for their Year 7 Christingle Service. It is unfortunate that, for whatever reason, they have not seen fit to reintroduce the year 7 teaching sessions in church which were so successful in 2016.

Small Saints preschool came into church for their harvest service and activity as they do every year but I have not had the time to lead worship their as often as I would like.

*Rev'd Rosamund Seal*

## **WEBSITE**

The new Website, first launched in late June 2017, has continued to show steady growth during 2018. The site has now expanded to 60 unique pages delivering a wealth of information specific to All Saints as well as more general information relating to our Mission, Outreach, Faith Development and supporting the Churches involvement in the wider Holbeach community.

During 2018 there were 6,462 unique visitors having had 9,137 separate sessions on the Site and viewing 43,095 pages. An average visitor spent over 3.5 minutes browsing 6 or more pages. The Site has a very low Bounce Rate of just 1.7%, that is visitors who only view one page and then leave (the average is over 22% on most websites), so we are scoring very well. Unsurprisingly, the busiest times for visitors are Christmas with 7,819 page views and Easter with 3,927. Approximately 83% of Visitors came from within a 20-mile radius of Holbeach. The Website is ranked highly by Google with a well above average Site Speed and online reliability of 99.999%.

The Website development, hosting and maintenance is provided at no cost to the PCC (for which we thank Welland Creative enormously - ed).

*Kevin Dodd*

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The year began with an Epiphany Party for the PCC and Ministry Team at the Vicarage. The annual Joint Christian Aid Quiz was held in the Reading Rooms this year and Sara at the Horse and Groom has hosted two further fund-raising quizzes for us. We had another go at organising a Barn Dance but this was less well attended this year despite Carol Hellen's sterling efforts. Another bring and share lunch was held in the vicarage garden in the summer.

Our Saturday Lunches for our Lent Charity and for our Harvest charity continued



though they were less well attended and we decided to stop the monthly lunches. Our Harvest Lunch worked well in church and will probably become the way forward for the future.

*Rosamund Seal*

### **AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS**

Carol Hellen was authorized and the rest of the team re-authorized at a special deanery evening service in October

The team continue to meet monthly and work alongside the clergy to monitor and develop our Worship, Pastoral Care and Mission. They continue to visit and lead worship 4 Care Homes and Holbeach Hospital each month under Michaela's supervision and take communion to the housebound. The August Summer Care Home service and tea in church was repeated for the second time this year and was very much appreciated by all who came.

Joyce continues to send the annual In Memoriam cards. Judy continues to assist with the administration of our Baptism Services.

ALMs who took part in the Worship Leading course also assisted with All-Age Worship in the early part of the year. Now the Uniformed organisation are helping with some of these services the ALMs will be leading Morning Worship on the 5th Sunday of each month

*Rosamund Seal*

### **BELL RINGERS**

2018 has been a very successful year with ringing taking place for nearly all Sunday morning Services with the valued assistance of ringers from Moulton and Whaplode, mostly on six bells but occasionally on all eight. Attendance for Tuesday morning practices has been varied but generally good, proving beneficial for our learners and our more experienced ringers too, being ably assisted by ringers from various towers in the area. We were delighted to welcome the Spalding & District ringers for their Summer Practice in May which has now become a very successful annual Guild event; other visitors included a team from Loughborough and the Devon Call Change ringers. We have had to replace several bell-ropes in 2018 due to general wear and tear, but with regular checks the bells, fittings and carillon have remained in good order. Immeasurable thanks are due to Meg Newey who has stood down as Tower Secretary after years of loyal and sterling service, but she and Fred (who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018) continue to be very much valued members of our ringing team. The year ended with a most successful 'Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New' service on the ringing platform, with our full team of ringers joyfully welcoming in the New Year.

Our plans for 2019 include recruiting for newcomers with a view to ringing all eight bells regularly on Sundays, and to this end we have already extended the Tuesday morning practice time forward to 10.00-10.30am for initial bell handling training as

required, with the main team practice following on until about 11.30am. In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for their support in my first year as Tower Captain.

*Michael Slater*

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

We have continued to meet each month in spite of being few in number. Either meeting in the MBR or at Monica' home. Sadly two members have died and one is now in a Care home, however we do have one person who plans to enrol. The Branch has given over £700 to the Diocesan funds £432 from a funeral donation and £100 given by a former member. We arranged flowers at Holbeach Hospital throughout January and did a display at All Saints flower festival. Deanery Mothers Union Chaplain Rev'd Michaela Dean celebrated the Annunciation with an Eucharist. We had fundraising teas for some meetings.

*Joyce Fines*

## **DISCIPLESHIP, STUDY AND PRAYER**

The Faith Pictures Lent Course felt to be less helpful to participants than some we have run in recent years. A new regular Study Group looking at the Psalms meets fortnightly at the home of Lynne and Alan Barks alternating with the Prayer Group held in Pam Rix's home which has continued to sustain the parish in prayer. We hope to run a new adult confirmation course in 2019.

