

## Report to Litchborough Parish Council from St Martin's Church PCC

The PCC is very grateful to the Parish Council for undertaking the mowing of the churchyard which relieves the PCC of a financial burden. The many visitors to the graveyard are very grateful for the standard of the upkeep. In the past we have received a number of complaints, so it is a relief to know that bereaved families and visitors can now admire a well-kept beautiful peaceful place.

The church continues to be well supported but would of course welcome larger congregations. Any suggestions as to anything anyone feels would add anything to the church offering would be welcome.

We have recently had a quinquennial inspection which was generally positive. Some lack of repair was identified, and we have just spent just over £4,600 on the roof and other repairs. A new handrail has been installed up the slope to the church gate and the path has been smoothed to assist disabled access. The rail is particularly helpful in wet weather when the slope can be slippery.

Keeping the church running and covering our parish share costs just over £17,500 and last year our income was insufficient to cover this so there was a shortfall of £1200. We all feel we should make every effort to cover the parish share but this does depend on the generosity of those resident in the village.

The full accounts and the annual report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December will be put up on the church noticeboard in the church very shortly. There is a rota which ensures that the church is open every day.