

ST AUGUSTINE'S THORPE BAY



VICAR'S REPORT

After January in accordance with advice from the director of public health public services public services were suspended, though morning and evening prayer were maintained. Each Sunday a prayer, reading and reflection were filmed and put on the website. The farewell visit of Fr Chris Giles has been postponed to Sunday 6th June.

The advice about the sorts of ceremonies we are used to in our Holy Week services is very discouraging and in the light of it I am proposing simply to have morning and evening prayer every day in Holy Week and to focus on Easter Day itself.

The altar frontal and chalice in memory of Rita Piller have now been delivered, and very fine they are too. The new vimpel is much longer than its predecessor and looks rather fine. A small amount of repointing at the west end of the south aisle

There is an encouraging number of enquiries about christenings and weddings.

Another effort to add names of attenders to the electoral roll and subsequently a renewal of stewardship took place with their fruits now slowly appearing.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

At the last deanery synod the Bishop of Bradwell gave what amounted to a presidential address, stressing the difficulties that churches are experiencing and reassuring parishes that he does not expect any clergy to be made redundant in his episcopal area.