

Creeting St Mary Church Report

We have continued to have two services a month in our church with the other two weeks in the month at Creeting St Peter.

There are many other services in the Benefice each Sunday. The Zoom services continue as well.

Our Christmas craft fair and tea afternoon, late 2021, led by Maree Connold was very successful and enjoyed by lots of people. Beautiful homemade Christmas gifts were on sale. Our Easter service was a festal evensong, led by Henry Stanford with Ian Galbraith on the organ and the benefice choir. Sixty lilies were arranged by Caroline Barnes in memory of loved ones. The pedestal looked magnificent.

We were delighted to welcome the UEA to our Church in April, they were visiting two Churches in the area and came to us for morning coffee and a short talk on the history of our Church.

The SWT came to visit us in May to look at our beautiful church yard and help us to continue promoting wild flowers and habitats for animals living in and around the area.

They were delighted to see how the different areas were managed.

Our arrangement with Mr Ian Westgate is going very well. Ian manages the new church yard and spends four hours a month keeping it neat and tidy. Thank you to the Parish Council for their monetary input.

Other church yard work is done by volunteers over the year. We are extremely grateful to them for giving up their time.

Ian Galbraith has agreed to give us an organ recital in the near future.

We are hoping to have a tea afternoon in the Vestry on Wednesday 6 th July, 2–4pm. This will take the usual format with any profit being shared this year by Christian Aid and the Church.

Our Church supported, the Salvation Army, Family Refuge, Christian Aid and Stowmarket food bank.

We have 30 people on our electoral roll.

Here is a short account of life in St Mary's Church, Creeting St. Mary.

Glynis Clint.