

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT - May 2022

May I first record the thanks from the PCC for the continued support from the Parish Council with churchyard mowing and for providing the illumination of the South side of church during the winter months. Thanks to the gift of additional lights from Oliver Cooper and with the support of Kate & Phil Hatch we were also able to illuminate the North side of the church this year while we are again grateful to Oliver Cooper for providing parking space for special occasions and services.

During the year the book by Edward Martin on the history of Great Bricett Manor and Priory was published. The PCC is greatly indebted to Oliver Cooper for fully funding the production of this work and for making all proceeds available to the PCC. Over 40 copies have been sold to date with a steady flow of interest from around the village and elsewhere. In his preface to the book Oliver also discloses that he has passed the Lordship of the Manor of Great Bricett into the care of the PCC to ensure that it remains in the village for posterity.

The restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic are now passed with masks no longer necessary at services and the return of singing. Our monthly service of communion continues on the 3rd Sunday.

The PCC is also pleased that during the year it was able to fund the construction of a pair of replacement churchyard gates from Brendan of Worsley Woodworking in the village. These are a copy of the originals and also in oak and are a fitting postscript to the recent roof and path restoration works.

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