

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HERMITAGE
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2020 in 2021 has been a year like no other for all of us. Coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent restrictions have challenged us all and we have all had to develop a different way of living and interacting with each other.

The church community has faced the same issues which have stretched out resources and financial position considerably. Despite this, we have kept the faith and continued to offer support and worship as best as we could. This meant moving our services onto a digital basis and using Zoom to meet with people and conduct our worship services. As the year has worn on, we have become more proficient in what we are doing.

As we emerge from lockdown, we have been having discussions about how we can continue to offer 'church online' for those who are unable meet in person. This will include how we can provide for those who would be unable to attend baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

With a legacy that we received, and after with consultation with the family, together with the grant from the Parish Council, we have been able to have a new system fitted to the church which will allow for live-streaming services, concerts and meeting to be held from the church. This installation should be completed by the end of this month, followed by training of how to use it.

The work that we had begun last year after finally received the Faculty to begin tidying and opening up the Churchyard and entrance to the church property has almost been completed. There had been a few objections to some of the tree work that we would like to have had completed and this is still ongoing.

This has been a difficult year for us all and we need to again acknowledge the work of so many people within the community who have continued to give of themselves in keeping our lives moving forward.

We are hoping to join in with the community in a big celebration once this lockdown is lifted and we are able to return to some sort of normality. We will continue to be "The Church" in the community and look forward to supporting our local people in whatever way we can.

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