

CHAPEL REPORT 2019

Braybrooke Baptist Church report for the Annual Parish Meeting March 2019

The three special services namely, Palm/ Spring, Harvest Thanksgiving and Candlelight Carols are increasingly popular with villagers. The chapel was nearly packed for the carols last Christmas. The services are jointly led by Alison Riches a multi faith minister and David Gamston a retired Baptist minister. Villagers readily take part in readings and socialise whilst enjoying refreshments provided by chapel members and friends. Comments from villagers have indicated that they enjoy their time whilst in the chapel and are comforted by the experience. We therefore are encouraged to continue with the three services.

A Spring wedding was held last March and the chapel glowed with bright sunshine, daffodils and an encouraging happy congregation.

The chapel was built by villagers 230 years ago, funded by donations earned from their various occupations which included farmers, hedge layers, shepherds, gardeners, seamstresses, cooks, lace makers and so on. The building therefore belongs to the village.

We successfully applied for a grant from Kettering Borough Council (grants dept) to replace the windows. But we were advised much to our frustration that the Chapel is located in the conservation area and planning permission is required from KBC(planning dept).

We are not experienced in this procedure at all and would very much appreciate support from villagers who know how to move forward with planning application documents.

We will reapply for a grant for next financial year if we are successful obtaining planning for replacement windows

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