

Rev Barbara Hodgson's to All Saints, Wold Newton, APCM 2019

We have received regular reports from our churchwardens over the past year so I do not propose to re-iterate them all.

One thing that we can highlight is the Shamrock Experience, although I was unable to attend, I have heard very good reports of the event.

I continue to visit Wold Newton School regularly and am always welcome there, and I enjoy a good relationship with the head-teacher, Luke Fletcher.

Unfortunately we were unable to plant more bulbs but the existing ones planted over the past 3 years look fab, we put some more in later in the year.

We held our 2nd Pets' Service, we were outside and it was another success and we hope to repeat it this year.

The 'Occasional Offices' ie baptisms, weddings & funerals have been low in number this year which, in the case of funerals, is obviously a good thing. We had 5 baptisms but unfortunately, no weddings, although we have one planned for this year. We held the funeral of our dear friend, Denis Hinds, this year. This is somewhat of a worry, so I propose that we look into how we can promote weddings at Wold Newton. The parish statistics will have to be looked at seriously in the near future.

Thank yous now, to the visiting clergy: Revds James Trousdale & Preb Peter Bowers & and to Heather Bingley, their services have been much appreciated.

To our excellent churchwardens, Carol & Julie, who work so tirelessly for All Saints, to Julie who doubles as Treasurer at the moment.

To all who read lessons and prepare intercessions.

To Pat Hatton & Dick Robinson for providing the music.

Thank you to all who provide flowers, do the cleaning, ring the bells, provide refreshments, give out books, keep the grounds tidy, repair roofs etc. if I have forgotten anyone, my apologies and thanks.

Thank you, especially, to the RPAs aka Worship Team who share with me in the planning and implementing of the weekly services and the 'specials' too.

Our 'Vestry Project' needs to move on now as the vestry floor is in desperate need of repair. Our idea of a meeting for parents & toddlers will be picked up after Easter, we had a good chat with Carolyn EDwards, from the diocese.

As always, my continued thanks to Glyn for all his help and support. Just to end, remember we can't sit on our laurels, so up and away, there is always much to do in the Lord's name.



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