

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WESTON APCM 13.5.23.

Report.

We at Weston have moved on in quite a few ways, all with the help and guidance from Revd Greg.

Our service pattern has changed to Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month with the addition of Informal Church on the 1st Sunday. Also, our new addition of two/three Open Church Saturdays/Mid-week, which have helped tremendously with our aim to connect with the community and younger families that they are starting to produce new families attending church services.

All of this we hope to build on in the summer months of 2023, with more informal services. All to be discussed at the PCC meeting in a couple of weeks.

The electoral roll has been updated now with 12 supporters.

The inventory has a few more additions this year including items which have been included in faculties, waiting for faculty approval.

Four years ago, Revd Greg proposed we at Weston could do a foodbank collection. Four years on we continue with the collections.

Throughout last year and up to Easter this year we have hosted four collections for the Newark Food Bank and the Emmaus Trust. All of which have been fantastically supported by congregation's schools and local businesses, which I know has made a huge difference to so many people. Our motto at Weston is as long as there is a need for our help, we will continue to play a small part in helping those who need it most.

All the donations we have been able to pass on would not have been possible without your help, so a big "Thank You" to everyone who has donated/helped.

Over the last year Revd Greg and I have made many pastoral visits. Several to a dear supporter of our church and the family until she sadly passed away. These visits have in turn encouraged and supported a lot of people. One family now re-joining services led by Revd Greg and by also helping at church. So, a big thank you to Revd Greg for all the time and effort he has put into these visits.

8th September 2022. What a sad day not only for our country but all over the world. The day our beloved Queen Elizabeth II passed away. At 6am on the 9th Sept, Revd Greg drove around each Parish and posted the notification of her passing. He later put a much-watched post on YouTube (still available today). Search Revd Greg YouTube for hundreds of clips and services. We at Weston had the privilege of opening for the signing of the Book of Condolence which we continued until the day before Her Majesty's funeral with many visitors. We also visited the housebound who would not have otherwise been able to sign the book. The book was purchased by Revd Greg which was later passed onto the Royal Family. Once again thank you Revd Greg for your leadership in these difficult times. Very much appreciated by all.

Fabrics.

We at All Saints' Weston still have many projects ongoing. I will try to give a brief outline.

1. The rear of church reorganisation faculty was passed in January this year to include safety barriers at the edge of the platformed area and a ramp/platform in the middle of the two raised areas to make easy access and one large area. The downside to this is that the Chancellor has asked that we apply for a faculty to retain the tables/chairs in that area, which must have approval before work can commence on the ramp/platform/barriers. This faculty application is to go before the DAC in May 23.
2. The Parish Clock. The parish clock was refitted into the church tower 5th May 2022 and at present unable to chime due to the unsafe condition of the bells and framework in the church tower. The winding of the clock resumed as per the original agreement made four years ago, by a parish council volunteer each Saturday at 9am. This has worked quite well until changing from winter to summertime this year where an appropriate time (to suit both the parish volunteer and church) could not be agreed. Unfortunately, the clock is still not running at this time despite several offers to provide access which have been declined. This seems a great shame after all the effort and public money spent on the project so far. We hope to resolve this problem in the near future.

The Heating/Stained Glass Window/ Masonry/Bell projects are still ongoing with many quote's meetings etc taking place over the last year. We are now trying hard to raise the necessary funds to proceed further.

As I have stated before these are very large projects to undertake, but with God all things are possible. "One day at a time sweet Jesus".

And to finish a thank you.

Firstly, to Revd Greg for all your help support and guidance with everything over the last year (again). The last few months whilst you have been on sick leave, has really opened everyone's eyes to just how much we depend on you with your help and guidance with everything. We do thank God for your steady recovery and pray for complete healing in Jesus name, Amen. We very much look forward to you being back with your flock.

We thank all the retired clergy who have kindly covered services both here at Weston and throughout the Benefice.

We thank the Diocese Staff for their part in helping to arrange this cover and for Janet Nyland for putting our requests forward.

A big thank you to Chris White who stepped down last year as Church Warden but thankfully has continued to support services etc.

Thank you to Andrew Loble, who for a number of years has made a beautiful job of grass cutting and maintenance of the church yard, who is now unable to continue this work. His services will be greatly missed.

To Trevor Lee who again has blessed us with his violin playing.

To everyone who has helped with flowers, deep cleans, decorations etc. A big thank you to you all.

And last but by no means least I would like to thank everyone who has attended and supported All Saints Church Weston over this last year and very much look forward to your continued support in the future.

Take Care.

Angie Emery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angie'. The signature is stylized with a large 'A' and a cursive 'E'.

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