

**St. Bartholomew's, Corton
Churchwarden's Report 2023**

I believe we can look back on the last year as one of sustained congregations, considering we only average two services a month, unfortunately we do not have enough people in our congregation to help out on alternate Sunday's, it was nice to welcome Jane Fermor to our congregation and PCC.

It was especially encouraging to see a full Church on Christmas Eve and again on Easter Sunday, with favourable comments written in the visitors book.

Fundraising is slowly starting up again after covid, with thanks to Gary and Paula Brown we had a very successful strawberry Fayre held in their garden, we had the St. George's day fish & chip supper, and the harvest supper always popular, our thanks to June & Sheila for there very entertaining entertainment, the year finished with villages joining with St Bartholomew's members Carol singing in Gary's garden, Unfortunately the concert arranged to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee was cancelled due to the Queen's death.

We are very grateful to all who give of there time for the smooth running of our Church, Sidespeople, those on the cleaning rota, flower people, Trixie for coffee after services, Rachel for her dedication on the organ, Stan & Heather for working the hymnal, Ann treasurer, Dave Fermor, David Butcher, Norman Cossey ,for work in the churchyard.

Special thanks to David and Norman for overseeing the building works and fabric of the church (there will be a separate report from Norman on the building works)

We sadly lost Dr Stanley Cooper, earlier this year, a much loved and valued member of our congregation for many years, a very caring man who is sadly missed, our love goes to Joan his wife.

The organ was restored in September in loving memory of Jeannie Gunn, who worshiped with us for many years and whose husband David used to play the organ, a plaque has been put up to commemorate this.

I finish this report with my special thanks to David & Ann Butcher , for their help they have given me again this year , very much appreciated thank you.

Nigel for his support and advice, Stan for all the odd jobs he does around the Church, like replacing locks for the Church Warden, thanks Stan,

For the good of St Bartholomew's, we must all give-and - take a little and pull together to remain the happy and friendly church we have always been. Thank you all for your continuing support.

Wendy.