

'CHURCHWARDEN'S RAMBLINGS' January 2024

Here's to a big wish that everyone has had a great New Year celebration and is looking forward to 2024 with all the knowns and unknowns that it will bring - the leap year it is!

In St Michael's much is happening — just as the celebration of the birth of Jesus is over for another year, the work starts on the inside of the Church. On the 4th January the workmen take out the old oil heating system and replace it with the new "green" electrical system bringing warmth (we hope and pray) at the flick of a switch rather than days of days of burning oil. It is a small contribution to "net zero" targets. All should be finished in time for Mothering Sunday in March. In the meantime, the Church is closed but the Churchyard is open for the visiting of graves —just take extra care with the work going on, please. In parallel the advertising and search for a new rector continues — there must be someone out there who wants to be our church leader and live in Aynho (like the rest of us)! We are here as your first point of contact in the village if there is anything you need - general or specific information, inquiries about weddings, funerals and burials. Our personal contact details are Kathy White in Portway Gardens (810418) and Andrew Bellamy in The Square (810847). You can also leave a message at the Rectory behind Aynho Court, or telephone 810903, or email office@astwickvalebenefice.org.