

### **Astwell Benefice Councils**

The term BRICC is not always easy to explain so it was decided that BRICCS will now be renamed Church Councils e.g. Wappenham Church Council.

### **Social & Fundraising Events:**

The committee have been busy planning events for 2022. A series of Quiz nights will now start in Lois Weedon in February. There will be a Garden Party in June and return of the popular Barn Dance in July (see dates on back page).

### **Finance**

We contributed £58,995 to the diocese this year to cover the cost of Ministers, Rectories, Clergy training and Diocesan costs. This exceeded our predictions and we hope to get closer to paying our full contribution of £69,495 in 2022.

Meanwhile Church Councils are planning local improvements using funds raised by the parishes. These include: Helmdon – service streaming facilities & a re-ordering of the vestry to provide more space for children’s work. Syresham a new sound system and prioritised quinquennial works. Wappenham quinquennial repairs to the church. Lois

Weedon - a toilet and kitchen area also possible streaming of services. Whitfield - fixing loose tiles on the roof that can cause leaks.

### **Pastoral Care**

The committee continue to meet to discuss needs across the benefice. They are planning local tea parties.

### **Worship**

We were pleased with the number of Christmas services we managed to hold across the benefice.

Meet to plan Lent and Easter services on January 17<sup>th</sup>. A Lent course is planned – possibly in conjunction with Weston Baptist church.

### **Safeguarding**

A few people still need to complete their training and were encouraged to do so.

### **Mission**

Charlie Nobbs from the Diocese is going to join us to talk about a strategic way forward for the Benefice to encourage people to join in. The meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Venue TBA.

**The Hope Centre** runs are going smoothly. If you would like to know more about helping with this important work please contact Malcolm Orr-Ewing.

Each **BRICC** gave a report. Everyone was glad to be able to celebrate Christmas even though numbers are not able to be up to pre-pandemic levels yet.

Look out for upcoming events:  
Helmdon – a Greek Evening with Mama Mia film  
Wappenham – Sloe Gin tasting, possible Dog Walking event regular pub nights.  
Syresham – Note-ability concert (Friends)

Please ask Church Wardens /Representatives if you would like to see full reports.

## Dates

### Lent:

Pancake events under consideration

Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lent course "The Bible - the story that makes sense of life."

Easter April 17<sup>th</sup> services TBA

### 10<sup>th</sup> May BENEFICE APCM

### Events

11<sup>th</sup> February Quiz Lois Weedon

4<sup>th</sup> March Quiz Wappenham

25<sup>th</sup> March Quiz Helmdon

8<sup>th</sup> April Quiz Whitfield & Radstone

22<sup>nd</sup> April Quiz Syresham

14<sup>th</sup> May Note-Ability concert

Syresham Church

4<sup>th</sup> June Garden Party Lois Weedon

9<sup>th</sup> July Barn Dance

For further dates see

<https://www.astwellparishes.org.uk/parishes>

## BPCC Members

Chair: Revd Diane

Lay Chair: Bill Elkington

Lay Readers: Wiggy Smith

Paul Stothard

Safeguarding: Rachel Wheeler

Finance: Alice Palmer

Communications: Judith Elkington

Minutes: Sarah Rudkin

Fundraising: Sheena Warren

Helmdon: Ann Netten

Lois: Frank Hunter Mike Streten

Syresham: Malcolm Orr-Ewing

Wappenham: Peter Oliver

Whitfield: Sue Timmis Claire Bonner



## BPCC update

*Report from the BPCC meeting held on 10.1.2022. Here are some highlights of what the various committees have been doing and discussing on your behalf.*

January 2022

*Please feed any comments, encouragement or problems back through your Church Warden.*