



Church Wardens Report 2022

Churchyard

Our closed churchyard continues to be maintained regularly.

The grass is cut throughout the growing season.

The hedges all round are regularly trimmed.

Topple testing of loose gravestones are carried out regularly.

The cherry tree has been lopped because of a decayed branch and will be monitored for fresh growth.

The brambles and dead tree have been removed near to the school path and the path edges cut back.

Sue Hayter, Gerry Doubtfire and Brin Singleton met regularly with Sally Reeves of the Parish Council to discuss churchyard issues.

Mission

With the lockdown firmly behind us we were able to continue our services, taking care that we upheld all of the Covid safety issues with masks and hand cleansing gel being available in the West porch and at other places throughout the church and the church Hall.

Overall, the attendance of the congregation at our Services has begun to grow again, not quite to the pre pandemic numbers but very heartening that we are seeing most of those who were observing Covid infection isolation.

Ukraine

The 24th February brought the terrible news of the invasion of Ukraine, we prepared a table for all those who wished to pray and light a candle for the victims and their families who had lost their homes, family members and friends.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people regularly.

Queen Elizabeth 11 Jubilee

We celebrated her 70 Glorious years with a flower festival.

A truly wonderful event, our Church was filled with colour with displays from the sports clubs, Parish Council members, congregation members, local residents and businesses all of whom contributed their special memories in flowers, photographs and craft.

Holy Trinity express their appreciation to all who made this a truly colourful occasion.

From Great Joy

The passing of Queen Elizabeth 11 brought great sadness. Our church was made open for all who wished to pray and write in the book of condolence, leaving their own personal thoughts and prayers.

A thanksgiving service was held.

Social and Fundraising

The Spring Craft Fair and the Christmas fair having both resumed after a period of shutdown, bringing much needed funds for the upkeep of the church.

It's always good to see all who come along to support us, stall holders and visitors alike creating busy, fun filled days.

Refreshments were provided by a great team of volunteers.

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Coffee, cake and Chat

On the third Saturday of each month our coffee mornings have shown that there is nothing like a good cup of coffee and cake and a chat amongst friends.

Volunteers take it in turns to provide the cakes and service.

Retirement

At the Benefice Service in September Brin announced to us of his plan to take early retirement in October.

This leads us into an interregnum, section 11 and 12 meetings and the revising of the Benefice Profile was prepared for the advertising in The Church Times for a new incumbent.

We have been well supported during this period by our elders and supporting clergy.

Advent

All the joys of Emmanuel gives a warm feeling of something exciting to come.

Services that we enjoyed

Carols by Candlelight

Christingle service, funds were sent to The Childrens Society.

Carol Service with Stowmarket Brass Band.

Carols in 'The Crown', well attended and enjoyed by everybody.

Christmas Eve, the afternoon crib service attended by young and old, a moving event.

Midnight Communion was a benefice service held at St. Mary's Wetherden.

Ann Doubtfire

-----Church Warden

Sue Hayter

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