

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH REPORT

MAY 17TH 2022

During 2021/22 our Benefice of the GUILT Cross Group has undergone some changes.

We started 2021 still in an Interregnum and the PCC was seriously considering if we were a viable church. It was not possible early on to have church services due to Covid restrictions and this also had an impact on church finances.

We have subsequently been notified that our Benefice is to join with the East Harling Benefice and for the time being to be known as the East Harling and GUILT Cross Benefice. Kenninghall was transferred into the Quidenham group so we are currently a group of 8 parishes with the possibility of two more to be included in time.

In August, Revd. Simon Richardson was appointed Priest in Charge of the Benefice. He was licenced and welcomed at a service in East Harling Church on ~~22nd September~~ ^{NOVEMBER 3rd} 2022. The Rectory will be in East Harling.

The church building continues to require much ongoing maintenance. The south wall is showing signs of movement and advice has been sought from the church architect and a structural engineer. The PCC applied, and were fortunate to obtain a grant for one year's monitoring of the south wall. Additionally, the structural engineer has requested a further year of monitoring as one year is not deemed conclusive enough for him to advise on the remedial work that will be required.