

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for inviting the PCC to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. I believe it's the first time we have been invited and welcome any opportunity for all groups in our very small village to be working alongside one another.

We welcomed Rev. Amanda Oliver last August as Rector in Church of the seven churches in the Welland Valley Benefice. We are very lucky to have someone with great energy, new ideas and who has great empathy which everyone she meets.

The closing of the Church, our only communal space in the village, due to unsafe ceiling panels in the nave, just prior to Christmas was a huge shock but somehow with a huge amount of goodwill and a lot of hard work and the repair completed, the Church re-opened in mid-March.

Fund raising became key, an Events teams was formed, Friends of St. Mary's Restoration team are having great fun with planning events and we hope you will support these fun events which bring our community together.

The P.C.C. are indebted to those who have given personal donations, those who have worked On Grant Applications and Friends of St. Mary's Restoration team who have ensured the Church is open again for the Community.

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Margaret White.