Report for ERPC 26th November 2020

Twice monthly services were resumed in August.

Ride & Stride (fund-raising activity for Wilts Historic Churches Trust) took place mid-September, followed by a celebration for Harvest.

Bob Walters died mid-October and a service of cremation was held at the end of the month. His ashes will be interred next April (restrictions allowing).

A tribute was paid to Brian Dancer at the service in October with thanks for his many years playing the organ both here and other parishes where they have lived. The service was followed by the APCM (Annual Parish Church Meeting). Tony Toller has stood down from the PCC and I indicated that I would be standing down as churchwarden next year.

A working party was held at the end of October to clear vegetation from the south wall, clear drains, remove ivy from the south wall and brambles and an elder tree in the grounds.

Thanks to all who helped and M de Pass for removing the rubbish.

Bill Nimmo-Scott organised a brief Remembrance service at the door of the church on 11th November. We are deeply grateful for this act of remembrance and the contributions made on this day.

We look forward to resuming services next month, a lay-led service on the 13th and hopefully midnight service(s) on Dec 24th, again depending on restrictions. Announcements will be made on the village website, village e-mail and whatsapp groups.

The church will be taking part in the Advent Trail.

It is unlikely that carol singing round the village will take place.

ER Academy are organising Christingles again and it is planned to make Christingle kits for families of pre-school children in the village. A nativity booklet has been ordered for each family in school and also other families in the village.

Responses for the village Christmas card are encouraging and will be available mid-December.