

## St Martin's Church, Sherford

### Deputy Churchwarden's Report May 2021

Obviously, due to the current Covid situation, worship and church life as St Martin's has been rather different this year. On the occasions when services were prohibited we were happy to join Father Michael's excellent service on Zoom, and we have tried as far as possible to have the church open on Sundays for private prayer. On the occasions where we have been permitted to hold services in the church we have been encouraged by the numbers attending, almost as many as we could allow, given the constrictions of social distancing. Although we have not been able to sing we are lucky to have top class music downloaded from the choir of St Martin in the Fields which has added to the atmosphere. We were fortunate to be able to hold a service on Christmas Day, taken by Rev Mark Kichenside, and on this occasion we were very grateful to have his wife Philippa play the organ for us. After yet another lockdown, we were delighted to be back for Easter Sunday when the church looked really beautiful decorated with spring flowers.

Various cleaning parties have taken place both in the church and the churchyard, and we are grateful to the willing volunteers who came to help.

We look forward to church life getting back to a more normal pattern in the coming months.