

The Parish of St. Michael and All Angels' with St. Eadburgha's, Broadway
Annual Churchwarden Report for the year 2022

St. Michael's Church:

- The Church overall is in a good state of repair.
- The gutters/drainage cleaning/clearing and roof inspection is undertaken twice a year in spring and late autumn.
- The building is fully insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- We would like to thank the monthly cleaning party who ensure that the Church is looking as clean and tidy as possible. We would also like to thank Mr. Simon Williamson for ensuring that the clock keeps good time.
- We continue to ensure that the organ, clock, and fire extinguishers are serviced each year.
- The Choir Vestry has now been decorated and is being used by the village foodbank.
- The Organ has had some issues recently and our organ tuners, Clevedon Organs, have undertaken some remedial work costing approx. £3,000 to ensure it works to a satisfactory standard for services, weddings and funerals. Clevedon Organs are currently preparing a report for the PCC to consider recommended work required to the electrical components. This work will cost an estimated £30,000 but will ensure that the organ can be played for another 25/30 years. A special thank you to our young organist, Oliver Edwardes, who now plays the organ one Sunday a month and also as and when he is available, which not only sounds wonderful, but helps the organ!
- An appeal has been launched to help fund repairs to the organ and also for a replacement disabled access lift, the latter of which will cost approx. £15,000
- A replacement handrail has been installed within the organ loft.

St. Eadburgha's Church:

- The Church is maintained in a good state of repair.
- The building is fully insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- The gutters/drainage cleaning/clearing and roof inspection is undertaken twice a year in spring and late autumn.
- We continue to ensure that the fire extinguishers are serviced each year.
- The major project taken on by the Friends of St. Eadburgha's was the conservation of the 1641 Charles I Coat of Arms, which has now been remounted on the Chancel Wall and looks magnificent – Thank you to all those involved in this project.
- Incorporated within the above project was the addition of a pair of spotlights, which now illuminate the Coat of Arms. The organ now has additional speakers to enhance its sound, especially for weddings and concerts.
- An electronic card reader has been installed to encourage giving, especially to those visiting the Church and attending services/events.

- We would like to thank the Friends of St. Eadburgha's for its support throughout the year, both financially and the Thursday cleaning party for keeping the church so clean and tidy inside and outside.
- Our thanks also go to Mr. John Taylor for keeping the churchyard so well maintained.
- The matters raised within last year's Tree Report have been addressed – the tree branches overhanging the graveyard on the south side of the Church have been cut back. The dead sycamore tree stump at the front of the Church has been removed and an oak tree to commemorate the life and service of HM Queen Elizabeth II has been planted near to the spot. A cherry tree in memory of Prince Phillip has also been planted.

Other Matters:

- The graveyard, along Snowhill Road, is well maintained, with thanks to Mr. John Taylor.

Church attendances in both Churches is still nowhere near pre-pandemic levels, but numbers are increasing slightly, people appear to be coming once a fortnight or so, rather than every week.

As Churchwarden I welcome any feedback or concerns, both positive and negative, from all who attend and visit both churches. I will attempt to resolve all issues raised and will pass on praise where deserved but will also try to put right matters/issued as required.

I would especially like to thank Revd Michelle Ward for all her hard work and commitment during a difficult year. The worship committee meet on a regular basis, and thanks to Revd. Jo Williamson, and ALM's Kevin Beasley, John Hayes and Michelle Young for all their support to ensure that services are fully covered.

I also very much appreciate the support of fellow members of the PCC during the year and look forward to working with them to take the church forward in these most difficult times. We must ensure that we all encourage and welcome everyone, both new and old friends, to our two beautiful churches in Broadway.

A special thanks to John Hayes, who has decided to step down as Churchwarden and ALM. John and I have worked together well over the past years, supporting each other through thick and thin. I greatly appreciate all he has done, he may be small in stature, but in my eyes, he stands tall in his support and commitment – he has promised to help with 'faculties' - which is a great relief!! Thank you, John.

Thanks also to Gill Hammond for all her support, especially as Verger at Weddings.

Mr. Kevin Beasley
Churchwarden