

## **News from St Leonard's Aston le Walls for the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 08.04.21**

Like all village organisations 2020 has been a difficult year. We very regretfully had to suspend public worship for many months, though the church remained open for private prayer. We were able to introduce Benefice Evening Prayer via Zoom which proved very welcome and is continuing each Sunday.

We were unable to say a proper farewell to Stevie Cross when she retired after being our Rector for ten years. Equally we were unable to welcome our new Rector, Paul Trathen in person. He was licenced on 6<sup>th</sup> January via Zoom.

As we were unable to hold any fundraising events, including the Summer Fete and the Mens Men Concert, we sadly had to dip into reserves to pay our Parish Share in full.

The Quinquennial report did not bring up any major works. It just reminded us that we have phase 3 of the Restoration Programme to complete. We hope to do this this year.

We were able to hold in person services over Easter and look forward to a regular pattern in the future.

Susan Fagg

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