

Report of Parochial Church Council of St. Michael and All Angels Farthinghoe

The report for the year ending 31st December 2021 is again a different one from normal.

Like all of our lives, everything in the church life has been affected - our church services, our ability to meet and visit and to fundraise in a way never seen in recent times.

Due to Diocese regulations, the church was closed after Christmas 2020 but we re-opened on March 2021. For re-opening, we were under detailed guidance and regulations both from the Government and from the Church of England. Services were shortened initially, and sometimes we had to limit the number of people who were able to attend worship.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended a service during these restrictions and for adhering to the regulations. Services are all now back to normal!

We were able to have our Remembrance Sunday service as normal next to our memorial in Church and were able to have our Fete in September 2021, thank you to all who manned stalls and of course all of those who attended.

Our Christmas 2021 services went ahead as usual and it was lovely to see everyone at the church.

Our Friday coffee mornings are back and it has been a real delight to see everyone again.

In writing this in April 2022, we are very sad to report that we have lost two of our church members, Geoff Wenmouth and Cyril Jarvis and we remember them and all that they did with grateful thanks, and of course we greatly mourn their loss.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard, some visible and others less so. We thank all members of the PCC who have served in the year without whom we could not function. Thanks go to Mrs Ruth Dashwood who resigned from the PCC in April 2021 after 40 years service!

We are very lucky to have a team of volunteers who get involved in cutting and tending the graveyard. Thanks also to those who have cleaned, tidied and polished the inside of the church especially after long closures.

We are very grateful to the work done by our church wardens, for all the work that Rosemary Jarvis does in the church and the community and for Lisa Wenmouth for playing the organ in our services. And not forgetting the congregation who continue to offer support and take part in our services.

We are looking forward to engaging with the whole village during the Jubilee celebrations.

Lisa Wenmouth
11th April 2022