

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. 14th MARCH 2023

St Marys Church continues to hold 3 Services a month, - with a small congregation, but we are pleased to have been able to host a Baptism, 2 Weddings and a Funeral in the last year, and a well attended Remembrance Service, equally well attended Queens Jubilee Service and a very Special Service on the death of Her Majesty the Queen, which I feel shows that the Church does hold some value in people's lives, even if they don't attend on a regular basis.

We struggle financially, - as we receive no outside funding, - but even so with fund raising and regular giving we manage to pay all our Utilities, our Insurance and our Parochial Share.

This year we shall have some extra large Bills to pay, - for repair works on the Roof and many other urgent repairs identified by the Quinquennial, so there a planned sponsored Abseil down the Tower on the 17th June to help raise funds for these, plus help us do match funding, so anyone who wants to take part please put your name forward.

The Churchyard continues to be kept in tip top condition by our Contractor and Volunteers, we feel it is important to keep it looking nice in the centre of the Village and are proud that we are still able to do this without financial help from any other organisation, but donations would be most gratefully accepted. Sadly those days of people leaving Legacies to the Church or Churchyard Maintenance are long gone, and yet everyone wants it to be in perfect condition and be there for the Special Occasions.

We are fortunate in having Dr. M.Winter as a Reader and Rev. Winsbury who lead our Services on a regular basis.

The School also use the Church for their Various Services and the Churchyard for their Habitat/Wildlife area and Recreation.

Once again we ask if the Parish Council would consider a donation from the Precept for Maintenance of the Churchyard.

Thank you.

Lorraine Aagaard
Churchwarden