

This year has seen a return to more usual practices within our services. We all now go up to the altar rail for the Eucharist and share the cup if we wish. Numbers attending regular church services remain small at 10-15 with few children and younger people in the congregation. This remains a concern for the future.

The Lent study group met once again in person this year and have enjoyed the challenges set by the study of Jeremiah.

The Easter Sunday service was well attended and it was good to see so many children and younger people in church.

The usual Nativity service took place and this year as it was not ticketed, played to a packed house. Many children took part and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Many thanks to Carol Patterson, Ruth Marlee(wardrobe) and the other helpers who make this special event possible.

There were 8 children baptised this year and we can only hope and pray that we will see them and their families in church again.

There were 3 funerals and no weddings.

The church fabric is in reasonable repair and this March the electricity supply to the church was renewed by Northern Powergrid. Looking back this was first mooted 2 years ago, but it is done at last and the path repair although not perfect is satisfactory.

I must thank Chris Simmons for all his help during this process when we had to relocate services at short notice. Thanks too to Gil Whatmough for enabling us to book the hall at short notice and spreading the word about the changes.

I have discussed the future lighting of the path with Tom Kristensen, electrician and we feel that removable lights with an outside socket might be the best option but would need another faculty.

The quinquennial inspection is due this year so I will arrange for the electrician to check the church for faults.

Although the position of churchwarden is not onerous, I feel that it would be beneficial to have a second Churchwarden in case of accident illness or absence and I hope that someone will step forward.