

Stowupland Chapel 2021

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Due to the pandemic our first Sunday Service in 2021 was held on 16 May with no singing and masks being worn. However, we were able to sing with masks on later in the year. We proceeded with extreme caution. Sadly, our numbers are down to an average of 7 but we do have a variety of speakers who give a very fulfilling message. On 26 September we united in the evening at 6.30pm, with Holy Trinity at the Church for a Songs of Praise and on 3 October Holy Trinity joined with the Chapel at 10.30am. Both services were celebrations of Harvest. Once again, the gifts of non-perishable goods were taken to the food bank and the collection from 3 October was sent to Farm Community Network.

We held our first Coffee Morning in 2021 on Friday 24 September. This was a step in the right direction towards getting a bit of normality back in our lives.

On 12 November our first Whist Drive took place.

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride was on Saturday 11 September when the Chapel was open to sign in riders and walkers from 9am to 5pm. Dan Gurney very kindly cycled on behalf of the Chapel and it raised £200.00 in sponsorship money for Historic Churches, half of which is then returned to the Chapel.

Our Carol Service collection was sent to St Elizabeth Hospice.

We ask for God's blessing on our work as we continue to be a witness here in Stowupland.

Joyce Gardiner