

St. Peter's Cringleford

Parish Council Report

One of the huge differences between 2021 and 2022 is how we have got back into a regular swing with so many of our activities which Covid curtailed or changed even into 2021. It seems like a lifetime away but in reality such little time has passed since our activities were essentially stopped in many ways.

So this has been a year of rebirth in many ways and we have seen some real blessings as we see how Jesus is making all things new in this time as well as in the end.

A lot of our groups have been now meeting uninterrupted over 2022. These groups are a vital part of the life of our church family and a key way in which we serve our local community. Whether it is Lunch Club, Cringletots, Memory Lane Café or any of our other wonderful groups they are a way that we can share the love of Jesus in our community.

A number of our church activities which were forced online in 2020-2021 are now back in person. We are regularly back into the school with Open The Book, a cast larger than some musicals took to the stage for our nativity, and we have been able to have some certainty that we can meet for church services in person – even if we now have the added option of being online. Our Lent and Advent courses have also been in person in 2022. 2022 also sure a return of the Quiz, an Easter Coffee Morning and the Christmas Fair.

As well as regular church activity we have once again been a focus of some of local celebrations and remembrance. We held events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and then later in the year to commemorate her death. These were real points of the whole Cringleford community coming together and it was particularly interesting to see St.Peter's become a focal point for those who wanted to come and light a candle and to have time to reflect at such a momentous national occasion. We were able to hold Remembrance services 'normally' for the first time in a few years. We hosted school events at Christmas. We continued to rejoice with those who rejoiced and weep with those who weep. We also had a full return to Sunday Club life and it has been wonderful to see so many people benefitting from and leading in this ministry.

And yet there is always something new happening in God's good grace. One of those things this year is that we have been blessed by having John Wigfield join us as curate. It has been wonderful to welcome him to Cringleford and life at St.Peter's.

As always there are a huge number of people to thank – far too many to mention. A special mention for Elisabeth and Shirley as Churchwarden, Juliet for everything (and it really is everything!) that she does and for Tim for his support and desire to see where God is moving in our community. Tim is off to Sprowston in 2023 and we pray that he will bless the people of North Norwich as he has blessed us. We are hugely grateful for all the help shown by various parts of the community over the last year.

In many ways it feels like 2022 was a time of plants re-emerging after a long winter. We pray that 2023 will be a year where we see God continue that growth and that we will see his plans for this community flourish.