

Report for Brisley Parish Council 4th April 2017

Church of St Bartholomew

We have had a full year of services lead by our Rector and various retired clergy and also a year of fundraising to keep ourselves going and to maintain the building, such as Walk with a Fork and the BBQ. Continued support from the local community is essential if we are to be able to maintain the life of the church and the fabric of the building and as part of this we are always pleased to see the school make use of the building several times a year. We hope this will continue under their new Head.

The major effort during 2016 has been the successful application for funds from the Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund who have provided us, along with the efforts of Mary Carden with various charities and our own fund raising to enable essential repair works to be carried out to the roof and water courses. The total available for this work is some £78,000 with work starting in September 2017. We have also had to have a bat survey and an asbestos survey. Both have been found with the former delaying the start of repair work by about six months (because of the breeding season) and the latter adding to the cost of repairs.

The war memorial has been given Grade 2 listed status though we do not actually know who owns it.

We are always grateful for the help we receive from those who look after the church: cleaners, keyholders, flower arrangers and, not least, the Parish Council for the way in which the churchyard is looked after.