

St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's has enjoyed a largely uneventful year.

We have had one funeral held at St Margaret's during the year – for Peter Walker, who had been a long term friend of the Church and someone who had been an integral part of the workings of St Margaret's and the wider village for many years.

On a brighter note, there has been one wedding (of James Cruise to Charlotte Warren) and there have been two christenings.

Caroline Sage ran a very successful fête and a coffee morning was held in November which was enjoyed by those that attended.

We were able to join in the celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the siting of a beacon on the top of the church tower, although not without the need to jump through a fair few bureaucratic hoops first. A donation was subsequently been received from the organising committee, which was much appreciated.

The door to the church has been re-painted and is looking particularly smart.

During the year our Quinquennial inspection has taken place and the report is awaited. It is anticipated this will recommend the repair of the churchyard wall but on the basis that this could be done in phases. It is hoped that there will be no other nasty surprises.

Once again Graham Sage kindly conducted the Crib and Candle service on Christmas Eve. As ever, the service was very well attended with almost 100 present.

On 31 January Catherine Llewellyn Evans was licensed as our house for duty priest of the United parish and had already begun making her mark.

As ever, thanks are due to all those who give time to help with the mowing, the flowers and the cleaning with particular thanks to Angela Mills for taking on the organisation of the flowers rota.