

St Mary's Church, Woburn
Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting,
Thursday 28th April 2022 7.30 pm in the Crypt

Report on church activities

Health and Safety – Judith Relf

Despite the church being closed during to lockdown for most of the year, 2021 was an active year for Health and Safety in St. Mary's, Woburn.

- The H&S /Church of England 'Risk Assessment Template for Opening Church Buildings to the Public' was updated on 22 July 2021. A full copy of this was shared with the PCC
- A memo dated 22 July 2021 with specific recommendations was sent to Rev Steve Nuth and Church Warden George Atkinson Clark. This was shared with the PCC.
- A fire inspection was undertaken on 27 October 2021 with recommendations which George Atkinson Clark has taken responsibility for the following action plan:
 1. Sidesman Training ref emergency evacuation procedure
 2. 2. Conduct an evacuation drill
 3. 3. Sidesman training ref Fire Extinguisher training
- The following have successfully completed Level 2 Food Hygiene and handing training as recommended by Bedfordshire EHO for compliance with Food Hygiene legislation.
 - o Mr & Mrs Atkinson Clark; and
 - o Mr & Mrs Relf
- Throughout the year all instructions surrounding the Covid pandemic have complied with guidance received by Rev Nuth from the Diocesan offices.

Electoral Register – John Adamson

At 31st December 2021, there were 82 people on the Church electoral roll, of whom 21 are resident in the parish and 61 non-resident.

During the year there have been 3 additions - all non-resident. There were 7 deletions – all non-resident.

Pilates – Pauline Adamson

Like most activities, pilates classes in the crypt stopped after 10th March 2020 in response to government imposed restrictions in response to Covid-19. When possible the group convened on Aspley Common for classes. When the weather was inclement, Jenny, the Pilates teacher, took the group for a walk around the village.

Classes resumed back in the crypt on 7th September 2021 and continue to the present day. We seem to be flourishing with people wanting to join our merry band. Meetings are held on Tuesday mornings at 09.30 for an hour with an average of 16 ladies attending each week. Age range of attendees ranges from late 50s to mid 80s. Most stay for a coffee and chat after the class and they are often reluctant to go home! They are a lovely, caring group of ladies, always ready to support any charitable activity the church is doing.

Last Christmas, we had our Christmas “bash” in the crypt and it was lovely. The money made stayed within the church instead of going to a local hostelry. We all felt it was safer that way.

Deanery Synod – Linda Cudjoe

Deanery synod representatives are:

- Rev Canon Stephen Nuth – retiring end May
- Mr Malcolm Curtis – Lay reader – retiring end June
- Mrs Linda Cudjoe – PCC Secretary

This was a quiet year for Deanery Synod with the usual quarterly meetings through the year. Minutes are attached for detailed reading.

The key activity this year was the General Synod elections that were held between September and October. There was a very wide selection of candidates with voting carried out electronically

Anne Barker presented the journey of her calling to the Deanery Synod on 17 March. At that meeting she gave a gripping account of how each of her ministries had been very different and also how in each she experienced the work of our Lord. It was a fascinating account which left no doubt that Anne has a special calling to very specific ministries.

Synod meetings have been online since lockdown and on several occasions it has not been possible to access the meeting through the link. This meant that a few meetings were missed hence attaching the minutes.