

LITCHAM ALL SAINTS

SYNOPSIS OF PCC BUSINESS 2022

Debate during the year covered the following topics:-

The curtailment of Christmas events and services in the aftermath of Covid.

With the return of services following Covid the Benefice Choir was revived by Richard Vogt and this will continue in 2023.

The ailing cherry tree on the main front path was removed prior to the Parish Council cleaning the war memorial. There was no record of the tree being a memorial item and the removal was subsequently carried out without objection.

It was reported that there was a finance deficit of £7000 at the start of 2022, a situation which subsequently improved as the year progressed.

Following the cessation of business by the electricity supplier another was found and a five year contract entered into.

Work began on the restoration of Halcott table tombs outside the main door and will be completed with the restoration of the top ledger stones during spring 2023. With thanks to the Parish Council and The Friends of All Saints for helping to pay for the work.

The churchyard bench in memory of the Revd. Boston was purchased, inscribed and paid for by donations given to the Friends in Revd. Boston's memory. The cost of the installation was made possible by two parishioners who remain anonymous.

A new set of Guild Chapel altar frontals were made and dedicated for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth.

An afternoon tea party and a reunion for Litcham residents past and present was organised and was highly successful as was the associated flower festival which raised a total of £1421 for church restoration.

The office of Electoral Officer was passed to Fiona Elford.

A week-long Soul Space event took place in the church for the High School. This was a very successful event and established the precedent for further similar activities. The Primary School held a Festival of Christmas Carols in the Church and also laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.

Alternative forms of worship were accommodated with Iona style worship, a traditional Evensong and a Songs of Praise held which were well attended.

A display of historical photographs of village life and people took place and was well visited.

The Benefice agreed the employment of an Administrative Assistant with the cost shared between the parishes.

The Diocese Parish Giving Scheme was adopted.

The updating of the main notice board to include details of the new Rector was agreed.

A Parish Lottery in the form of a 100 Club was mooted and with the necessary legal procedures completed the 100 Club was established in April 2023.

Richard Vogt, Churchwarden 17.03. 2023