

## Parochial Church Council Annual Report 2022

This past year has been somewhat mixed for our church. We are now fully open and able to host our regular two services a month, keeping the church unlocked as a peaceful, sacred space for anyone to go in and use. In 2021 we had funerals for John Sicely, George Walters and Betty Sicely, and this year a memorial service for Ian Deane. We have one wedding booked for September.

That's great, but there is a BUT. At our APCM in April this month, Freda sadly had to stand down as churchwarden after many years of faithful service. That leaves a vacancy which is yet to be filled. If people do value the church as a presence in our community, then obviously someone will have to come forward to fill that gap, someone who will help with the building and maintenance side of things or setting up for services. No one comes forward, then sadly discussions about "what happens next" will have to be held. It's a very real possibility.

In the meantime, we have the Jubilee service coming up to which everyone is welcome. We hope to hold Lammas in the barn at Montgomery, harvest, a pet service.

But we do need support. Our five-yearly building inspection is due this year. The cost of that will be nearly a thousand pounds before any of the work needed. We are continually grateful for all money from fundraising activities and other donations. These are difficult times for us all, but we would ask that anyone who values the church considers making a small regular donation for its upkeep. You can make a one- donation via the Lamyatt webpage or the A Church near you Lamyatt site. Or speak to a member of the PCC who will help with information about how to set up a direct debit. The church is there for anyone and everyone in our community.

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