*Rosamund Seal*

## **LADIES' GROUP**

During 2018 the Ladies group enjoyed a variety of events and speakers. January kicked off with a visit from local man Martin Dickinson who gave us an illustrated talk on rural China where strip farming is still undertaken with planting and harvesting done mainly by hand. Major Jayne Nicoll from the Salvation Army also visited the group and gave us an insight into the history of the Salvation Army and the work they carry out in inner cities and also locally in Boston.

Lyndon Secker brought many items with him to illustrate his talk on the history of Holbeach and gave many members a walk down memory lane. The group heard about the Holbeach rat catchers and how overcrowding was widespread with large families living under one roof. We also enjoyed an evening 'travelling the world' when Geoff De Roux came and told us of his adventures on a world cruise.

Members were able to try their hand at making a felt collage with a craft evening and talk by Anita O'Neill.

During the year we visited The Golden Lion, Moulton Seas End and enjoyed a carvery lunch and again held our Christmas lunch meeting at Spalding golf club. In June an outing was arranged to the South Holland Centre in Spalding for a performance of Swan Lake.

Through the efforts of the Group Committee and members we have been able to add to the membership and welcome a number of new faces to our meetings. All ladies are welcome to come along as a guest and to join if they wish.

*Sharon Cole*

### **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Kevin Dodd and I have continued to work on the Parish magazine together and decided that in 2019 we will increase the size of the magazine but reduce the number of issues to 6 per year in order to cut down on the amount of work required. Our thanks go to Jackie Sheldrake for liaising with the advertisers and those who have the magazine delivered to their homes.

*Rosamund Seal*

### **HOLBEACH COMMUNITY FLOWER FESTIVAL**

Our Musicals theme for 2018 inspired some delightful displays that were enjoyed by young and old alike. The Yellow Brick Road down the aisle - a joint effort from the South Holland Daffodil society and William Stukeley school was exceptionally striking. The street entertainment, charity stalls, games, parachuting teddy bears, bell ringing and dog show were well supported and £3,200.00 raised for church funds. Particular thanks go once again to Christine Penney, Stephen Johnson, Rachel Flood and Carol & Graham Rudkin and the catering team and to all who contributed, including Sam Graper who organized the hugely enjoyable schools concert on the Friday night.

*Rosamund Seal*

### **FINANCES (NB - compiled prior to our accounts being finalised)**

In 2018 our total Income was in the region of 86,624 while our expenses totalled 86,915, though part of our income was the £4,590 given to us as a restricted fund from the Wilders Memorial Trust for the repair of the Wilders windows and memorials

In 2017 we paid our parish share in full without dipping into our reserves but this year we only managed £37,000 of the total £45,510 that was requested.

During the course of the year we spent £3,655 on maintenance.

We have ended the year with £50,215 in the FK Bass legacy for the fabric of the church, much of which will be used to kick start the Tower and West Window project, and £99,164 in our general reserves.

We purchased an accounting software package from Data Developments which is tailor made for churches and is much easier to run than the old system and have joined the Parish Buying scheme which offers many items at a significant discount.

With the closure of Lloyds Bank at the beginning of 2019 we need to look at ways we can embrace the expectations of a cashless society.

The Mary Bass Fund has continued to support us with grants for Insurance and

Maintenance and Children's work. Fund raising continues to be vital, and funds raised via the Flower Festival and the St Nicholas Fayre are essential to our income each year.

We give thanks for the continued support and kindness of members of the congregation and outsiders too.

### **CHARITABLE GIVING**

Lent	Holbeach Hospital	415.00
Christian Aid Week		48.00 + Quiz Night takings
Lincs Churches Trust Ride & Stride		609.00
Harvest	Church Funds	131.50
Advent	Crisis	482.90
	Blesma	465.75
Christingle	Children's Society	175.98
Ongoing	Children's Society boxes	209.87
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,538.00</b>

### **PLANNED GIVING**

Planned giving during 2018 was up by £22 compared to 2017 with a total of £30,125. This is made up of £22,660 given by bankers order, £421 up on last year; £6,465 via the Envelope scheme, £408 less than last year; and £1000 paid by cheque or cash. The total giving, including casual giving, eligible for Gift Aid was £57 less than 2017 at £26,816 which produced £6,704 in tax relief.

Three people gave 39.43% of the total, ten givers provided 60.55% and 73.5% of the total came from only eighteen givers.

This situation continues to be a cause for grave concern as one third of our income came from only two donors and three quarters from eighteen givers. There were 64 givers during 2018

*Glyn Ramsden*

**Enclosed with this report is an information sheet about the national church Parish Giving Scheme which we will be rolled out during the course of this year. Please make the time to read it carefully.**

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