



Pulham St. Mary Magdalene Church

TO PULHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

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REPORT FOR 2023 / 4

We have been delighted to welcome the Rev Carl Melville to the Benefice during the year. He has quickly made an impact in the Benefice, and living in the Rectory, Station Road, he is now a familiar presence about the village.

We have relied on temporary heating this winter which has been less than satisfactory, but church members have stoically attended worship each Sunday. The lack of heating however has meant that it has been impossible to stage our traditional Christmas concert and other events. We have commissioned a new heating system on the premiss that we heat the people rather than the air / building, we are also moving away from oil as a fuel. Work is starting on Monday 11th March 24 to install heated seat cushions.

The church continues to deliver on its Mission to be at the centre of the village, and since the pandemic have restarted Coffee stop, a facility for young Mums / Dads and their pre-school children to meet for coffee after dropping their older children off at school. We have also continued with the Community lunch, twice a month, for people who prefer not to eat alone. The Brewhouse is in constant use, as both a meeting place for the Community, church meetings and events.

Keeping up with the times, the church is now connected to the internet which has afforded the opportunity of installing a contactless card facility, it is seldom these days that people carry any amount of cash with them - this will enable people to give in a modern way.

The PCC would like to thank the Parish Council for their support during the year. The church is open every day from 09.30am - 4.30pm so that we can continue to share the love of Jesus with the people of Pulham Market and of the wider Community.

Alan Thorp – Church Warden