

Church Warden's Report May 2024

Having been Church Warden now for just under a year, I feel it has been a privilege and a joy to support our Vicar, Revd Jane Morris, and to represent this Congregation. There are so many people to thank for all the help and support I have had, please accept my gratitude to everyone. It has made being Church Warden a pleasure.

I am conscious that the Diocese only allows us 0.5 of Jane's time with the other 0.5 shared between St Leonard's Woore, and St Chad's Norton in Hales. I think we must help her to work fairly for all three churches, and perhaps think of new ways that we can support her in doing this.

Changes in the 2023

Ministry

Carole Preston has been Licensed as a Reader, and joins Margaret Taylor and James Thornberry as part of our Ministry Team,

James Butter has been seconded to us for two years as part of his ongoing Ordained Ministry training.

The Reverends David and Angela Smith have come to Market Drayton from Norfolk to retire, and are now both Licensed to officiate.

Simon Cartlidge has agreed to return as a server.

Advent, Lent and Home Groups have taken place.

Nativity services with Buntingsdale School at Christmas have been resumed.

Practical matters

Under floor heating fixed.

Red carpet at back of church cleaned.

Toilet handle mended.

List of church duties and people involved on Notice Board. Please check and update regularly to help Emma to keep it current.

Events that have taken place during the year

Coffee mornings

Harvest Lunch

Christmas Fair

Easter Chocolate Tombola

Organ recital

Acquired Taste Choir concert

Bake Off event

Monthly Bingo/Film Club

I am thrilled by the hard work of so many different people, who have contributed to these events, and offered their particular talents so freely.

Future Ministry aims

Get to know our other two church congregations of Woore and Norton in Hales
Nurture and nourish our faith and commitment to Our Lord through our worship and fellowship. Extend this to include community activities which enhance the lives of those who take part.

Encourage local schools both to come into our church, and to invite us to visit them.

Future planned events

Organ recital

Strawberry Tea followed by Evening Prayer

Quiet Day for all three Churches St Leonard's Woore and St Chad's Norton in Hales and Christ Church Little Drayton

Whitchurch Brass Band Concert

Knit and Natter Group fortnightly

Bingo monthly

Film Club monthly

Future practical wish List

Church Clock repair.

Cleaning of East window

Organ maintenance

Seating cushions

Sorting and clearing of gallery

Quinquennial Inspection due 2024