

## St Mary the Virgin, Clopton. Review of 2020

Our vicar, the Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders retired in May.

There are eight parishioners on the church Electoral Roll, none of whom are non-residents within the parish

There were only fourteen services held in the church during 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

There was one funeral and one baptism during the year.

The gifts of food from our Harvest Festival were taken to the Salvation Army Hostel in Ipswich.

Our January joint PCC meeting was held by Zoom.

The APCM was held after the morning service on 13th September with strict social distancing.

All our usual fund raising activities did not take place because of lockdown.

Twelve cyclists visited the church on Ride and Stride Day. Two people cycled for Clopton.

There was no Remembrance Service at the 493rd memorial this year because of restrictions.

Ronnie Wood has kept the churchyard in good order this year.

The bell ringers normally ring for our 9.30am service each month but have been unable to ring this year. They have purchased six new ropes to replace the old worn ones.

The Heritage centre has had very few visitors as the church has been locked most of the year and people have not had the freedom to travel.

We were unable to hold our very popular Candlelight Carol Service on Christmas Eve. Instead we decorated the church in November and managed to get readers and singers (socially distanced) to the church and the whole event was filmed by Jenny Schurr. It took hours of editing by Jenny but the finished service went online just before Christmas and had over two hundred 'hits'.