

St. John's Church, Cotehill with Cumwhinton

Churchwarden's Report – Mrs. Mary Martin

This last year has been a reasonable quite year, nothing major just the ongoing repairs. The church roof was repaired and also the guttering was cleaned out. The shed was also repaired and now watertight. Shrubs were planted to define the memorial garden by Colin Philipson, who also keeps an eye on the stone wall. The notice board was repaired by Kenneth Wilson. We are all very grateful for their voluntary works. Also, not forgetting Joseph Milburn who keeps the church yard so tidy. We repaired his sit upon ride so he now a happy man. Thank you all.

A big thankyou to all the ladies who do the cleaning and provide flowers throughout the year. Not forgetting Evelin Milburn who gives out the service books every week, without fail. A special thanks to Pat, our verger, for all she does since without her I could never manage.

We continue to fundraise with a series of coffee morning and afternoon teas etc. Without this income we would not be able to meet our quota. These are also social events which continue to bring the two villages together. Thanks to the ladies who lead our services when required. This system is proving to work quite well. To all of you sitting cross-legged the toilet situation is still ongoing with nothing to report "I can't say any more otherwise I could see my career going down the toilet".

It is with great sadness that the chapel is closing where many happy memories of times spent together. Especially the Easter Good Friday witness and services.

As we enter into the next year I pray we will grow in the faith and our little church we all love will prosper and flourish.

Mary Martin