



Hello,

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well. It has been a while since the last FOSMAA newsletter, so there is a lot of exciting progress to share with you...

The building work in church is now almost complete and is looking fantastic with the specially crafted oak kitchen and toilet cubicle now in place. The new flooring and hospitality area look great - spacious, light and welcoming. The monuments that needed to be moved have been re-sited on the walls elsewhere in church and look very at home there!



The whole area is wheelchair accessible and there is a baby changing unit in the loo. These improvements will make using the church so much more comfortable and enjoyable for the community and we are looking forward



to being able to welcome you to have a look around – watch out for details...

There is still a lot to do to get the church looking its best and put back everything that needed to be moved for the builders, so we will be having a major spring clean. Volunteers to help will be warmly welcomed.



Many thanks to everyone who made a donation for one of the pews that were removed. It is great that these pieces of village history have found new homes. This raised around £1,500 which will help towards buying new chairs to replace the pews. Suitable chairs are very expensive and we need lots!

The recent daffodil picking afternoon at the Old Rectory raised £132 – a great result on a dull day. Many thanks to Luanne Cullinane for generously opening her beautiful garden.

*Our next big event is the Silent Auction, with all bids to be made by Sunday 11th April. With 107 fantastic lots, there really is something for everybody and some amazing and unique experiences and bargains to be had. **Please** have a look at the catalogue on the village website, on the fence by The Close or in the village shop and make a bid!*

We are extremely grateful to all the donors who have made the auction possible and to everyone who has already made a bid. The generosity of all our supporters, whether financial or in time given, has enabled us to make this historic change to our much-loved church to keep it at the heart of village life as it has been for centuries. **Thank you!**

As lockdown gradually eases, we look forward to welcoming you back to FOSMAA events in and around the church. If you have any ideas for FOSMAA or how the community could use and enjoy the church, please do get in touch.

