

St Augustine Church Report 2018
For Westbury Annual Parish Meeting

There are two services each month at St Augustines, plus others at festival times and when we host the whole benefice. Christmas and Remembrance are particular times when we appreciate parishioners joining us, and it was very good at Christmas to have the church full for the various services. We look forward to sharing other events to support both the Church and the Village Hall.

There are a small number of parishioners on the electoral roll, who come regularly to services and serve on the Parochial Church Council, and other villagers who very generously donate, support fund raising efforts and help in other ways by opening and closing the church, cleaning and arranging flowers, and mowing the grass and keeping the churchyard tidy for which we are very grateful. The church receives no money from central funds for the upkeep of the building, and so we have to work hard to keep our historic church in good condition. We have made some repairs to the plaster and will be carrying out more essential plaster repairs in the near future.

We have carried out various fundraising events over the last year, including the Plant Sale, and Christmas Bazaar, all well supported by parishioners

We are very grateful for money received from WSCA and the Parish Council which has enabled us to do essential work on the churchyard Yew trees, and to remove a large tree giving us much needed extra space in the churchyard.

Westbury is part of the West Buckingham Benefice, so Revd Liz Simpson the Rector looks after 6 churches. We work together on some things, and most of the church's events for children and young people are run on a Benefice level.

Beachborough school continue to use the church building.

The Church is always available to parishioners and others who have Westbury connections for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The church is open all day – it's the church for the whole village, and we're glad that people come in at various times. We hope you feel able to do that if you'd like to, and we always welcome new ideas, and new people at services – which are advertised in the Link, on the church FB page, and on the West Buckingham Churches website.

Rev Liz Simpson.