

St. Peter's Church, Merton – Annual Report 2021-22

After almost two years of the church being closed due to the Nave Roof building works and Covid 19 restrictions, it was with great relief that we were able to resume services once again in September 2021. During this month a wedding also took place.

In December we once again held the traditional Candlelit Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments. An encouraging number of people came along, and it was refreshing to enjoy an opportunity to meet up with village folk once more, albeit respecting the requirement of socially distancing.

A very successful Daffodil Day was held on 23rd April 2022, with the usual delicious home-baked cakes, coffee and tea provided by the generous ladies of Merton. Although, because Spring arrived rather earlier than in other years, much of the breath-taking daffodil display round about was a little past its best, there was fortunately still a good showing of the late flowering varieties for visitors to enjoy.

The day was blessed with beautiful weather which encouraged a steady stream of visitors during the morning and afternoon. Rev'd Michaela Sorensen from St. Mary's Church, Watton - whom we are pleased to say is now well established with us for conducting our monthly Services - was at the Church all day, and was delighted with the opportunity to meet many of the Merton folk together with various other visitors from Watton and further afield.

Many people commented what a joy it is now to have Merton Church up and running again with all the roof repairs and other works completed. It is hoped that before long a small kitchenette will be installed near the south door. Plans for this are well underway and with the professional guidance of our architect there is every expectation that it will be as successful as the new nave roof, which is now covered in zinc, but with a look-alike lead appearance. There have been a great many compliments received since its completion!!

The Services scheduled for St. Peter's will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9.30 am, and will alternate between BCP Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. It is intended there will be some additional Evensong Services, to be notified in due course.

Forthcoming services

May:	Sunday 22 nd	Morning Prayer. 9.30 am
June:	Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion 9.30am
July:	Sunday 24 th	Morning Prayer. 9.30 am

Forthcoming Services will also be displayed on the church door

As required by Norwich Diocese, it should also be noted that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in St. Peter's Church on Friday 29th April at 4 pm. Minutes of the meeting were recorded in full and two Churchwardens were elected, these being Carole Y. Haggett & Roger B. Widdison.

Carole Haggett, Merton PCC