



Friends of St. John's Autumn Newsletter 2022

Dear Friends

A message from Revd. Clive Potter:

Your support and continued interest is a great help to the ongoing work of St. Johns. We are trying hard to get back to a more regular pattern of services and lifestyle following the covid years.

It is sad to report that we, like so many Churches, struggle to get things back to how they were. We have lost our children's work, yet we hope to rebuild.

It's often said that Church is not about numbers but the quality of our services and work within the Parish. Our team has continued to work hard and keep up our standards even when we are aware we are in a tough time. However, our faith is about being loyal and keeping our eyes on a loving and serving Lord. As we move towards Advent and Christmas we will have many opportunities to show the Church we are to many people. In this your support has been vital and we thank you.

As life gradually gets back to normal and attendance at church is now physical rather than virtual (or a mix of the two) we thought you might like to know what has been going on in and around church for the past few months.

As far as the maintenance of the buildings is concerned we have been monitoring things like the electrics, the heating and the all important guttering as well as getting ready for the 5 yearly (Quinquennial) inspection which is due in early 2023. It is always a concern about what the architect may find and how much any repairs might cost.

During the summer we had several stalls at the annual village fete and were delighted to meet up with old and new friends and boost the financial coffers at the same time.

For our Harvest Service this year, like most other churches and schools in the area, we asked for donations of suitable goods for the Community Food Bank and as you can see we had an excellent response. We continue to have a box available for more donations in church each week.



Members of the congregation enjoyed purchasing fresh fruit and vegetables as well as biscuits and flowers from our Porch Produce all through the summer.

We will observe Remembrance Day on Sunday 13th November. We will start the service at 10.50 outside at the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths and the 2 minute silence followed by the traditional service in church.

As we approach Christmas we will be having our traditional services which are listed below and would be delighted to welcome you all to St. John's.

Christmas Wreath making 10th Dec. 10am. or 2 pm. Details on the noticeboard outside church. Or contact Pam Hewson on 01483 425131

Toy Service -11th Dec. At this service we are asked to bring gifts of toys, art and craft materials, jigsaws etc for Chase Hospice. They have plenty of cuddly toys donated from other people.

Carol Service- 11th Dec. 5pm Please join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols.

Crib Service - Christmas Eve 4pm

Christmas Eve- 11.30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day- 8am and 10am Holy Communion and Family Communion.

Revd. Clive Potter and all the congregation of St. John's would like to thank you for your continued interest in and support of St. John's as the village church.