

Report from All Saints Church, Shipdham for the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

The church is gradually getting back to regular congregational meetings following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

However its income has been sorely affected, as even when the building was closed, bills such as insurance still had to be paid, but we have been grateful for a number of generous legacies.

Despite all that, a team of volunteers has refurbished the floors, deep cleaned the kitchen and toilets, and are providing a new carpet for the north isle and the Shipdham News was still published. Our most exciting news is that our new vicar Rev'd Laura Purnell and her husband Martin move into the Rectory tomorrow – and Laura will be licensed at a special service on 26th April in All Saints. She will serve as Team Vicar within the Dereham Team Ministry – part-time as Vicar for Shipdham and Bradenham, and part-time as the Schools Worker across the benefice (which is a new role for benefice)

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the church in any way, and especially the Parish Council for their continued support both financially and practically – especially in their assistance with the Shipdham News.

Our final thanks go to Rev'd Doreen Fotherby and other local clergy and lay ministers for their unflagging dedication in ensuring that all services have taken place, even through the most difficult times.