

Report from St Peter's Church

When I wrote last year's report, I hoped that 2021 would see an end to lockdown and restrictions to our worship. Unfortunately this was not to be the case, and we started the year in Tier 4 restrictions. Holding services and our annual Parish meeting on Zoom was certainly a rather novel experience, but of course excluded those without internet access, so I am looking forward to this year's meeting taking place face to face!

However things improved over the year, largely due to the vaccination programme and so it was a real joy to be able to hold a flower festival in September as part of the Lowestoft Heritage Events. We also saw many of our groups re-starting in the autumn, including Little Stars, our baby and Toddler group which meets on Mondays in term-time between 1:15 and 2:45pm in the Parish Room, as well as our post bereavement groups and Fishnets and Friendships. St Peter's handbell ringers also returned to St Peter's.

In October, as part of Baby Loss Awareness week, we teamed up with the local support group Rainbows and Angels to offer a service of remembrance for those who have lost a baby. We hope to make this an annual event.

It was also a great joy to be able to celebrate Christmas in St Peter's once again at the end of 2021. Understandably, many of our church family were very cautious about returning to church, but numbers attending steadily increased as the year progressed. We repeated our Carols @ the Crib at the Transport Museum and numbers doubled from 2020, as did the size of the food collection for Kirkley Pantry.

And finally just a reminder that anyone who lives in Carlton Colville can have their child baptised, get married or be buried at St Peter's. If you want to find out more then please don't hesitate to ring me on (01502) 810552.

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