

## St Mary's Church, Yarlington 2022-23 Report for Parish Council

At the start of the year Covid was still causing anxieties. Services continued over Easter while we were in Australia for a wedding!

The Church was decorated with flags, inside and out for the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations. The Big lunch happened in the field adjacent to the church and was very well attended.

On the sad death of Her Majesty, the Bell in the Church was tolled – with others across the Nation, for an hour. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month's service of evensong was replaced with a Service of Celebration for the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

A Harvest Festival was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and the church was adorned with apples from this year's bumper crops.

The Christmas Choir was once again formed, and rehearsals took place in Yarlington and Galhampton churches, preparing for the first 'live' Choir singing since the start of Covid 2 years ago. The Carol Service was very well attended on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and had the young soloist, Jerry, performing for the first time, singing 'The Dormouse Carol', as well as starting us off with 'Once in Royal David's City'.

New Year's Day on a Sunday meant we were the first church in the Parish to welcome in the New Year 2023.

We've had a couple of Special PCC's to discuss the possibilities for the future, and what plans for the Camelot Parish will bring. We await what will be decided for us as we adjust to life after our rector, Tristram, retires in August, and The Bath and Wells Diocese re-arranges everything...

We are still in the process of getting the floor replaced. Easter will be celebrated with an Egg hunt in the Churchyard before the service in the evening, and some fund raising plans are being thought of over the Summer.

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