

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, RENDHAM  
CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 DEC.2023

During 2023 our services followed the usual pattern of Morning Prayer alternating with Holy Communion. All the MP services were taken by Rupert Wallis to whom we are truly grateful. The 13 Eucharist services were taken by the Rev. Martin Percival. Attendance at these services remained poor at an average of 9, although Easter 24, Harvest Evensong 19 were more satisfactory. We are grateful to Prof. John Tesh for taking the Remembrance Day service which had an attendance of 30. We had no Christmas Day service but a Benefice service was celebrated at Bruisyard. No baptisms weddings or funerals took place during the year.

Regarding the upkeep of St. Michael's, work was carried out to replace flashing at the junction of the tower and the nave roof where water had penetrated, and guttering and downpipe from the vestry roof were renewed. A very beautiful curtain has been erected behind the altar, the gift of a generous donor. A smart meter has been fitted, and all the chandelier bulbs have been replaced by LEDs.

A coffee morning organised by church members in December raised a substantial sum for the Red Cross.

Our thanks are due to Jean Palmer who undertakes the cleaning of the church, and also to the volunteers who spent a whole day attacking formerly inaccessible cobwebs. The Flower Team have done wonders throughout the year, and the grass-cutting volunteers have ensured that the churchyard looks its best. To all our helpers we are deeply grateful.

We would like to congratulate all those who made the Rendham Fete in July such a success. This annual event benefits us all and is something to be proud of.