

Who's Who

Rector

The process of appointing a new Vicar is underway. For church business there is a new email address and a new contact phone number. The phone number is really only for booking funerals, weddings, baptisms etc.

The new email is:

woolpitanddrinkstonebenefices@gmail.com

And the phone number is 07396 846316

Routine enquiries should be directed to the churchwarden in the first instance, preferably by email

Churchwardens

Mark Campbell: 07597 797670

campbellmc3@gmail.com

Vacant

Churchwardens play a critical role in being responsible for the church building/fabric of the church, as well as assisting with the smooth running of Sunday services.

Church Council members

Treasurer: Tony Schmitt 01449 737264

Secretary: Lynne Woodward 01359 789131

Diocesan Synod rep.: Vacant

Fabric: Dave Woodward

VH rep/liaison Christine Lambert

Safeguarding Officer: Astrid Gale

Fundraising liaison Jo Stark

Fabric (non PCC) David Ford

The Council meets regularly to discuss items ranging from maintenance of the building to how to encourage people to share their faith.

All Saints



All Saints, Drinkstone

Welcomes you!



Welcome!

Whether you are new to Drinkstone, or have been here a long time, you are assured of a warm welcome in our church. All Saints is the village church of Drinkstone, Our benefice currently has a vacancy following Revd Ruth Farrell's retirement in July 2024 after 18 wonderful years with us.

Sunday Services

In our rural village, the congregation is small (between 12 to 20 folk) but friendly and very welcoming. In the vacancy we have 3 organists sharing the playing of our recently restored organ. In addition our church bells are rung on the 2nd and 5th Sundays following a 4 year restoration project.

1st Sunday No service at All Saints *

2nd Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 10.00 am Breakfast followed by an informal discussion, prayer and music.

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday Benefice Service, at present, at Drinkstone

*Service at Woolpit church at 10.45am

Any changes are notified via the Parish Magazine & Drinkstone Information service

Special services

All these are family friendly and everyone is welcome. We believe that children and young people are the Church of today as well as of tomorrow.

Easter The church looks beautiful with stunning Easter flowers, and there's usually Easter eggs too.

Harvest—the wonderful flower team excel themselves to decorate the church with nature's bounty. By way of appreciating all the good things we have, we invite people to bring non perishable items suitable for the foodbanks/Women's Refuge. Any monies are donated to a charity in great need at the time.

Christmas Everyone looks forward to the Carol service, when we expect a nearly full church. Every year is different and we try to include a choir and something that appeals to the younger ones.

Occasional Services

All enquiries regarding baptisms, marriage and funerals should be addressed to our churchwarden in the first instance. See under Who's Who.

Fellowship

After church coffee is a very important social time, provided after the 9.30 services. It is often difficult to get folk to go home!

Getting involved

We believe that everyone has gifts and skills to offer. All Saints has long been served by a considerable number of people who play a vital role in spreading the load – such as church cleaning, flowers, sidespersons' duties, refreshments and so on. We also have a rota for reading the Bible in church, and a number of lay people assist with the distribution of communion. We encourage people to participate in different ways in the life of the church.

Social

There is always a need for fund raising when you have a 14th century church to maintain!

A great team meet regularly to plan varied events including Coffee mornings and plant sales, Open Gardens, garden parties, Harvest Suppers, and varied Christmas events. These events raise money but also bring people together.

Any additional events will be publicized in the parish Magazine and via the Drinkstone information service.

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