

Church Wardens Report 24th March 2019

I would like to start by thanking everyone that helps this church to function efficiently, whether that is on a Sunday or during the week, whether it is inside the church or in the church grounds. I won't name people personally as I'm very likely to miss someone out and I wouldn't like to upset folk. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped to pay off the loan for the re-ordering.

An update on the church fabric. We have had a few issues during this last year. A problem with the heating, which of course only happens at one of the coldest times of the year. The boiler was serviced and is now on a yearly contract to be serviced at the beginning of winter which will hopefully mean there will be no more cold spells in the church services.

We have an ongoing issue with doors coming off their runners which is being dealt with by the architect and builder which we hope will be resolved soon.

We also had an issue with mice in the church, which we hope has been resolved by removing or boxing up anything they may fancy for their lunch. They now appear to have disappeared and gone back out to the fields without using any traps or bait, they are like us all part of God's creation. I would urge you to make sure there are no tasty morsels left in the tea station after any church services or events.

Since we have started the film showings we have found a slight problem with the sound system which we will get the engineers to look at.

We had our quinquennial inspection on Wednesday, I'm sure their report will show up some work for us to do over the next five years but nothing major.

On a positive note our attendance at Sunday services is growing slowly, and new members I think are of a younger age group than some of us. With the start of First Steps, Coffee and Craft, and Alpha groups, and the outreach we do, my prayer is that our growth will continue. There does seem to be a more positive attitude and outlook within the church and this can only be a good thing for mission to grow God's kingdom.

I started with thanks and I would like to end with thanks. I would like to thank Gary, Dorothy and Tina for all the work they put in leading us and keeping us up to date with all that is going on not, only in the parish but also in the benefice.

Gary and Dorothy work long hours and Tina seems to do about 20 hours in the 12 hours she works. Please be aware that if we ask them to do something, they may not be able to do something else.

I pray that we have what I think has been a good year and we continue growing.

Thank you

Peter Sansom