

Church Wardens Report 2021

Churchyard

Regular Maintenance of the churchyard has continued with regular grass cutting throughout the growing season. The front and side hedges have been regularly trimmed.

Quarterly meetings are held by the Church yard committee... Sue Hayter Gerry Doubtfire Brin Singleton from Holy Trinity and Sally Reeves from the Parish Council, monitoring gravestones Topple Testing for loose gravestones, inspecting trees for overhanging branches that may present a safety issue.

It was agreed by the Parish Council on the production of key evidence that it is a closed Churchyard, and the Parish Council have accepted responsibility for the on-going maintenance.

The side hedge to Cherry Tree , the property owner has agreed to maintain the ditch side of the hedge. The Parish Council have agreed an additional hedge cut to the hedge overlooking the layby, in future three times each year.

Mission

With the second national lockdown in January 2021 services ceased.

In 2021 we confirmed a reduced number of services but to have one service each month with a 9.30 service for 3 Sundays with the 4th Sunday a 6.30 evening service.

A number of Weddings or Baptisms took place in 2021, and with funeral services there was no restriction on the number of people attending.

Open Church

We were not able to hold any open days. We did open the church for 10 days for private pray and reflection when the death of Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh was announced.

Social and fundraising events

Due to the covid-19 pandemic we were not able to hold any of your usual fund raising and social events

May Flower Festival and Craft Fayre

Open Gardens

Afternoon teas

Benefice Trip

Lent lunches

Harvest Festival supper

We did hold a very successful Christmas Fair, it was so good to see so many old and new faces on a very busy and profitable (for the church) day.

We were able to hold many of our usual church events at Christmas -

Christingle

Crib service

Carols by Candlelight

Midnight Communion.

Our grateful thanks, as always to all who help us to maintain the services, the functions of the church and assistance with the fund raising events for the church.

Ann Doubtfire Church Warden

Sue Hayter Church Warden