

Annual Report of Seaton Ross PCC 2015-16

Incumbent: Canon Stephen Cope

Church warden: Mr David Raffaelli

Deanery Synod representative: Mr David Raffaelli

Elected representatives: Mrs J Axup (Treasurer), Mrs D Benson, Mrs M Glew, Mrs J Henley (Secretary), Mrs J Horsley, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Ruddock, Mrs S Waby.

There are 33 people on the electoral roll, of whom 2 are not resident within the Parish. Over the year, St Edmund's hosted 25 Holy Communion Sunday services, 2 weddings, 6 baptisms and, sadly, 1 funeral and 3 internment of ashes. Attendance at Sunday services averaged 14 with higher numbers at Christmas (35) and Easter (17) and Harvest Thanksgiving (18) and Mothering Sunday (30).

It has been a busy year. The one sad note was the death of Father Stuart, who is badly missed. We thank the retired clergy who have stepped in to help and to cover for Stephen during his illness over the 2015 Easter period.

The highlights of the year have been the Christmas and Easter Festivals. There was a Carol service and a Bethlehem Midnight mass at Christmas. We also had a Remembrance Tree and Christmas table decorations display and competition in December. Stephen was this year (2016) able to hold the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday services at Seaton Ross.

The process for adopting the extension to the burial plot is now underway and with the Land Registry. There has been considerable work on tidying up this area and the rest of the churchyard for which we thank Keith and Mark.

The organ has been completely overhauled.

There have been a number of successful fundraisers including the Harvest Auction, Big Breakfast, Hobson's Chorus and Nan's quizzes. Our finances are healthy, helped by a legacy, with more money coming in than going out. This year we were happy to give £5000 with an option of extra as our freewill offering to the Diocese.

The insurers visited us and were happy with our records.

We would like to thank everyone who made all this possible.