

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT - May 2025

May I firstly record the thanks from the PCC for the continued support of 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 and we remain grateful to The Hall Farm for providing additional parking space for special occasions and services.

The project to replace the unsightly cement render around the lower section of the inner walls and fully redecorate the interior was completed during the year. The cost was £36,500 towards which we received grants of £30k from the Valencia Communities Fund and £3k from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust with the balance from local fund raising support. The Church interior now looks superb and is much commented on by visitors!

As part of this work a structural engineering investigation is being undertaken into cracks in the East wall and also apparent movements 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

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