

St John the Evangelist Church, Oxborough

Annual Report 2024/25 to Oxborough Parish Council

The Church in Oxborough has had another successful year. It is kept open every day from April to October and at weekends from November to the end of March.

Services are held at the church every four weeks as part of the Oxborough Group, rotating with Didlington, Little Cressingham and Bodney churches. Details of Sunday services and other events can be found on the noticeboard.

The church continues to welcome many people during the year from near and far, including visitors to Oxborough Hall. The digital giving machine installed in the church enables those visitors who would like to make a donation by card to do so easily. Events, sales of books and a newly updated Guidebook also assist our fundraising.

Donations contribute towards the cost of maintaining the church, which has the highest status of Grade 1 listing for its architectural and historical significance. In addition to the cost of maintaining the historic fabric and graveyard, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) incurs a significant annual cost for insurance and for maintaining the monitored alarm system which protects the lead roof from theft.

The Parochial Church Council are increasingly concerned about the diminishing remaining space for future burials in the graveyard, which will reach full capacity in the very near future.

The Church Wardens and PCC would strongly encourage the Parish Council to progress the potential graveyard extension, with the land which was gifted to it for that purpose, before it becomes necessary to refuse any new burials.

The Parochial Church Council, Oxborough

16th April 2025