

PULHAM ST MARY PCC ANNUAL REPORT. March 2024.

We have 8 members on the PCC who have met 10 times throughout the year. All members have now complied with the safeguarding training, which is done on line.

2 members attended a first aid course held at the Pennoyer Centre and received certificates.

We had our Quinquennial Inspection carried out by our architect in May. This takes place every 5 years and looks at the entire church, inside and out. There was some work the PCC could do which we have. But in October we had so much water in the church. It came in the East window and ran down the wall where the tower joins the church, and numerous other places through the roof. It was clear then that much work was needed. The architect and diocese met to make a list of works needing to be done. We are waiting for their report. The new rector, who was appointed in September, called a parish meeting to explain the situation and the response from the many that attended was good.

We have organised the following events throughout the year. They include a concert, afternoon tea, fete, bazaar and plant sale. All held in the church. We celebrated King Charles III coronation with a picnic.

We have weekly services and special services ie. Mothering Sunday, Easter, Remembrance, Toy service which helps to provide presents for disadvantaged children in the area at Christmas. As well as many services leading up to Christmas. We raised money for Christian Aid with a coffee morning and EACH benefitted from Carol singing in the village just before Christmas. We have a box at the back of the church which accepts tinned or packaged items for the Waveney food bank.

The churchyard is left for wild flowers, but do cut with the help of volunteers in June, September and October. We regularly cut foot paths through the churchyard and keep the War Graves tidy. It is a large churchyard and takes a lot of work to get it all done. We thank the parish council for their contribution. It is much appreciated. We took down brambles on the north east boundary and have planted some hedging.

We have our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on Saturday 20th April at 10.30 am. Anyone who lives in the village is welcome to come. Those on the Electoral Roll are able to vote if required.