

St Mary's Church Annual Report to Village AGM 2022

St Mary's continues on a strong footing thanks to the sterling work by our Priest, the Rev Martin Percival assisted by the Elders and supported by the PCC. We have now returned to a minimum of two services each month, the celebration of Holy Communion and morning prayer on the first and third Sundays, supplemented by additional special services. The past year has been an unusual one because of the covid restrictions and precautions, resulting in the suspension of now traditional events and an impact on financial income. However, the Church has managed to meet its financial commitments including payment in full of the Diocesan Parish Share, production and distribution of the Bridge magazine to every home in Sweffling, and very importantly continuing the charity outreach programme of supporting famine and disaster relief work. In addition, the Lent Soup Lunch marked the return to our fund raising for the small village hospital and community in the Gambia. Easter Sunday saw a return to a further degree of normality with the re-establishment of the Easter Lily Memorial Festival. We hope that this is now the shape of things to come.