Flordon Reports 2024 (reporting on 2023)

PCC Report

We met 5 times in 2023. The PCC have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults (section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016*), and continue to review and comply with the guidance. PCC undertook training in line with the new national framework. The benefice welcomed the appointment of David Melling as Safeguarding administrator, who is working on bringing us more into line with the framework across the benefice, in terms of training and appropriate DBS checks.

Regular services continued, with some good seasonal specials too. We noticed a fall in attendance at the 8:30am service, so trialling a new pattern of midweek later morning communion service for a few months this year (2024)

We had no weddings, funerals or memorial applications in 2023, so no fees received. We had a wonderful baptism occasion in June.

The Plant Sale was our biggest fundraiser.

We produced and distributed a finance information leaflet to every home in Flordon to help with the financial shortfall we are experiencing, which did result in a handful of new donors, for whom we are grateful. Unfortunately, we did not meet the full parish share request for the year again, with over £3000 shortfall.

We continue to explore possibilities with the diocesan Glebe committee, regarding the best way to manage the surrounding strips of Glebe land.

Fabric Report

We continued to attend to urgent works and anything relating to health and safety concerns, in order to keep the building functioning and safe.

We are grateful to the support of the Flordon Community Trust who share the cost of insurance and utilities. We are also grateful to the team of volunteers who helped us maintain the churchyard, and this year also laid weed suppressant and shingle around the base of the church, in order to make maintenance less taxing in the future.

The inventory of goods is unchanged from the previous year and everything is present.

Electoral Roll

There was no change in the roll, maintaining a total of 5 people, 4 living in Flordon, and 1 just outside the Flordon boundary: Janice Hale, Janet Negal, Jean Cook, Pam Harvey & Kerry Ford.