**CHURCHWARDEN REPORT**

**FOR APCM ON 23rd APRIL 2021**

For the past year we have been in various situations from complete lockdown to opening the Church on a “ticket” basis.

Despite these restrictions meetings between myself and Mandy have continued via telephone calls, Zoom calls and face to face meetings.

The subjects from last year are updated as follows:

**Cupboards**

A Faculty was granted but to date there are now no funds to continue this project. This therefore remains on the future To Do List.

**Sound System**

We are very blest inasmuch as we have talented people in our congregation who can make “magic” and work our Zoom system and therefore our Wednesday and Sunday services are able to be seen by those at home who are unable to join us in person. We were very kindly given some new microphones by St Michaels PCC. These initiatives have helped a lot and until we can raise the money for a complete screen system we are better able to communicate than last year.

**Matters arising from Archdeacon’s Visitation.**

Roy is still collating the photographs to complete the Terrier, ready for this year’s Visitation.

Roy, with the assistance of Dave, has replaced old and broken lights and has re-routed the sound system wiring into coverings to make it safe and aesthetically pleasing. These works necessitated using a tower scaffold and the congregation owes Roy a great debt of thanks for all his efforts, skills and knowledge in making safe the wiring and ensuring our church is better lit.

**Assistant Curates.**

We said a sad goodbye to Sarah as she and her family moved to a new parish and we said a very big welcome to Rachel who has joined us to complete her training.

Without the talents, skills, knowledge and ministry of these two beautiful women we would be much the poorer as a Church and we thank them both for all they do for our Church and our congregation.

**Forthcoming Vacancy**

It is going to be a very sad day for us all when Mandy, and Roy, leave us on 16th August to retire.

To this end, I am having meetings with Mandy and with the Archdeacon to try and presumpt any future problems that may arise. Needless to say we won’t have all the answers in advance of Mandy’s retirement but with the help of you all I am sure we will overcome all the daily problems that are needed to run the church.

Rachel will be of invaluable help to us in Ministry matters and Hazel and Michael earn our thanks for their never failing assistance in conducting services and supporting us all.

As we gradually come out of lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government, we are looking at slowly reaching out to the wider community and our congregation. We are looking at implementing having outside coffee after Church and slowly opening our doors without the need for tickets.

I have detailed updates of past concerns and, due to the Lockdown; there have been little or no chance of meeting to formulate new ideas for fundraising and social events.

I continue to meet Mandy to discuss any points that arise regarding the smooth running of the Church.

I am willing to continue to stand for the role of Churchwarden and would welcome anyone who wishes to join me in the role.

Gillian Micallef