**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH TIXALL**

**REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023**

The church is a United Benefice with Ingestre and St-John’s Littleworth and holds services on the first and third Sundays in the month, together with special ones for Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festival. It is also available for weddings, funerals and baptisms. There was one baptism and one funeral in 2022. The rector is Rev. Dr. Carl Rudd and the curate is Rev. Sue Cooke. The church warden is Lars Enocson. Secretary is Kate Greatholder and treasurer is Nicholas Bostock.

The Quinquennial Inspection in 2019 reported that the church was in generally reasonable condition, though there are a number of issues with deteriorating stonework and windows. However, the oil-fired central heating failed in the autumn of 2022 and has been condemned. It has been decided to replace this with an electrical system at an approximate cost of £6,000 during this summer. The churchyard is well maintained, with regular mowing and monthly volunteer working parties.

The financial accounts for the year to 31st December 2022 showed an income of £9,674 and expenses of £7,892, leaving a surplus of £1,782. Investments were valued at £38,202 and net current assets totalled £5,826. There were three fund-raising events during the year, and it is hoped to hold a similar number this year. Our main source of income is from Gift Aid donations, and we encourage as many as possible who care for our church to make regular donations in this way.

Nicholas Bostock 03/05/23