

Church Wardens report 2021

Due to Covid it had been a very quiet year for the church. We tried to hold as much as we could through this difficult time. The private prayer sessions we held were not decided to discontinue these and just continue with the monthly communion.

We have now moved from the Gretton Benefice to the Upper Welland Valley benefice. We have seen us join forces with Ashley, Stoke Albany, Weston by Welland, Sutton Bassett, and Cottingham is also part of this new benefice.

I am glad to report a new Vicar has been appointed and is being licenced on the 1st of June. Amanda Oliver was a very impressive candidate, and I am sure she will bring her ideas and enthusiasm to the benefice. This new appointment may mean a change in the pattern of services, but I am sure we will soon settle into a new routine.

The Quinquennial report repairs have been started but due to Covid we have not been able to complete them all. Hopefully, we will be looking at this at the next PCC meeting.

The church clock is no longer working and will require £8000 to repair. I have been working into raising funds through various grants but due to COVID many grant charities have been delayed later in the year so it will not be a quick resolution. It is important though that we raise funds via local fund-raising activities as this will help us to gain grants.

The windows in the bell chamber have been repaired and thanks go to Gary Clifton for completing this repair.

We are looking forward to a new, exciting era on joining with the new benefice and the arrival of our new incumbent.

Judith Underwood

Church Warden