

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT - May 2024

May I as always 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. With the support of Kate & Phil Hatch we were again able to illuminate the North side of the church this year. We remain grateful to The Hall Farm for providing additional parking space for special occasions and services.

During the year the PCC has been successful in securing a grant of £30,620 from the Valencia Communities Fund towards the cost of replacing the unsightly cement render around the lower sections of the inner walls with breathable lime render [this is a 'landfill grant' available as we are within 10 miles of Masons landfill site in Claydon]. With an additional £3,000 grant from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust plus a predicted £5,000 balance from PCC funds this work is currently under way.

As part of this repair and redecoration a structural engineering investigation is being done into new concerns about the reopening of cracks in the SE corner since the 2019 roof works as well as into the apparent movement of the porch. The outcome of this will enable the cost of remedying these problems to be identified.

As a reminder we are one of eight churches under the care of Rev Dan Harrison and we continue to have our regular monthly service of communion on the 3rd Sunday (currently in the Village Hall during the church repair works).

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Churchwarden