

## **St Mary's Church**

Report from Jenny Williams

We are a Community Church. We continue with 2 services a month. Service of the Word (lay-led) on usually the first Sunday of the month at 10am.

Eucharist or Holy Communion (clergy-led) on the third Sunday of the month at 11.15pm. The September Harvest Service, December Carol Service and Candlelit Bethlehem Service on Christmas Eve are usually well attended.

We recently had a churchyard tidy-up and are extremely grateful to all who helped. The next one is on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. All welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Open Churches Weekend is the first weekend in September. The church will be manned on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 10am -4pm, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 11am. Refreshments available and Tombola. The organ will be available to play. The Harvest Service will be at 3pm.

In November, there was a short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in the churchyard. Thank you Bob and Lesley Bell for organising this. We hope this will be an annual event. This 11<sup>th</sup> November there will be a 7pm service led by Peter Staves.

We have shared fundraising events. At the end of August we manned the tea tent at the Hundleby Fete on Brickyard Lane, also supervised some children's games. A most successful day, enjoyed by all. We look forward to a similar event on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am.

At the end of November we shared a fundraising event with the Parish Council. It is raising money for the renovation of the Parish Rooms and the Church for the continuing work on the tower. We are very pleased that the birds with their nest and mess have been removed and new bird-proof louvres installed. We still need to have the stonework and mortar checked. We also want to review the asphalt of the Churchyard and path. We are waiting to hear back from the County Council about the Franklin Way.

A big thank you to the Hundleby Community Choir for their (joint) fundraising pop-up concert in the Church.

Recently the Community Cafe with Book Swop and Knit and Natter have been held in the church as the Parish Room Kitchen is currently unavailable. We are paying the Parish Council as normal to help with their fund raising.