

Ludham Parochial Church Council - Annual Report for 2020.

The current Council consists of :

Lay Chairman - Ken Grapes. (Also Churchwarden and Fabric Officer).

Churchwarden - Rita Gibson.

PCC Secretary - Anne Grapes. (Also Deanery Synod Member).

Hon Treasurer - John Fletcher.

Members - Ian Watton (Reader).

Helen Middleton (Also Diocesan Synod Member and
Safeguarding Officer).

Christine Wall. Peter Wall. Terry McAree.

1. After the resignation of the Rev Deborah Hamilton Grey in the Autumn of 2019, the parish has been without a priest and remains so at the time of this report. Until the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic, all church services and activities continued as normal, thanks to the unstinting service of our four Authorised Worship Assistants. Services halted when parishes were instructed to close their churches. Subsequently, the church was open for private prayer, after a comprehensive risk assessment was carried out. With the latest lockdown, it was closed once more, but re-opened when the vaccination programme led successfully to a great reduction in infection. Normal Sunday services have resumed, observing all the dictates of Covid 19 precautions. The church has since been closed during the week due to the major works being carried out for the modernisation programme.

2. Modernisation Programme. The plans for this were approved by the PCC in 2019. They include the installation of a new ringing gallery in the tower base. In the space created underneath an accessible lavatory, a standard lavatory and a kitchenette will be built. The required drain and water supply will be laid through the churchyard to connect with the mains services in the Norwich Road. The project has been put out to tender and an estimate accepted from the contractor S&L Restoration Ltd. The total cost of the project is £131,393 and this sum has been raised by the PCC and the work began in the late Autumn of 2020. After the earlier installation of new lighting and heating, the completion of this project will see the church with all the facilities required for a successful future.

3. Stop Press. Advertisements have been placed for the appointment of a new Vicar. Outcome will be known in May 2021.

Ken Grapes. (Lay Chairman of the PCC).

29 April 2021.

