

## **AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS REPORT. APCM/2024 12<sup>th</sup> MAY.**

2023 started out on a very sad note, with the sudden death of Ros Roe. We all shared our thoughts and memories of her at the meeting held in January.

It was agreed that Helen Durasamy would join Sue, Wendy & David in the reading of the gospel and Intercession prayers whilst waiting for her training as an ALM. It was hoped that Helen would start training in 2023. Rev Joan announced at this meeting that after 4 yrs of trying to do so, she was going to retire in March, but would be available for some services, also that she was going to host 'a bit of a do' for World Share which would be celebrating its 80 anniversary. We all expressed our thanks to Joan for chairing our meetings, and for her hard work in the parishes.

Sue chaired the March meeting, when arrangements were discussed for Palm Sunday and Holy week. - Good Friday usual walk of witness in the morning and a Tenebrae service in the afternoon. – 'Time to change together' was briefly discussed.

in July Rev Jane Foster – Smith was licenced as Priest in charge of Saxilby/Stow group of parishes and has been working hard in the parishes ever since.

The team met in November with Rev Jane chairing. Shirley and David, our churchwardens had begun Zoom training with Rev Mark Briscoe looking at Prayers and Intercessions. – We looked at and discussed Leading worship and what was going well with the services ie, new people were attending, and coming back (for more). - Rev Jane & Jonathan Wainwright (school governor) had been working alongside the 'Collective worship council'.

Occasional Offices had been discussed, with particular focus on bereavement visits, which 2 of the team had been carrying out prior Covid, having studied the bereavement module as part of their ALM training. It is hoped that in 2024 more pastoral visiting will be done.

Wispington House care home now have a regular Holy Communion service once a month led by Rev Jane and assisted by one of the team.

Our ALM team carry out their duties very conscientiously, and do their best to support not only Rev's Jane and Joan, but also the retired priests who officiate at Thursday and Sunday Holy Communion services. Their work is not just what they 'do' on a Sunday which is seen, but also their unseen ministry in the week.

On behalf of the ALM'S I would like to express thanks to Rev Jane & Rev Joan for their guidance and support over the past year, they have had a lot to put up with.

Wendy Hewson, ALM.