

Church Wardens Report for All Saints Freethorpe 2020/2021

The past year has been very challenging for everybody due to the coronavirus and its implications. We have followed Government guidance and instructions. We have all worked together through this difficult time. Zoom meetings have enabled us to be part of a service and keep in touch with one another. Services are now beginning to get back to a normal pattern once again. Caution is still the main priority but we can now see light at the end of the tunnel. With the four AWA's that we have at Freethorpe, we are able to hold a service of Morning Prayer every two weeks. This form of service seems to go down well with our parishioners and is supported by all who can attend.

During the pandemic, we have lost two of our regular congregation to the virus. Jenny Knights and Dorothy Grint. They are sadly missed and our condolences go to all their families.

After serving as Assistant Church Warden for the past five years, Jean Thompson has retired from the post. She has been a great asset to the running of the every day duties that keeps our church running smoothly. Jean will still be helping with things but only as a parishioner. She was presented with a plant and vouchers as a big thank you from the members of our church. Jean's son Andrew, designed and made a lovely Easter Candle Holder last year but the dedication did not take place until recently.

During the pandemic, members of our congregation were able to clear some bramble's back towards the back hedge which had encroached onto the burial places. It was a huge task to clear the area and my thanks must go to all who helped with the project. It just needed tidying up when Dorothy was laid to rest with her husband Dennis.

John Cullingford, after many years of lovingly tending the church yard and cremation burial area in the church yard, has had to stop due to health reasons. John has been clearing, grass cutting and keeping the area looking smart for a great number of years and a big thank you comes from us all.

Changes have had to be made during this difficult year but I'm sure we will look back with satisfaction that we did the best we could under the circumstances. Thank you to one and all.

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