

St. Peter's Church Report for Annual Parish Meeting 27.04.2023

St. Peter's has continued with fortnightly services during 2022 and this is the current pattern in 2023. We have maintained an open church daily throughout the year. Last week we held our Annual Parish Council meeting. Annette Cheeseman stood down as churchwarden having served the church and community faithfully for many years, we shall miss her.

The school walk to church for Collective Worship once every half term and Rev Mark and I alternate weekly leading Collective Worship in school during term time.

Last year was memorable one marking the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with a celebration service and then later a Horticulture and Produce show held in the village hall. Sadly, it was not too long after this that we set out a book of condolence and held a special service to mark her death.

Financial constraints mean that we now rely on volunteers to do the grass cutting in the churchyard and we are grateful for all that they do.

Our main priority for 2023 is the project to repair the South Aisle roof and we are hoping to include the installation of toilets and a kitchenette if we can get grants to do this. We have a sub committee working on this project and will bring updates as the project progresses.

On Sunday 7th May we have a service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III followed by a Picnic in the Pews with a treasure hunt and activities with a royal theme to which you are all cordially invited.

Rev Sally Thurgill

Townlands 2022

In January 2022 four of us joined as new trustees to the Townlands charity and embarked on a steep learning curve to understand the workings of the charity. We welcomed another trustee back as a PC trustee later in the year.

We are working on the merging of the Fuel Allotments and Townland charities to clarify and simplify how they can best operate to benefit the needs of parishioners in our village. Once things are in place, we shall apply to the Charity Commission to change the trust deeds. Grant application forms have been updated and are available online or can be collected from the church or school.

We are currently looking at land registry and a rental review.

We awarded two grants in 2022 and have two more pending this year. If there is a financial need we are here to offer support and welcome grant applications.

Rev Sally Thurgill