

Last year our reports were written in the shadow of the pandemic, now it is a joy to reflect on a year when we are regrouping and growing as a church community. Although still aware of the shadow over us we can begin to look forward.

We continue to thank God for bringing Lydia to our parishes- under her leadership we are able to prayerfully review and changes to our activities and services, and meet people wherever they are on their faith journey. Lydia, thank you for your commitment, sense of humour and inspiration. And.. when we appointed a vicar we didn't expect an additional guitar player and a IT guy. Thanks John: your contributions are appreciated.

One positive legacy that of those strange covid times is the camaraderie over our neighbouring parishes. The ups and downs of our shared journey drew us together and it is so encouraging to worship, plan, pray and study together with our neighbours in Hinxton and Duxford as well as Whittlesford.

It's a team effort. What a blessing our fantastic volunteers are. Thank you so much to those who ensure the church is warm and clean, open and prepared. Your efforts are really valued - you are making a difference. Visitors often remark on how welcomed they feel.... - on weekdays as well as Sundays. A special thank you to Patrick as he stands down as churchwarden and Glynis as she retires as PCC secretary - your perspective, efforts and commitment will be missed.

As we celebrate our 1000 year old building church at the centre of the village we value its continued role as a focus for people of all ages whether its a coffee morning, concert or Easter egg hunt. Whilst we are aware that 1st Sunday services and 2nd Sundays sometimes demand tolerance as well as humour from our regular congregations we especially welcome our growing group of families and look forward to them helping us the shape of the church over coming years.

Yes, we have our challenges... our core volunteers are not getting any younger, the buildings need our loving care as well as money, our core income comes from a few, the pressures of the politics and the values of the wider world impinge beyond our doors. But at a time when the press and outside world would have us believe that the church is dwindling we do have much to celebrate here and can thank God for his generosity and blessing.

When I was looking for a picture to include in this report I came across this one.. it's some younger members of our community reflecting on their Easter garden what Jesus means for them.

How wonderful that they are joining us on our journey.

Thank you for being fellow travellers

