

We are pleased to announce that our first year as a “fully manned PCC” has been very successful, with events being held in the church, some repair works completed and more planned, including a new oil tank for the heating system! St. Nicholas' church is looking better, but we still have work to do, and will continue our efforts in the coming year.

We had an amazing Easter Experience event and service, which Partney school children took part in. The PCC and the school are working closely together and we are looking forward to the school using the church more in the future.

July brings two very special events:

Flinders fortnight.... Saturday 6th July to Sunday 21st July
So-called, simply because it spans the weeks either side of the reburial of Captain Matthew Flinders at Donington during the weekend of 12th/13th July. This will be a major event, with the Royal Navy, civic dignitaries and Australian visitors taking part and television crews will be present. Partney school have been offered places at the children's service, which they have accepted, and are looking forward to attending.

We will have the Matthew Flinders history display in our church, for visitors to view.

As Matthew Flinders was married here, at the suggestion from some Partney residents, and with their involvement, a wedding-themed display, of other people who were also married in St. Nicholas' church will be exhibited. Some wedding dresses and floral arrangements will be on show.

We are asking anyone who was married in our church to please share an account of your day, if possible with a photo. Please contact any member of the PCC if you would like to be included; contact details can be seen on the noticeboard in the church porch.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their support; it's truly appreciated.

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September

Our Harvest Weekend in September is coming along, we have the Harvest Festival Church Service on the Saturday. (The time is still to be confirmed).

Sunday we have the flower and vegetable show in the Hall and scarecrow walk around the village. We still need more entries to the show, though. If you would like to enter there is still time. If you need entry forms, please just ask Carol Jones or Joe Storr, or you can find forms in the church.

We hope you will join in the fun and make a fun scarecrow for the walk on the Sunday.

St. Nicholas now has its' own facebook page. It's already gained lots of interest and we have had enquiries on how we can help other churches with services. This is wonderful news and shows how we can work together.

At our last Deanery Meeting, it was suggested by the Diocese that churches make up a "welcome" pack, with help from the Parish council. This would be delivered to any new residents to Partney. All at the meeting thought this a good idea and we will ask for help and support in putting this together.

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