

St Mary's Ashendon

Village Report 16th April 2018

Lay Chairs Report

Many thanks to Priscilla, Jenny, Peter and David Wallace for leading the services.

I mentioned last year how much people enjoyed a time to chat after services, helped by delicious cakes, chocolate brownies, biscuits, coffee tea and squash. Many thanks to Imogen who is the prime mover. Also many thanks to Imogen and Felicity for making sure the communion is prepared for the clergy.

The Church has always been involved in the social calendar in the village, and Eloise Hepple on behalf of the Red Lion Social Club organised an Easter Egg Hunt, ending up at the Church, just before one of our All Age Services. The congregation swelled enormously! Eloise organised the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt and a similar result happened.

Every year the Red Lion Social Club donates one third of the auction proceeds to the Church. This happened again for 2017, for which we are very grateful. In view of the legacy mentioned later in the report we asked if the Red Lion Social Club would like the money returned so it can be donated by them to another village organisation and they asked for this to happen.

We have received a legacy from the estate of Margaret Elizabeth Hales (nee Bunyan) who was baptised in the Church on 19th May 1929 and who lived on the South Coast. She is distantly related to the Ewers family, although we do not know which branch and also the Cherry family, where we have a similar problem. She also donated part of her estate to another Church.

We sent a letter around the village telling them of this good news and that the legacy should be able to pay for essential repairs to the Church building and provide some funds to modernise our equipment. The legacy, which is the principal reason for the very healthy balance in the accounts, will certainly be used up simply on these repairs and equipment improvements. We would have liked to install a kitchen and toilet facilities but these are not affordable.

I mentioned last year that we were hoping to have a Christmas tree planted in the Churchyard. Thanks to the Red Lion Social Club the tree was planted just before Christmas. Julian Chester kindly donated some 12 volt Christmas lights, so once again we have a village Christmas tree, but not yet as grand as the one previously in Molly Boughton's garden.

As always very many thanks to those who dedicate their time and effort in keeping the Church opened and maintained. Well over 50 different individuals have given their time and expertise to this end. Thank you all very much.

For Cleaning and Flowers Pam Rand, Shirley Rand, Sian Miller, Richard Lewin, Sue Lewin, Juliette Harbottle, Louis Harbottle, Jan Pike, Geoff Pimm, Ruth Pimm, Margaret Lloyd, Carol Smith, Kym Rabone, Liz Johnson, Gill Walker, Niamh Cummings, Michael Rand, Susan Rand, Vanessa Bates, Felicity Smettem, Katy Jamieson, Luke Jamieson, Vicky Ewers-Blue, Imogen Holbrook, Suzie Crwys-Williams, Richard Bates and Peter Smettem.

For Opening and Locking the Church Imogen Holbrook and Felicity and Peter Smettem.

For organising the front Churchyard Mowing Peter Smettem

For Organising the bottom Churchyard Mowing Paul Horwood

For Mowing the Churchyard Peter Johnson, Richard Bates, Robert Smith, Geoff Pimm, Richard Phillips, Joe and Andy Howes, Peter Smettem, Luke Jamieson, Martin Saunders, Len Holder, Paul Horwood, Ashley Holbrook, Richard Lewin, Kelvin White, and Gill Walker.

For Hedge Cutting Richard Bates. Peter Smettem and Peter Johnson

For Weed Killing the Pathways Chris Paine

For storing the Churchyard Mower Molly Boughton

For Playing the organ over Christmas and Easter Thomas Johnson

For compiling the Bernwode News Richard Lewin

For collecting the Bernwode News annual subscription and delivering the Bernwode News Kevin and Mary Nash

For preparing the Altar for Holy Communion Imogen Holbrook and Felicity Smettem

For cleaning the brass Peter Johnson and Felicity Smettem

For producing the Christingles Kym Rabone and family

For organising the Church Bazaar Pam and Shirley Rand

For organising, preparing and helping on the night for the Harvest Supper Felicity Smettem, Sarah Chester, Vanessa Bates, Imogen Holbrook, Vicky Ewers-Blue, Fiona Jacob, Clare Cook, Peter Johnson, Sue Rand, Peter Smettem, Shirley Rand, Kerry Yates, and Tans Theobald.

For Refreshments after the Services Imogen Holbrook and Felicity Smettem

For Administrative duties Kevin Nash as Treasurer, Peter Johnson as PCC Secretary and Gift Aid Secretary, Imogen Holbrook as Churchwarden and Roger Pike for circulating service details.

Many thanks to the Red Lion Social Club who once again donated a third of the Auction Proceeds to St Mary's.

Finances

It costs about £9,000 per year to run the Church in Ashendon, excluding any repairs.

Our contribution to the Parish Share decreased slightly, a contribution of £1,000 was made toward the provision of superfast broadband to the village, £375 was given to local charities and we paid £247 for radio microphones to assist the congregation in hearing the readers.

The legacy from the estate of Margaret Elizabeth Hales totals £175,000, and there may be a little more to come when the estate is finally settled.

The net result for the year is an excess of receipts over payments of £176,085, so even without the legacy we would have had a surplus of over £1,000. Adding bank and deposit balances the balances carried forward as at 31st December 2017 totalled £216,910.

Peter Smettem

Margaret Elizabeth Hales

Attached is the ancestry history of Margaret Elizabeth Hales for those who are interested,

Ancestors of Mary Elizabeth Bunyan

Generation 1

1. **Mary Elizabeth Bunyan**, child of Joseph Bunyan and Mary Ellen Cherry, was born on 11 Apr 1929 in Towcester, Northamptonshire, England. Mary Elizabeth died on 18 Dec 2016. Mary Elizabeth married **Richard H Hales** between Apr-Jun 1971 in Hounslow, Middlesex, England.

