HORNINGSHAM ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2024

Looking at the report I wrote last year, very little has changed. Our rector Pauline retired last October and we expect the post to remain vacant for a year. Organising services with the help of retired clergy is a huge challenge and our licensed lay minister Robert works hard to make sure that there is a service somewhere in the parish every Sunday.

The number of services we have at Horningsham is dwindling. The congregation at Easter was a huge disappointment and I don’t know if it will be offered next year. The Christmas Day and Plough Sunday services continue to be very popular. We host a Benefice service occasionally when there are five Sundays in the month and this is well supported by all the villages.

It is reassuring to know that visitors continue to be grateful to find a church that is open. It is always interesting to read their comments in the visitors’ book.

The building is in good order and, as always, we are grateful to the Parish Council for funding the mowing of the grass. The sum of money we receive from the Village Fayre each year is also much appreciated. We have much to be thankful for.