

Report on St Peter & St Paul's Church, Algarkirk for the Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Currently the building of Algarkirk church is closed for all services of worship or occasional offices. The remaining few members of the Parochial Church Council stepped down at the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting and responsibility for the church passed to the Rural Dean, Revd Lis Ward (incumbent of Holy Trinity Skirbeck) and the Archdeacon of Boston, the Venerable Dr Justine Allain Chapman. St Peter & St Paul's Algarkirk is still linked with St Peter & St Paul's Kirton but the third member of the previous church grouping, All Saints Fosdyke, recently passed a PCC resolution to join with St Nicholas, Skirbeck as a parish under the episcopal oversight of the Society (Forward in Faith) bishops.

The graveyard of St Peter & St Paul's Algarkirk has continued to be maintained by Tuesday visits from the community "payback" team and Cheryllyn Humphries is currently still the link for this. This is important in keeping the church building safe and preventing it from looking neglected. Burials and internment of ashes can still take place, and a burial is booked for Monday 15th May following a funeral service at Sutterton church. Discussions are ongoing between Kirton PCC and the archdeacon about the possible appointment of Revd Sudharshan Sarvananthan, vicar of Wyberton and Frampton, who would then also take on responsibility for Algarkirk as well. If people from the village were prepared to be involved it would be possible to clean the church and make it safe so that it could be used for occasional festival services for example at Christmas/Harvest/Easter. But this does need a group of people to take responsibility for this in the absence of a Parochial Church Council or churchwardens. It may be that the Parish Council would like to consider taking on the responsibility for the churchyard and relationship with the payback team.

Questions regarding use of the church/provision for occasional offices should be directed to the Revd Lis Ward at Holy Trinity: rev.lisward@holytrinityboston.org.uk tel: 01205 355172.