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**Summary Reports 2022** 

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We wish you all a very warm welcome to All Saints' Croxley Green. This year has been very special to us as we have celebrated the 150th year of the consecration of our Church. In addition to our Anniversary Service, attended by many

distinguished guests including the Bishop of St Albans and the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, we also held a Flower Festival in July and a Beer Festival in November. Full details of

these events can be found in our Annual Report which also summarises all the actions and activities that we have undertaken during the year. This year's report covers 42 pages with 28 separate headings, very interesting reading with a cup of tea or coffee or whatever takes your fancy. A hard copy is available for your inspection at the back of the Church or can be viewed online on our website at www.croxleygreenallsaints.org

We are indeed very fortunate at All Saints' to have many people giving their time and energy to ensure that your Church runs smoothly and is kept in first class order. The overall responsibility for this rests with the Parochial Church Council chaired by the Vicar together with elected Church Wardens and lay members. Various committees and sub groups are then appointed to cover the various functions needed to achieve this.

Similar to all households and business the balancing of our finances is vital to ensure our ongoing presence in the community. This year has been particularly challenging for everyone with the spiralling energy prices and the onset of inflation. However, through diligent financial control, the generous support of our community and the hard work given freely by our parishioners, a financial balance has been achieved again for 2023.

## So, here is a taste of just some of the activities we have undertaken over the year:

Within the Church 2022 saw the balustrade extended to the west wall and the construction of the access ramp to give access for all to the whole of the Church. Our quinquennial Inspection

was completed with no major repairs identified.

We are very conscious that there is great demand for the use of our hall facility and the Hall Committee have continued to work tirelessly to keep this facility in first class order. Major enhancements have been planned which will be seen coming to fruition during 2023.

Our Friday Drop-in Café, which started in 2021 has gone from strength to strength. This is now a regular meeting time for many in the community to enjoy homemade cakes a drink and a chat.

You may not be aware of it, but on a monthly basis we produce a Church Magazine. This can be enjoyed, free of charge, either physically or online to keep you up to date with events

taking place as well as many interesting and varied articles.

Interestingly 2022 saw the first full year of Church service attendance in person since the outbreak of Coronavirus. All are welcome to our services and if you would like to take part there is always a welcome here for you. You can also be in contact



via social media and follow us at www.facebook.com/croxleyallsaintschurch

We continue to be actively represented at the Church of England's Deanery within Rickmansworth. We also continue to support other Churches in Croxley Green through representation and active support of Churches Together where we also participate at the Croxley Green Foodbank and the Parish Nurse Scheme.

**Safeguarding** continues to receive our undivided attention keeping up to date with changing requirements to make our Church environment a safe place for all.

**Our Church** continues to be the success it is through the support it receives from the congregation and members of the wider community. We thank you all for the valuable contribution that you have made in maintaining our vibrant active and welcoming Church.

## Nik Bennett, PCC Lay Vice-Chair

