

**ST ANDREW'S COLD ASTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2006 (SUMMARY)**

Legal and Administrative Information.

- Name:** Parochial Church Council of Cold Aston, St Andrew's.
- Location:** St Andrew's is located on the northern edge of the village adjacent to the school.
- Status:** The PCC is a charity, excepted from registration with the Charity Commission under the Charities [Exception from Registration] Regulations 1996.

Aims and Organisation.

Under the Parochial Church Councils [Powers] Measure 1995, the main function of the PCC is to co-operate with the clergy in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC meets five times a year. This year there has been 75% attendance. It has three Committees: the Standing Committee [Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer] which deals with any essential business of the Council in between meetings; The Worship Committee, which plans and arranges the regular worship in the church; The Fabric Committee, which deals with the upkeep and maintenance of the church. There is also a Bells Ringing Group, which arranges training and practice sessions of ringing the bells. There are no paid staff. There are 51 members on the Electoral Roll; average attendance on Sundays, excluding festivals and special services, is 25.

Review of progress and achievements.

There have been three main strands to the work of the PCC during the year, which reflect the concern of the Council to:

- a) Encourage all people from the village and surrounding area to feel part of the Church here in Cold Aston by
- advertising times of services, especially festivals, widely, using notices and whole village distribution;
 - welcoming newcomers and visitors;
 - visiting the sick and bereaved;
 - holding a service every Sunday, except the fifth, when a joint service is held at one of the eight churches in the benefice;
 - offering a variety of services to appeal to a range of ages and traditions; a new Order of Service, using the liturgy from *Common Worship*, is now in use at the well-supported monthly Family Service and quarterly Family Communion; services of Matins, Evensong and Holy Communion using the *Book of Common Prayer* continue to attract a faithful following. During the months of January to March a Compline service is held at 4pm instead of the usual Evensong services, which are held on the third Sunday in the month. Advent prayers were held Monday to Saturday at midday during December, with a maximum of only six people present at one service. It was disappointing that these were so poorly attended;
 - using new, easy to follow, service sheets for both regular services and major festivals;
 - fostering fellowship with regular post-service refreshments.
- b) Make the church building and the churchyard a welcoming, safe place conducive to prayer and worship and also adaptable for a range of related activities by
- a faculty has been granted by the Diocese for a plaque to commemorate the re-hanging of the bells. It is planned to dedicate this early in the New Year;
 - planning to initiate further faculties to include making safe the stairs in the tower and reorganising the heating, and level and distribution of lighting generally in the church;
 - continuing to maintain and improve the churchyard, repair the perimeter wall and reviewing the head stones.
- c) Support the wider Mission and Ministry of the church [see also the treasurer's report] by
- paying the Parish Share in full;
 - continuing to welcome and support the regular use of the church by Cold Aston School;
 - making donations to various charities: - Royal Agricultural Benevolent Inst., Moore Cottage Hospital, Royal British Legion, Children's Society, Women's World Day of Prayer, Winston's Wish and Open Door.

The PCC would like to thank Revd. Dick Woodger for all his support to St. Andrew's, Cold Aston.

We have continued to welcome and value the services of a variety of clergy and readers.