

Friends of St.Andrew's, Bemerton

2010 Annual Report

After the wonders of Radio 4 services, and the tremors and after-shocks of St.John's closing, this year has been a quieter time of simply "getting on with it", which has been necessary and nice.

Fabric

We have tried to tackle the heating this year. As we only have an electricity supply that limits our choices, and the location and appearance is very important too. Yet it really was too cold this year for people and attendance dropped off in the winter because of this.

On the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (the planning authority for churches), we went to Iwerne to investigate their "radiant" heating. These panels heat the people rather than the building, have to be white and cannot be hidden. As you can see from the photos, they are quite visually intrusive, which might be fine for a regular congregation who would get used to them, but when we have many visitors I don't think they would work.

So your churchwarden, Hilary, and the Friends, have looked at underpew heaters, a small pipe that runs under each pew. There would be quite a lot of wiring for this (each pew gets plugged in) and having gone to trial a church with these it was felt they weren't that effective.

So we have come down to upgrading our existing storage heaters as much as we can, and now investigating a low level skirting radiator. This still needs DAC approval but we are hoping we will get there this year.

We also asked the DAC advice about the cupboards at the back, and apart from talking to a couple of carpenters, we have not got further with that, as we are focussing on the heating.



George Herbert promotion

After 6 years it was finally the Rector's turn to preach at the George Herbert Celebration, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

The monthly evensong continues to go well, and we are particularly grateful to Iona Wake-Walker for playing.

St.Andrews was also used this year for the World Aids Day service on 1st December as well as the Advent Carol service and Christmas Carol services. These contained George Herbert poems and songs from Another Music. Many thanks to Barry Ferguson for playing at these.

For the future

Please let us know if you are on-line and could receive our updates by email, as it would save us a penny or two.

It really helps us if you can make a standing order (annually is fine) with your contribution.

My thanks to the committee below for their great work in keeping it all going, and moving us forward.

Secretary -	Mrs Eleanor Wordsworth
Treasurer -	Mr Tom Clay
Membership Sec -	Ms Lesley Burton
	Rev Judy Rees
	Mrs Iona Wake- Walker
Churchwarden	Dr Hilary Bird

Rev Simon Woodley
46th Rector of Bemerton.
Chair, Friends of St.Andrews Bemerton.

16th March 2011

	PCC Bemerton St John's and St Andrews		
	Friends of St Andrews		
	Income and Expenditure Account		
	01.01.10 to 31.12.10		
	Income		
2009			2010
£1,447.83	Donations		£253.98
£256.96	Donations & Payments via Paypal		£148.88
£312.25	Card Sales (known)		£37.50
£80.00	George Herbert in Bemerton Group		£60.00
	St Andrews Box		£566.99
£113.74	Interest on CCLA account		£38.37
	Donation for Heating		£2,000.00
£211.56	Gift Aid		£49.63
£2,422.34	Total		£3,155.35
	Expenditure		
	Printing, Stationery, books, cards, flowers		£366.95
£1,201.75	Building Repairs & maintenance		£82.35
£164.08	Purchases		
£190.00	Piano Moving/tuning		
£13.50	Postage		
£1,569.33	Total		£449.30
£853.01	Surplus		£2,706.05
Balance Sheet of Friends of St Andrews at 31.12.2010			
This balance sheet ignores the stock of books and cards owned by the church			
	Current Assets		
			2010
£1,701.61	Lloyds Bank Current account		£4,924.91
	Less cheques not presented		-£82.35
£7,579.54	CCLA Deposit account		£7,617.91
£414.82	Gift Aid		£49.63
£256.96	Paypal		£148.88
£9,952.93	Total Current Assets		£12,658.98
£2,706.05	Surplus for 2010		
£12,658.98	Total Current Assets 31.12.10		
Notes			
1. These accounts have been prepared by Tom Clay, Treasurer but have not yet been examined by Ronnie Johnstone, PCC Treasurer.			
2. Gift Aid is claimed on a tax year basis to 5 April each year.			

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS BEMERTON

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Friends of St Andrews Bemerton held on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church.

Present: Rev Simon Woodley, Tom Clay, Eleanor Wordsworth, Judy Rees, Margaret Munt.

Apologies: Hilary Bird, Leslie Burton, Iona Wake-Walker.

Minutes of the last annual meeting - these were agreed.

Treasurer's report - Tom tabled his draft accounts for the year. Both income and expenditure were lower than in 2008. Donations and subscriptions were particularly large in 2008. We no longer have subscription income. Donations also covers the sale of cards through the honesty box in the Church wall. Tom also said that he was pleased that the PayPal receipts from the website had covered the cost of the website. Simon added that the website provided a wealth of information on George Herbert and had visitors from all over the world.

Chair's report - Simon started by thanking Tom for all his hard work as Treasurer and also his huge input into the various maintenance jobs he had organized and supervised during the course of 2009. Simon's report for the year is attached. Simon also thanked Peter Webster for his exceptional work on the website and his continued work in keeping it up to date and fresh all the time which is critical to its success. The committee was also very grateful to Peter for putting together the new leaflet on George Herbert for the Church. The result is excellent and looks much more professional.

Plans for 2010 to include investigating the bell tower - should it be painted or not? The recently applied paint is peeling badly already. Sort out the gullies. Sort out the heating. This is proving difficult as we need a heating system suitable for an old, stone building where the walls have to be heated gradually ie. We shall probably always need a little residual heat during the Winter months with an extra boost before services. Simon is also looking at new cupboards for storage. Luckily the Quinquennial report had not identified any new problems.

Any other business - Margaret Munt felt that the current basket that is used for the offertory is not suitable. Margaret felt that a flatter plate/bowl would be much better. There was also a discussion about the fact that we do not have a collection during the service. Worshippers are expected to put their money in the basket on arrival. It was generally felt that regular worshippers understood this system but that as the congregation has grown some people were not used to this and it may be better to go back to the method of passing the plate round at some stage and making it a more integral part of the service.