

All Saints Church, Wreningham

Report to the Parish Council on 12th May 2015

Wreningham is part of the Upper Tas Valley Benefice which consists of 6 parishes, eight churches and 2 church schools under a half-time Priest-in-charge – Rev'd Suzanne Cooke.

The PCC has amalgamated with Ashwellthorpe PCC for administrative purposes for the time being because of a shortage of support. There are 4 people on the church electoral roll but Irene Moore will be leaving the area soon.

The Churchwarden/Treasurer: Miss C. Minns

The church has a Holy Communion service 9.15 am on the first Sunday of the month. Other services are held at special occasions in the church calendar including Harvest Festival and the Carols Service.

With so few active church members it is hard to raise funds to meet our commitments and we appreciated the help towards the insurance of the building given by Wreningham Parish Council last year.

The church is cleaned by volunteers and the altar flowers throughout the year plus the additional arrangements for special occasions are also provided by volunteers. Equally the graveyard is maintained by volunteers. We are very grateful to all those who help in any way. I would also like to thank the Parish Council for the grant towards the cost of cutting the grass in the graveyard which paid for most of the petrol and contributed towards trimmer cord and machine spares.

Fabric Report

We are due for an architect's inspection this year. His report will set out all the work which needs to be done and indicate the urgency and likely cost. We know that the east wall is coming away from the rest of the building and we are anxious to find out how much movement there has been over the past year. The plaster is coming off the walls in several places and his report will indicate what needs to be done and the likely cost.

Single Parish

The main change which is taking place, is that 5 of the parishes within the benefice have agreed to unit as one single parish for administrative purposes. This means that Ashwellthorpe, Fornsett, Hapton, Tacolneston and Wreningham will be governed by one Church Council and the day to day care of the church buildings and other section of the work of a PCC will be carried out by sub-committees who report back to the main council. The proposal has to be submitted to the diocese and other governing bodies for approval and this process is in hand and if all goes according to plan the new structure should be in place by the end of this year.

Christine Minns. Churchwarden.