

## St Edmunds Church Thurne - PCC Report May 2023

During the year we have had 16 recorded services which included one baptism, one Wild Church, the Remembrance Service, a Funeral Service for Mr James Bondi (a much respected and well known former resident and publican), The Tenebrae Easter Eve Service, The Advent Carol service and Christmas Moonlight Mass. We also held the Sea Service on Thurne Staithe in July.

The church is open every day. The visitors book and gift box income indicates very clearly that we have many visitors to our church and it is greatly admired and all enjoy its peacefulness and view over the Broads. There are regular grateful comments left about the church being open.

The maintenance costs of the church have been kept to the minimum but maintenance is not being neglected. The bulk of the costs for the thatch repair to the nave roof was met by the insurance company.

The churchyard and cemetery continue to be maintained by Robert Parker and David Bradnock and our thanks go to them and to the Parish Council for their financial support.

There are five names on the Electoral Roll. The church has been kept open daily throughout the year for the benefit of local people as well as visitors. There have been some encouraging comments about the church being peaceful as well as a beautiful place.

The Parish Share of £3,000 due to the Diocese has been paid but this as for the past five years has had to come from the PCC reserves which are rapidly diminishing. The Parish Share has now been reduced to £2,000 which entitles St Edmunds to only quarter services. Until December 2022, St Edmunds was in a Benefice of four parishes. Since January 2023, this has evolved into a much larger Team Ministry comprising 19 parishes known as the Flegg group of churches.

We are extremely grateful to Thurne Parish Council for the contribution from the Village Fete proceeds. Thanks must go to Ann Lamb and Jenny Davies along with the Archive Group for providing maps for sale - we are very much indebted to them. Ann Lamb also raised funds through sales of tea towels (which she designed incorporating a map of Thurne) plant and card sales. We were also thankful to receive other donations.

To try to safeguard the continuation of regular services at St Edmunds, there will fund raising activities for the church in the coming months - details will be posted on the village noticeboard and church website ( <https://www.flegg.org.uk/parish-churches/st-edmund-thurne/> ) on both of which details of all services throughout the Team Ministry are posted in the *Flegg Flyer* newsletter on a weekly basis.

We are very sorry to lose one of our stalwart parishioners Pat George, past churchwarden and dedicated fundraiser, who has moved to Acle. Ours thanks must go to David for his continual support of the church both as a member of the PCC and his assistance with the matters relating to the church.

Finally our thanks must go to Steven and his family for his continued support and most helpful assistance in the running St Edmunds Church.

Carol Delf  
Churchwarden & PCC Treasurer  
11 May 2023