

CHURCH REPORT April 2009

Despite the loss of the Team Rector & Team Vicar John & Sandy Railton, on their retirement, in the autumn, Baydon Church Congregation numbers remain good, with a regular attendance from villagers plus repeated attendances from worshippers from other parishes. This is very encouraging for our team of curate, retired clergy & lay ministers as well as church wardens & PCC Members. We like to feel that Baydon church offers a friendly christian atmosphere.

We have a good team of worshippers involved as sides persons, readers, intercessors, Communion assistants, coffee & refreshment servers, which will all help & swap duties for their mutual Convenience and to which we are extremely grateful.

Once again family services have been very successful, with two taking place in the school hall, the most recent being the Education Sunday Service in February & attended by Children, Parents, Grandparents & regular Worshippers.

The Mothering Sunday service in Church in March was also well attended.

Coffee Mornings are still taking place on the first Monday & Middle Saturday of each month, to make a social event & an alternate use of the church building.

Fundraising took place jointly with the school, with the annual Fete in June raising £2,000, & an Auction in October raising £3,600, we have since used our share of auction profit to relay the paths each end of the church yard, recently completed. A reminder that this years fete is on Sat 13th June from 1pm.

On behalf of the Church Wardens & PCC , I would like to thank everybody who has helped in the life of the church during this past year in so many ways, the ones previously mentioned & also, Organ Playing, Cleaning, Brass Cleaning, Flower arranging & outside churchyard maintenance.

Thank-you all for the support you so freely give.