

Foulden PCC Report for AGM June 8th 2015

In 2014 there were 9 regular Holy Communion services at one church & also a major rededication service, a memorial service, 5 Baptisms, 1 wedding, 2 funerals with burials, 1 ashes interment & a service of Lessons & Carols. A Lent Lunch & Working Party, & 2 exhibitions (Arts & Crafts, & World War I) were also held there.

The FPCC would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for our use of the Hall for the 5 Lent Lunches this year & for the hosting of the Pilgrims, & also to all those who so generously support our regular coffee mornings & seasonal feasts which are held there. We would also like to thank those who are working to improve the condition of our churchyard.

All this activity indicates that All Saints, & the social life engendered by its upkeep, continue to make a contribution to village life. Yet there are many in the village who have never visited it at all, despite the fact that it was open for 20 days in April (& will be for a further 20 days in August) & the key is available at other times.

For 700 years villagers have brought to All Saints their joys & sorrows, their needs for prayer & praise & thanksgiving. The erosion of faith in this rapidly changing & uncertain world makes this place of sanctity ever more needful, & to find that folk are using the church for quiet reflection on the spiritual dimension of their daily lives would be the greatest justification for our efforts to keep it in good repair.

Jan Moore