Mary Elizabeth Bunyan was baptized on 19 May 1929 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Generation 2

2. **Joseph Bunyan**, son of Harry Bunyan and Elizabeth, was born about 1894 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He married **Mary Ellen Cherry**.
3. **Mary Ellen Cherry**, daughter of Joseph Cherry and Mary Anne Fennemore, was born about 1893 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Joseph Bunyan was baptized on 24 Feb 1895 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Mary Ellen Cherry and Joseph Bunyan had the following child:

1.
 - i. Mary Elizabeth Bunyan was born on 11 Apr 1929 in Towcester, Northamptonshire, England. Mary Elizabeth died on 18 Dec 2016. Mary Elizabeth married Richard H Hales between Apr-Jun 1971 in Hounslow, Middlesex, England.
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Generation 3

4. **Harry Bunyan**, son of Joseph Bunyan and Jane Pearson, was born in 1867 in Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He married **Elizabeth** in 1892.
5. **Elizabeth** was born in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Elizabeth and Harry Bunyan had the following child:

2.
 - i. Joseph Bunyan was born about 1894 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He married Mary Ellen Cherry. She was born about 1893 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
6. **Joseph Cherry**, son of William Cherry and Susan Ewers, was born about 1861 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died between Jan-Mar 1900. He married **Mary Anne Fennemore** on 31 Jan 1885 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
7. **Mary Anne Fennemore**, daughter of William Fennemore and Margaret Ann Partager, was born in 1863 in Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1940.

Joseph Cherry was buried on 01 Feb 1900 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Mary Anne Fennemore was buried in Ashendon.

Mary Anne Fennemore and Joseph Cherry had the following child:

3.
 - i. Mary Ellen Cherry was born about 1893 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She married Joseph Bunyan. He was born about 1894 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
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Generation 4

8. **Joseph Bunyan**, son of John Bunyan, was born about 1822 in Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1895. He married **Jane Pearson** on 30 Nov 1848 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
9. **Jane Pearson**, daughter of George Pearson and Elizabeth Saunders, was born about 1828 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1893.

Joseph Bunyan was buried on 04 Apr 1895 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Jane Pearson was buried on 12 Jan 1893 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Jane Pearson and Joseph Bunyan had the following child:

4.
 - i. Harry Bunyan was born in 1867 in Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He married Elizabeth in 1892. She was born in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire,

England.

12. **William Cherry**, son of Henry Cherry, was born about 1823 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1896. He married **Susan Ewers** on 21 Oct 1848 in Ashendon.
13. **Susan Ewers**, daughter of Jonathan Ewers and Elizabeth Blake, was born about 1825 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

William Cherry was buried on 18 Aug 1896 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Susan Ewers and William Cherry had the following child:

6.
 - i. Joseph Cherry was born about 1861 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died between Jan-Mar 1900. He married Mary Anne Fennemore on 31 Jan 1885 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She was born in 1863 in Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1940.
14. **William Fennemore** was born about 1835 in Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire, England. He married **Margaret Ann Partager** about 1862.
15. **Margaret Ann Partager** was born about 1838 in Cropredy, Oxfordshire, England.
Margaret Ann Partager and William Fennemore had the following child:
 7.
 - i. Mary Anne Fennemore was born in 1863 in Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1940. She married Joseph Cherry on 31 Jan 1885 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He was born about 1861 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died between Jan-Mar 1900.

Generation 5

16. **John Bunyan** was born about 1784. He died in 1870.
John Bunyan had the following child:
 8.
 - i. Joseph Bunyan was born about 1822 in Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1895. He married Jane Pearson on 30 Nov 1848 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She was born about 1828 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1893.
18. **George Pearson** was born about 1800. He died in 1840. He married **Elizabeth Saunders** on 03 Nov 1823 in Ashendon.
19. **Elizabeth Saunders** was born about 1794 in Chearsley, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1870.

George Pearson was baptized on 09 Dec 1800 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He was buried on 28 Jan 1840 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Elizabeth Saunders was buried on 18 Sep 1870 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Elizabeth Saunders and George Pearson had the following child:

9.
 - i. Jane Pearson was born about 1828 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She died in 1893. She married Joseph Bunyan on 30 Nov 1848 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He was born about 1822 in Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1895.
24. **Henry Cherry**. He married an unknown spouse on 21 Oct 1848 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
Henry Cherry had the following child:
 12.
 - i. William Cherry was born about 1823 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1896. He married Susan Ewers on 21 Oct 1848 in Ashendon. She was born about 1825 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
26. **Jonathan Ewers**, son of Jonathan Ewers and Ann, was born about 1798. He died in 1870. He married **Elizabeth Blake** on 03 Jan 1825 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.
27. **Elizabeth Blake** was born about 1788 in Winchendon. She died in 1868.

Jonathan Ewers was baptized on 17 Sep 1798 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He was buried on 16 Aug 1870 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Elizabeth Blake was buried on 03 Oct 1868 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Elizabeth Blake and Jonathan Ewers had the following child:

13. i. Susan Ewers was born about 1825 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She married William Cherry on 21 Oct 1848 in Ashendon. He was born about 1823 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He died in 1896.

Generation 6

52. **Jonathan Ewers**, son of Richard Ewers and Sarah Turner, was born about 1766. He died in 1823. He married **Ann**.

53. **Ann**.

Jonathan Ewers was baptized on 31 Aug 1766 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. He was buried on 29 Jan 1823 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England.

Ann and Jonathan Ewers had the following child:

26. i. Jonathan Ewers was born about 1798. He died in 1870. He married Elizabeth Blake on 03 Jan 1825 in Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, England. She was born about 1788 in Winchendon. She died in 1868.

