

Summary of points raised under the Church Agenda Item:

Main headline: After retirement of our Vicar, process has started to recruit new Vicar. Also the reorganisation of the current Benefice splitting it into two separate halves the Upper Nadder Benefice and the Lower Nadder Benefice. This will hopefully happen by late summer.

Services: Despite lack of Vicar we have run a successful programme of Services with the former Bishop of London and the former Bishop of Truro taking Services.

Fabric: The church remains in good order and the Quinquennial Review undertaken by our ecclesiastical Architect reported that the church had been maintained well. We continue to be generously supported by the Friends of St Peter's Church. The only major work undertaken this year has been the pruning of the Yew trees.

Fundraising: A successful programme of fundraising, including an Open Garden event and the ever popular quiz and curry nights. Thanks to Caroline Willis.

Visitors: Church continues to attract many visitors, especially from overseas. New card reader has been installed in Church to facilitate donations. A presentation was given to the University of the Third Age in March on the history of the Swallowcliffe churches and the village. This will be repeated in the autumn. Rex Stephenson stressed the importance of the church and village history and the need to consider a village archivist.

The future: Looking ahead:

12th of April 09.30 annual Spring clean of the church and the church yard. All are very welcome.

20th of April 11.15 Easter Service

Thursday eighth of May. VE 80 anniversary. National sounding of bells and remembrance of those who died from the Village in World War II. Rex Stephenson asked whether the PC was intending to mark this occasion.

Tuesday 13th of May 7 pm the church's Annual General Meeting to be held in the church. All are very welcome.

Sunday 22nd of June 11.15 Hymns and Pimms service

Rex said he will be leaving the Parochial Church Council at that meeting after 30 years' membership. He said that he had enjoyed being part of the PCC and looking after our lovely church for you over the period. He had confidence in the future management by the current PCC.

Current PCC members are Patrick Willis, Caroline Willis, Peter Smales, Penny Smales, Annabel Biddulph, Alastair Chilston, Nigel Cooke and Kenneth Borton. Jane Berridge is our Secretary and Treasurer.

In conclusion, remember that the church is very much part of the community and is always open for quiet reflection and prayer and also available to be used for concerts, meetings and of course weddings, baptisms and funerals.