

Report from St Marys Church, Naughton

The PCC held 4 meetings during the last year plus the AGM, At the meetings the main items discussed have been finance, the fabric, Parish Giving, H&S, safeguarding, services, Deanery Synod and the ongoing building work listed in the last quinquennial report. We are due another quinquennial inspection this year and we have our fingers crossed they don't find anything too drastic.

During the last year we held 19 services, down on the previous year. Total attendance was 311, also down on last year. There have been no baptisms or weddings, but one funeral during the year. Collections were also down. We managed to pay our quota for 2023 of £6277 in full. Mainly due to the May Fayre, which is our main fundraiser for the year. The PCC would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out in anyway, you make it the success that it is and we couldn't do it without you all.

This year we also held a wreath making fund raiser, which was also a success and something we will hopefully be holding again in 2024.

The historic churches sponsored ride and stride saw 9 people visit our church this year, much lower than last year, but extreme hot weather probably didn't help. Unfortunately, no one cycled for St Marys.

And finally, we were very sad to see Rev Elke retire in November. Thankfully Teresa Lester is doing her local ordination training and is a great asset to the Benefice as we are now in interregnum again. Hopefully we won't have to wait too long for a new rector.