

## All Saints Associate Vicars report 2024

Time seems to go so quickly. I continue to work 1 day St Mary's as well as my 2 days with you at All Saints. Which means my usual working days are now Monday, Tuesday, and a half day on Wednesday and of course Sunday with Sunday being part of my 2 working days with you.

Our occasional services have been a bit different this year with only one wedding blessing and fewer baptisms as we seem to have caught up from those postponed due to the pandemic. The number of funerals and interment of ashes remain the same and we have sadly said fond farewells to several of our congregation over the last year.

It has been wonderful to be back in All Saints since Remembrance Day 2023 and being able to enjoy all the benefits of restoration and re-ordering and the fruitfulness of the prayers and moving forward in our vision of being a church in the community for the community.

We are so grateful to St Marys for continuing to welcome us to hold their services in their church whilst our church was being restored and re-ordered for their hospitality and warm welcome we have experienced for much longer than we original thought.

We have continued to hold some joint services together including Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Carol service and epiphany carol service, and Christingle. We look forward to our shared Holy Week services including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Together we have enjoyed our joint Lent course on prayer finding ways of going deeper in our relationships with God.

It was wonderful to be able to welcome people over the Christmas period to join us in our new space at All Saints and all services were very well attended, and the space allowed us to accommodate so many more people including 80 adults and 30 children and young people at our Christingle.

Being back in the village has also allowed us to participate more with the celebrations in the village with us joining with carol singing in both The Fox and The Three Horse shoes pubs.

I am so very grateful for all your continued support, thank you to our church-wardens Anne Jenkins and Tony Glenn for their hard work and to Joan for the continuing work she does organising our pastoral care and visiting. Thank you also to the PCC, treasurer, and secretary for all they do. Thanks also goes to Vicky Cameron our administrator and to every single one of you for your help support and prayers that continue to help make All Saints the unique community it is. I feel privileged to be your minister.

Thanks also to Royston Jones for all the hard work he has put in and continues to put in towards the building work at All Saints. We continue to pray and give grateful thanks to God for all he has provided to enable us to realise his vision of All Saints being the Church in the community for the community.

The next year is going to be so exciting For All Saints as we continue on our journey as a community back in our church.

I so look forward to the next year as we travel together going deeper with God and discovering more of the vision he has for our church.

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