

## **CREETING ST PETER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/2021**

The April APCM 2020 was delayed until 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. In this 6 month period the PCC met informally in the churchyard one evening and also held Zoom meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The consequent PCC meetings have all been virtual meetings via Zoom. These took place on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The main items of discussion have been:

- Fabric – mainly focusing on raising grants for the imminent building work
- Treasurers Report and raising funds while services are suspended
- Deanery and Diocese Synod reports
- Safeguarding updates
- Special services including for Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Toy and Gift and Christmas
- ‘Growing in God’
- Services when possible
- Opening the church for quiet reflection on Sundays while following government guidelines during the pandemic and lockdowns

### **Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**

These meetings were held via Zoom on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### **Electoral Roll**

The number of people on the role remains at 20.

#### **Election of officers**

At the Annual Vestry meeting, there is a vacancy for the role of Churchwarden.

#### **Mission Focus**

Our focus of ‘Community Outreach’ coffee mornings, BBQs and pub nights have been suspended as 3 Lockdowns have prevented these taking place. We hope to reinstate these as soon as it is safe and sensible to do.

#### **Plant Sale**

Plants were donated and sold in May 2020 under social distancing measures from the front garden of Sarah & Russell Stott in the village in place of the usual coffee morning and plant sale in the churchyard.

#### **Sponsored Cycle Ride**

This again took place in September. Thanks to Sarah and Russell Stott who again walked to raise funds for our church. However, in 2020 the church was not manned or open due to the government restrictions but cyclists could still view the building from outside.

#### **Special Services and Special Thanks**

Harvest Festival 2020 service took place under social distancing measures inside the church. The Annual Carols by Candlelight on 24<sup>th</sup> December was replaced by a gathering in the afternoon in the churchyard, socially distanced.

Special thanks are due once again to the PCC and everyone who helps with the running, upkeep or decoration of the Church and the Church Room. A thank you to the Mason family for acting as caretakers for the Church Room. As always we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those people who support the church by cutting the churchyard grass, being part of

the flower and cleaning rotas, and distributing the Grapevine. Also thanks to those who open and close the church each Sunday so that it can be open for quiet reflection for a few hours which is so very important while services remain suspended.