**St Nicholas Chuch**

**Questionnaire: Please return this form by email to Sam Chambers Turner at clerkgw@wilbrahams.co.uk by Friday 17th March. If you prefer to fill in the form by hand, please return it to Hilary Burton at 25 Frog End.**

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| **Name of Organisation: St. Nicholas’ Church** |
| **Approximate number of members 50** |
| **Are you able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th March at 7 pm? Yes** |
| **Please provide the name(s) of the representative who will be attending** | Rev Alice Goodman, Lorna Carr,  |
| 1. ***ACHIEVEMENTS***

Please tell us about 3 achievements in the past year that you are most proud of. |
| **A) Providing a well maintained, welcoming building, open everyday for the use of villagers and visitors, be it for a service, a quiet few moments, or a family Christening, Wedding or Funeral.**  |
| **B) Continuing to maintain the Grade 11 listed, medieval church building. This has included everything from keeping the church clean and tidy to organising and paying for repairs. This last year these included repairs to the exterior stone work costing around £15,000.** |
| **C) Maintaining the churchyard for the use of visitors to graves as well as managing different areas to encourage more wildlife.** |
| 1. ***MEMBERS***

Please tell us 3 things that a new member could expect from your organisation. |
| **A) To talk of membership doesn’t sit very well with a church because you obviously don’t have to be a member to use the building or churchyard. Therefore any villager or visitor will find the church open during the day and churchyard accessible at all times.**  |
| **B) St. Nicholas’ mission statement is – Working together to be a Christian Community of Worship, Welcome and Care.** |
| **C) Te church is totally inclusive – there are obviously no age, ability restrictions.**  |
| 1. ***FORWARD PLANS***

**Please tell us 3 things that your organisation would like to achieve next year** |
| **A) Having updated the church in recent years so there is heating and a toilet, we would like to see the church used for more community events eg, concerts, plays etc** |
| **B) Expand the potential for biodiversity in the churchyard by planting a hedge, putting up more bird boxes etc.** |
| **C) Liaise with and support the village Church of England Primary School whenever possible.** |
| 1. ***And FINALLY***

**Please tell us how the Parish Council or others could help your organisation achieve these aims and provide any other information you wish to include.** |
| **The members of The Parochial Church Council and other church goers would like to see more dialogue and mutual support with the Parish Council. The church and churchyard are spaces open and used by the public daily. The maintenance of both is a great burden from a time and financial view point.** **Specific help with the cost of maintaining the churchyard would be greatly appreciated. All maintenance is done by volunteers but the cost of the equipment is rising all the time.****Also, we have 44 Lime trees that need regular checking, pruning and pollarding. Many of these border a path used daily as a route to school. The cost of this is about £3000 every 3 years.** |