

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEEN SAVAGE PCC FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

St Mary's Neen Savage has two services a month. Evensong on the first Sunday and Holy Communion on the third. We are grateful to the clergy, especially the non-stipendiary vicars for enabling this to happen.

In 2022 special services included a celebration of the life of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Another was the Harvest Festival after which we were able to send some produce to the Cleobury Food Bank. Remembrance Sunday, as usual, took place by the War memorial with wreaths laid by the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Women's Institute. The Parochial Church Council is grateful to the Parish Council for supplying their wreath. The Crib Service at usual was very well attended and has become a staple in the Christmas Festivities.

This year, 2023, we had a special evensong to celebrate the coronation with the church resplendent in red, white and blue flowers. The service ended with a Champagne Toast.

The electrics have been repaired at a cost of over £6,000 and there is a list of repairs that we will undertake when time and money permit.

Many thanks to Peter Plant for keeping the churchyard in such good order. We are grateful to the Parish Council for giving us a grant towards the costs which now amount to £1,500 per year.

Thanks to the flower arrangers and also the organists, Chris Kippen and Philip Engleheart and also Emma Haywood who raised £318 with her sunflower competition. Pumpkins are threatened for next year!

Finally, a plea for support:- St Mary's is such a pretty church and the PCC does its best to keep it so, especially for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Costs, such as Insurance and heating seem to be for ever rising and we are so grateful for those parishioners who donate by standing order. If you would like to contribute, please do get in touch with me. Every little helps, just five pounds a month will bring in sixty pounds a year.