Who's Who

Rector

Rev'd Ruth Farrell

Rev'd Ruth is committed to caring for all, regardless of their background or stage in their spiritual journey, including those who feel they haven't even started! Call her or email at any time (Monday is her day off.)

Email: ruthfarrell391@googlemail.com Telephone: 01359 242244

Churchwarden

David Medcalf: 01449 736688
Churchwardens play a critical role in being responsible for the church building/fabric of the church, as well as assisting with the smooth running of Sunday services.

Church Council members

Treasurer: Tony Schmitt 01449 737264 Secretary: Lynne Woodward 01449 737560 Diocesan Synod rep.: Vacant Dave Woodward Fabric: Fabric/Church bells liaison: Mark Campbell VH rep/liaison Christine Lambert Safeguarding Officer: Astrid Gale Fundraising liaison Jo Stark Fabric (non PCC) David Ford

The Council meets regularly to discuss items ranging from maintenance of the building to how to encourage people to share their faith.

All Saints











All Saints, Drinkstone





Welcome!

Whether you are new to Drinkstone, or have been here a long time, you are assured of a warm welcome in our church. All Saints is the village church of Drinkstone, sharing our Rector, the Rev'd Ruth Farrell with Woolpit in the benefice of Woolpit with Drinkstone.

Sunday Services

In our rural village, the congregation is small (between 12 to 20 folk) but friendly and very welcoming. We are privileged to have the wonderful Peter Tryon playing the organ most weeks

1st Sunday No service at All Saints *

2nd Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 9.00am Sausage

Breakfast, followed by an

informal service

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday Benefice Service, at

present, at Drinkstone

*Service at Woolpit church at 10.45am

Any changes are notified via the Parish Magazine & Drinkstone Information service

Midweek Services

There is a short service of Morning Prayer at 8.45am on Wednesdays.

Special services

All these are family friendly and everyone is welcome. We believe that children and young people are the Church of today as well as of tomorrow.

Easter The congregation grows to around 40 and there are Easter eggs of course.

Harvest—the wonderful flower team excel themselves to decorate the church with nature's bounty. By way of appreciating all the good things we have, we invite people to bring non perishable items suitable for the foodbanks/Women's Refuge. Any monies are donated to a charity in great need at the time.

Christmas Everyone looks forward to the Carol service, when we expect a nearly full church. Every year is different and we try to include a choir and something that appeals to the younger ones.

Occasional Services

All enquiries regarding baptisms, marriage and funerals should be addressed to the Rev'd Ruth. In addition, Ruth is willing to visit anyone on request, and is happy to visit for Home Communion, or in a pastoral capacity. She also specialises in blessing homes following a move or change of circumstances. Just call her.

Fellowship

After church coffee is a very important social time, provided after the 9.30 services.

Getting involved

We believe that everyone has gifts and skills to offer. All Saints has long been served by a considerable number of people who play a vital role in spreading the load - such as church cleaning, flowers, sidespersons' duties, refreshments and so on. We also have a rota for reading the Bible in church, and a number of lay people assist with the distribution of communion. We encourage people to participate in different ways in the life of the church.

Social

There is always a need for fund raising when you have a 14th century church to maintain!

A great team meet regularly to plan varied events including Coffee mornings and plant sales, Open Gardens, garden parties, Harvest Suppers, and varied Christmas events. These events raise money but also bring people together.

In addition, the church provides regular community events such as a monthly Village Lunch in the Village Hall.