

St Andrew's Church, Walberswick Annual Report 2024-25

I have pleasure in submitting the following report to the 2025 Annual Parish meeting on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church Walberswick.

At the beginning of the year the PCC conducted a village wide survey to ascertain what villagers and visitors alike valued about the church. Visits to the churchyard and building for reflection and quiet contemplation were most popular, with many also valuing the prayerfulness of services. The survey also highlighted the need for a greater variety of musical styles, for more provision for children and young people and for more diverse use of the building for community functions. All these comments the PCC is starting to address.

Our weekday services on Wednesdays at 10am continue to attract a small but loyal congregation for a traditional service of Holy Communion. We are grateful to our organists and choir who lead Choral Evensong on the second Sunday of each month, and we are to develop our Sunday morning offerings to attract more families to St Andrew's.

The PCC remains especially grateful to all those who serve in the church, providing flowers, cleaning the building, maintaining the churchyard, playing music, singing and ensuring services run week by week.

We are also incredible thankful for the donation which was received from the 2024 Village Fete which goes towards the continued provision of ministry in the village.

Work to repair some of the internal plasterwork and decoration is soon to get underway and 2025 should also see significant repairs to the churchyard boundary wall along the roadside.

Huge thanks go to the Friends of St Andrew's who continue to raise funds for the upkeep and development of the fabric of the church. This year we hope to install a new sound and visual system which the Friends have kindly agree to fund.

Revd Russ Gant - Team Rector

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