

Parish Warden's report for 2020

At the start of the church year in March 2019 I was officially known as a Parish Warden, a title which I shared with Morag Crudge from St Wulstans. Our deputy Wardens at Holy Trinity were Jeremy Muldowney and Judy Gill, to whom I owe my thanks for their continuing support.

There were many changes during the year. In June the P.C.C were informed of an offer, made by the then Archbishop Sentamu to form a conventional district, enveloping the area at present covered by St Wulstans, and to provide a Minister there. They would have a separate P.C.C. and be in control of their own finances.

In January 2020 the Archdeacon came to the P.C.C. To explain the progress about the formation of this new venture. Sue Sheriff is to come to St Wulstan's to oversee the formation of the new regime and she will work in the parish on a "House for duty" basis. Working 2 days per week for 6 months until a new priest in charge can be appointed. The agreement is between the present Archbishop and the Incumbent at HT. To be reviewed should either person leaves their post.

The district was formally set up in March 2020.

St Wulstan's now hold their own P.C.C. Meetings and had their AP.C.M. This meant that I was no longer officially Parish Warden but back to Church Warden. But what is in a name? The "job" remains the same!

The usual servicing has been completed both in the hall and church i.e. servicing of heating, fire extinguishers, PAT Testing. The church organ was tuned in February. We needed to repair the vestry door handle and here was a problem with the church hall heating. Policies were reviewed and Risk assessments carried out. Our quinquennial inspection was carried out by Jon Steel in early March 2019. The main item to be addressed will be an inspection of the roof as this is original to the building and therefore 150 years old.

Talking of being 150 years old, no, not me although I may feel it at times!!! We held a weekend of celebration of our significant birthday in September 2019. The Church was open for the day on Saturday 29th with items of interest being displayed. Jeremy hosted 2 events in the hall of historical interest. These were well attended. We held a joint memorial service on Sunday to which former clergy were invited. These included John and Jean Walker, Don and Audrey Andrew, Andrew and Cherry Mauchan and Richard Barron. The service was attended by many present and former members of congregations and many folk joined in the lunch in the hall afterwards.

In March this year so many things started to change that I cannot record them all and in fact these will be the subject of next year's annual report.

Suffice to say that the year from 2019 to 2020 has been interesting and the way we are conducting this meeting is so different from last year. However the Church is the Church of God and he never stands still. We adapt, we change, we are still here in Heworth 150 years after the foundation stone was laid. Those who built this Church believed in the future and so do we, whatever that may look like.

God Bless you all and thank you for all your support throughout the year. I cannot name you all but as they say "You know who you are"