

Introduction

This has been an extraordinary year with many challenges and one of the hardest in living memory. Our grateful thanks to everyone who has played a part in helping to meet those challenges and progress our Church in the body of the village.

The Church of the Epiphany, Tockwith is one of five churches, led by Revd Martin Otter, within the Parish of Marston Moor. The Village Church Council (VCC) operates under the auspices of the PCC of the Parish of Marston Moor.

Members of VCC 2020

Incumbent Revd. Martin Otter

Wardens Sarah McBride & Deryck Wilson

Elected Members

Peter Harris - Chairman

Kate Pratt - Secretary

Janet Marriner - Safeguarding Officer

Norman Waller

Bev Greaves

Susan McKernan

Jenn Waller

Imogen Woods

Services Held

Our pattern of services were as follows;

1st Sunday Refresh Service at 11.00am & Messy Church at 4.00pm

2nd Sunday Holy Communion at 11.00am

3rd Sunday Prayer Book Choral Service at 6pm

4th Sunday Informal Praise Service at 11.00am

Our Refresh Service was a new service for us and was well received and completely different, with no books, all digital using videos, modern songs, prayers & music shown on a large screen.

It was disappointing that the Remembrance Service, Christingle and Christmas Day Services had to be cancelled but our year ended with the Village Carol Concert on the 20th December in the Churchyard. This was well attended and we welcomed over 200 people into our Churchyard so that we could maintain the required social distance.

Church & Village

- 1.** Our Parish & Village News magazine covering Church, Local Events and interesting articles is distributed monthly, our grateful thanks to the Editor Norman Waller, Sue & John McKernan and all who distribute this superb magazine.
- 2.** Donations have flooded in during the various collections for the Trussell Trust Food Banks at York & Wetherby. This moved to a central house in the village when our Church was closed. Our grateful thanks to all in our community who gave so generously. Donations over the year were in excess of £3,500.
- 3.** Our second year of Living Advent was a huge success with 100 houses exhibiting. Our thanks to all of the households who took part, John McKernan who produced a fabulous map of the village and particularly thanks go to the local businesses who sponsored the event.
- 4.** Lighting up the church building for Remembrance in red with poppy on the roof made a stunning statement and one we will NOT FORGET. The Christmas lighting up of church and trees raised our spirits and in complete contrast to the gloomy year and cheered us up. Our support for our wonderful NHS was also marked with our Church being beautifully illuminated with blue lights. Our thanks to Jim Tinsley for all his efforts with the lighting and marking the occasions. Our Church has been a focal point throughout the pandemic.
- 5.** Displays for WWII V E Day (75) and Remembrance involving over a thousand knitted poppies were well received and we joined in the National Ringing for Peace on 8th May. Our thanks go out to our community for all of the knitted poppies.
- 6.** Our Church is now open each day for Private prayer. This was a new venture and thanks to all of our volunteers who went on the rota to make this happen.
- 7.** It was disappointing that the popular monthly Epiphany Cafe had to remain closed after the March lockdown.
- 8.** The Lockdown Traffic Light System for house windows was a great idea and used throughout the village. Many thanks to Jim Tinsley for his extensive work on this project that ensured that our vulnerable in the village were shopped and cared for if they had to isolate.

Church & Churchyard

1. A faculty was obtained for a Mower and Equipment Shed and this has now been built. Our thanks to Stuart Coggrave for providing labour and materials for the concrete base.
2. The far corner of the Rear Churchyard Extension has been tidied up. Tons of surplus soil from old graves has been dispersed behind the replanted hedge and trees pruned.
3. The Silver Birch tree in the front Churchyard has been pruned.
4. The very large grounds have been well cared for by the grass cutting teams and garden boarders by Judi Hull and boundary hedges have been cut.
5. The following checks also took place:-
 - a) Headstones for stability
 - b) Clock
 - c) Bells
 - d) Fire Extinguishers
 - e) Gas Boiler

Note. The ongoing stone restoration and repair project has been on hold due to the backlog caused by Covid 19.

Annual Report of Church Finances.

2021 Budget for Church of the Epiphany, Tockwith

	2020	2021
INCOME		
Planned giving	£11,500.00	£10,000.00
Collections	£2,200.00	£2,600.00
Income tax recovered	£3,100.00	£2,800.00
Designated grants	£150.00	£200.00
Fundraising	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
Church hire	£200.00	£200.00
Magazine receipts	£4,400.00	£4,600.00
	£23,150.00	£22,000.00
PAYMENTS		
Parish Share	£17,000.00	£18,000.00
Insurance	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Maintenance	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
Church admin	£1,700.00	£900.00
Utilities	£2,500.00	£3,000.00
Other costs	£500.00	£500.00
Magazine costs	£3,600.00	£4,600.00
Building repairs	£12,000.00	£13,000.00
	£41,400.00	£44,100.00

Safeguarding.

Notice setting out the safeguarding policy and the contact details of anyone wishing to report issues are displayed on the Church Notice Boards. During the year we had no incidents of a Safeguarding nature.

Despite all the restrictions that we are under, DBS checks have continued to be reviewed and applied. The Diocese and Church of England have also provided Online Safeguarding training, with particular reference to the C of E Safeguarding Review.

Children and Youth Work.

Messy Church

Youth Club

Open the Book

Holiday Club

School link - Aspire

The church and school link has been difficult to continue in the normal way and has been missed on many levels. However, there has been continued contact especially at school Governors meetings.

Rev Martin has been able to regularly take worship at school online.

The children have contributed to the church display board within the porch for both Remembrance and Christmas and we were also able to facilitate each child making and taking a Christingle home, alongside the Christmas message.