

## All Saints Church, Wreningham

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Wreningham is part of the Upper Tas Valley Benefice which until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 consisted of 6 parishes. Because of the struggle to find enough people to serve on each of the church councils, it was agreed by all except Fundenhall PCC, to unit as one single parish. This was approved by the Diocese of Norwich and as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 the parishes of Ashwellthorpe, Forncett, Hapton, Tacolneston and Wreningham have officially become "The Parish of Upper Tas Valley All Saints". This means that the Benefice now consists of 2 parishes with eight churches and 4 church schools. The other change has been that Rev'd Suzanne Cooke has now been appointed as "Rector" although she is still only a part-time appointment.

There are only 2 people living in Wreningham on the church electoral roll.

The Churchwarden is Miss C. Minns, who along with Rev'd Cooke is responsible for the day to day care of the building.

All Saints, Wreningham has a Holy Communion service 9.30 am on the first Sunday of the month. Very occasionally other services are held at special occasions in the church calendar including Remembrance Sunday and the Carols Service.

With so few active church members it has been 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 machine spares.

### Fabric Report

In August 2015 we had our 5 yearly architect's inspection which has shown that some of the areas of the roof which were highlighted as being in poor repair at the previous inspection have deteriorated considerably and it is anticipated that we will need to spend something in the region of £80,000 to £90,000 in the next few years if we are to keep the church watertight. Alongside this work there are also small areas inside the church which need attention. Sometime soon I shall need to seek the support of the parish if they wish for the church to be repaired and maintained.

Christine Minns  
Churchwarden