

Church Warden's Report Christ Church 2022

It is hard to believe that this is my fifth Church Warden's report - I wrote my first in 2018 - and looking back I am very aware of how things have changed for our congregation, both personally and as church members. We have come to accept that our worship has changed too. Unfortunately some of our church friends are now unable to worship with us in person but thankfully, now that some of our services are streamed they can worship with us at home. The use of audio visual technology has been of enormous benefit and its use has been recently enhanced by the installation of the new audio visual desk in December. Many thanks to Chris Kemp for this.

As an integral part of these changes we have continued to have welcomers greet our congregation as they arrive at the Sunday 11.00am service. This has been much appreciated and has added to the friendly atmosphere as people arrive. We have also taken on the task of preparing the altar for communion and making sure that everything is ready for the services. Thanks to all those who are part of this team. Your help is much appreciated - and new members are always welcome - just ask. My grateful thanks go as always to Deputy Warden Pam Humphrey. By the time of the APCM she and I will have completed this year's inventory of the church's contents. Hopefully this will have gone well.

Sadly we had to suspend our safeguarding training programme at the beginning of 2020 because of the pandemic but we hope to restart this in the autumn. As times change we have continued to update our risk assessments to ensure that all are safe when they come to Christ Church, whether for services, meetings or leisure activities.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone here, both clergy and congregation, for helping to make Christ Church the welcoming and caring community that it is. Thank you.

Joan Collins April 2022