

St Peter's Church

We started the year in vacancy with no clear idea of when we might be able to advertise or interview for a new priest to succeed the Rev'd Jeremy Bishop. The easing of restrictions in the Summer finally allowed this to happen, albeit with a number of constraints. Our three interviewees were interviewed in the Rectory garden so it was fortunate that we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. As a result of the process we appointed the Rev'd Sarah Quantrill who joined us at the end of November, being licensed via Zoom.

In October we had our Quinquennial Inspection of St Peter's where an Architect inspects the building. Unfortunately his report included some significant works which need to be carried out on the building- most specifically on the tower. So please do support our fundraising efforts if you can.

Services with restricted numbers have taken place at St Peter's when allowed, although it has been a very long time since we have been allowed to sing in our services or receive both bread and wine at Communion. As singing was permitted outside outside at Christmas, we asked the Transport Museum if they would allow us to hold an outdoor Carols at the Crib service there and were delighted when they agreed. Everyone had a great time and had the added bonus of being able to take a ride on some of the vehicles after the event. We also took a collection for the local Foodbank which was gratefully received. We also put together a giant advent calendar with help from the schools and other local groups and we hope to do both of these things again next year.

Since Christmas we have been holding a weekly service online using Zoom, as this allows us to sing, and we also now have a weekly said Communion service in the church at 9am on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (with a service at St Andrew's, Mutford, our sister church, on the 3rd Sunday of the month). Our Messy Church and Toddler Group have also moved online for the time being but we are all looking forward to being able to get together in person.

Baptisms and Weddings can go ahead with a restriction on numbers, so if anyone wishes to arrange one, please get in touch with our Parish Administrator, Linda on 07732 741636.

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