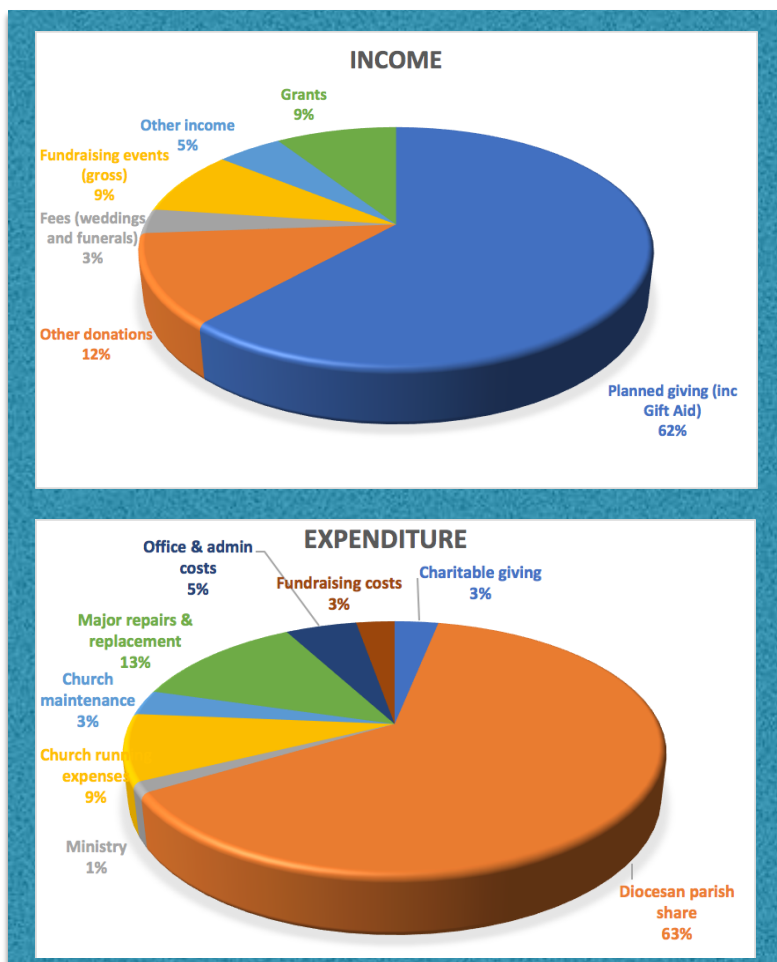


St Robert's Pannal Annual Report 2017



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Vicar's Comments

2017 has been an exciting and busy year in many ways. We have been blessed by the arrival of Rev Abbie Palmer and Abbie's family. Following a wonderful Ordination service, Abbie has settled in really well and has brought much to the worship and life of the church. We have been also blessed by Steve Palmer who has taken on All Age worship bringing a new vibrancy and life to our All Age services. Again we are blessed by the choir and its contributions to our worship and it has been especially wonderful to see some new young choristers in our midst. We have seen new members join our church as we continue to provide worship in different styles and at different times. We have engaged with our youth in a new and exciting Youth Group which is meeting regularly with our young people. We continue to have a plethora of children and folks to lead in Junior Church. We have a newly established Pastoral group which supports the church in visiting and taking communion into homes and care homes. We are blessed with well established links with schools and have seen Junior Voices and Little Voices perform in church for special occasions. We have maintained our links with Meeting Point and continue to financially support others less well off than we are. All this is part of being church here in Pannal, all this is so much more than an amazing 13th century church which we are charged to keep and

St Robert's Pannal Highlights of the Year

Worship

We have had some wonderful worship during the year. Our regular worship is always faithfully supported by our choir and musicians who diligently rehearse to bring us some wonderful music. This year we have had some very poignant festival services with record numbers of people attending services. Our Easter choral piece was an excellent performance of Olivet to Calvary. We continue in our pattern of traditional Holy Communion and Evensong with a joint benefice service in the choral tradition once a quarter. We welcomed a number of new junior choristers into our choir this year, which is wonderful. We continue to maintain our links with our Methodist friends through a pulpit swap, joint services, harvest festival supper and of course a joint Young persons confirmation where we welcomed 13 young people into the church. We welcomed Steve as he leads our All Age worship in an exciting way.



Mission

Our missional activities have been exercised in a number of ways. We have established a pastoral team who help visit and support the clergy in taking communion services in Crystal Court and Vida Grange each month.

We continue to work with our Mission partners, Meeting Point. We continue to assist them however we can and again we welcomed a group of people from the project into our parish on two occasions. They enjoyed lunch together with us, played games with the children and joined us for tea. It was a pleasure to be with such incredibly brave and wonderful people. We continue to support financially a number of local and international charities through our outreach program. We continue to reach out to our local community through our events and through meeting those in need. What's the Story about Easter continues to be a popular event, engaging with 100's of children.



Church

As a church we continue to be a faithful witness here in Pannal. Our community links have strengthened over the year and we are blessed with having a strong connection with the Primary School and local businesses. We continue to fundraise in many different ways, from a Race night, Quiz night, our well-established Beer Festival & Family Fun Day, Christmas hamper raffles, and many other social events that continue to bring in well sought-after funds. During the year there have been a number of concerts including Vocalis who raised significant funds for church. We enjoyed a joint Sea Sunday Service as well as other joint services throughout the year. As a church we are blessed with committed people who give of their time, talents and money. The finances are not easy but with the commitment of a dedicated community we look forward to a positive future.



People

During the year we confirmed 5 adults, there were 7 weddings and we baptised 10 children welcoming them into the church family. We supported 19 families taking funerals for their loved ones. Our Junior Church continues to engage with nearly 70 children and our Youth Group was relaunched with a new and exciting programme each month. We engage with 19 young people and look forward to building upon that number next year. This year we said hello to Revd Abbie Palmer and she comes to join us as Curate along with Steve, her husband, and Alistair and James, their children. Throughout the year we have followed a number of courses deepening our Christian faith and spirituality. We have seen a number of people take up new roles throughout the year and welcomed some new members onto the PCC. We have lots of new members in church which is great.