

Report for Fawkham Annual Parish Meeting 2020

I took up my post as Churchwarden for the Parish of Fawkham and Hartley at the end of March 2019. My fellow churchwarden, Christine Hoad and I decided that generally speaking she would take responsibility for All Saints Church, Hartley and I would take responsibility for St Mary's Fawkham.

During the past year I have been privileged to warden various services held in the Church for Fawkham Church of England Primary School and Steephill School and have been most impressed by the children and staff attending these services.

My predecessor, Andrew Gray, had told me that he maintained an association with Fawkham Parish Council

For that reason I started coming to the Parish Council Meetings as the church representative

I felt very strongly that during the interregnum it was particularly important to establish a link between the Church and Civil parishes and I am pleased to have been met with a very friendly welcome.

We have discussed ways of overcoming the problems of communicating information about Church services and events using the systems available to the Parish Council including the Fawkham Community Facebook.

We have also co-operated in the planning of the Fawkham VE Day commemoration events with a special church service, the planting of a tree and Picnic for Victory in the Church Field.

We were hoping to develop future plans for a Nature area in the Church Field to link in with the Diocesan Eco church initiative. The Parish council have already very kindly planted daffodil bulbs near the seats in the churchyard to link with Fawkham in Bloom. These lovely flowers are blooming and provided a colourful display to cheer the spirits on the many overcast days we had in February and early March.

Sadly most of these events have had to be postponed due to the current coronavirus restrictions.

Once these restrictions have been lifted I look forward to joining with the Parish Council to celebrate and give thanks for the joyous resumption of village life.

Gillian Cramp
Churchwarden
26th March 2020