

## **St. Martin's, Tuddenham**

### **Report from the Parochial Church Council for Tuddenham Annual Parish Meeting 6th May 2025**

St.Martin's has maintained its steady presence in the village. We are lucky to have an excellent priest in Rev.Charlotte Cook who now has the help of a curate, Rev.Simon Ramacci. The regular pattern of services at 9.30am on a Sunday continues and we also have a half hour slot on a Thursday morning at 9.30am for readings, discussion and prayer. Outdoor services on the Church Hill for Remembrance and at Christmas time are very popular and the lit Christmas tree and crib on Church Hill have equally been enjoyed. The Church is open at the weekends between 10am and 4pm.

The church continues to be floodlit on a regular basis and this has proven to be a beacon of hope for those experiencing difficult times. An opportunity for published sponsorship by villagers has helped offset the higher electricity costs of doing this. The floodlit church is much admired by those driving through the village on dark evenings as well as those out and about on foot.

The fabric of the building and the churchyard are in generally good order. Andrew Offord continues to cut the grass and hedges, and volunteers undertake additional tasks which help maintain the churchyard. The ongoing financial support given by the Parish Council for this maintenance work continues to be very helpful and much appreciated. Two more benches in memory of village residents have been installed in the last year and these have been much enjoyed by those using the churchyard as well as giving the opportunity for some quiet contemplation.

The bell ringing group continues to flourish and their efforts are much enjoyed by village residents.

The Electoral Roll is in the process of being renewed which is required every 5 years. Numbers are usually in the region of 20 – 30.

We are looking forward to our Annual Fete on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June and there will be a Quiz and gift Day in the autumn. The stalls on Church Hill are also popular. We are very grateful for the support given by the village for all these events, which also give us the opportunity for genuine fellowship and the fostering of community spirit.

Monica Pipe  
Jim Bird

*Churchwardens*