

Public meeting to discuss Hillington Church

Hillington Church has stood in our village as a place of worship for hundreds of years, but, like many of us, it's feeling its age. Time doesn't stand still, and, indeed, many generations before us have undertaken major restoration work to make the building fit for purpose. For example, exactly 200 years ago, the nave was rebuilt and the south aisle absorbed into it. The pews were given to the church after the First World War. About 100 years ago, a 14th century font from a redundant village church replaced the plain, 19th century one.

The Parochial Church Council is considering how best to ensure that the church building meets the needs of its worshippers and supports the village generally. What should our priorities be? What do you want from your church? How could you support your church?

You are invited to an open meeting to consider these questions and more. Please come to Hillington Church on Friday, 22nd November at 6pm. There will be light refreshments (with drinks kindly provided by The Hillington Ladies Group).

KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Rector: Rev. Canon Dr. Paul Williams
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Hillington Churchwarden: Dr. Mary Nichols
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Please consider joining our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with events at Hillington Church. Contact Mary Nichols.

*Hillington Church is a member of
the Sandringham Group of Churches.*

Full details of services and activities at sandringhamchurches.org.uk

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, HILLINGTON



Forthcoming Services at St. Mary's

Sunday, 6th October – 19th after Trinity
9:15 – Holy Communion

Choral Evensong with The Corner Choir

Sunday, 20th October at 16:00
Followed by refreshments at The Old Rectory, Station Road.

Carol Service

Sunday, 22nd December at 18:30, with King's Lynn Town Band,
followed by mulled wine and Christmas refreshments in church.

Hillington Church Cleaning and Weeding Party

Saturday, 5th October, from 10:00 to noon
Come and enjoy coffee, cake and company in return for a bit of elbow grease. If you want to help with outside work, please bring gloves and tools.

Christmas Craft Fayre

The Hillington Ladies are holding their annual Christmas Craft Fayre at St. Mary's Church, Hillington on Saturday 16th November 11am-3pm. If you would like to have a stall (£7.50 per 6ft stall) please email thehillingtonladies@gmail.com or call/message Charlotte on 07060615398.

Thank you to...

- Susan Schon, who kindly put out garden produce in her front garden, and those people who gave donations totalling £13.50 for it in aid of the church.
- Those who helped at the last cleaning and weeding day on 27th July.
- Bakers who contributed cake for sale or helped out at Sandringham Church on 23rd and 24th August, raising over £400 each for Flitcham and Hillington Churches.
- Everyone who sponsored Mary Nichols' 14 mile walk in aid of Norfolk Churches Trust and Hillington Church, raising over £700 for each. Thank you, too, to Kate, Bob, Beatrix, John and Liz, John and Jane and Sue who church-sat on the day and welcomed visitors with refreshments.
- Mrs. Jan Newell, who is retiring from opening the church and being part of the flower-arranging team (see later).

Please support your village church!

Keep your church open

For many years, Jan Newell and her late husband have opened the church. The Rector and PCC are immensely grateful for this. Jan now feels that it is time to retire, so we are looking for someone, or a small team, to unlock and lock the church. Perhaps you walk past the church to walk your dog, or enjoy a morning stroll? Opening the church offers a peaceful place for villagers and it is good for visitors to know that they are welcome. Please contact Mary Nichols if you can help, even if only for a few days a week.

Flowers in church

Would you like to join the rota of people who brighten our church with flowers for services? We put flowers in church at major festivals and when there are Sunday services, so your turn would only come up occasionally. No special expertise required! Please contact Mrs. Kitty Wallace by email: kitty@lochryanhouse.co.uk

Fundraising

We are collecting **used ink cartridges** (not laser or toner) or unused or out-of-date full ones for recycling. There are collection boxes at the back of the church and in the porch at The Old Rectory. We have raised over £55 in the last few months. Special thanks to Stuart at Economy Gas Services Ltd., Innisfree Business Park, Bawsey, whose office has already filled a collecting box.

Please contact Mary Nichols if you would like to host a cartridge collecting box at your business.

We have joined 'Easyfundraising's' charity scheme. If you ever shop online (for groceries, insurance, train tickets, holidays, clothes, gifts – the list is endless) you can help us at **absolutely no cost to you**.

Once you've registered with 'Easyfundraising', the retailer makes a small donation to Hillington Church when you make a purchase. **You pay nothing!** Each retailer's donation may range from a few pence to a few pounds, but it all adds up. Please encourage your family and friends to join up, too. See easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-church-hillington-norfolk

Callibut's Trust

The Callibut's charity was set up by Francis Callibut in 1509 and two other donors 'to relieve the most needy of the village'. Over recent years the charity has mainly supported widows, widowers and the more elderly in the village. The Callibut Trustees (Charity Number 243511) are keen to hear from anyone who believes that they have a need and may qualify. Please get in touch with the Administrator by letter or email. You can be reassured that this will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Administrator, Mrs K Sayer, Buttermere, Lynn Rd., Hillington. email: celticate@me.com