

Last August & is not expected to return to work before this coming September.

Thus, Linda has also found herself in sole charge, a challenging task even with the generous support of several retired priests. You will appreciate that Linda's scope for general visiting is limited but be assured that she would be happy to visit if requested.

### Church Fabric

Major repairs & improvements are most urgently needed & there are good grounds for believing that an application for grant funding would be successful if the authorities can be convinced that our church is valued by the community. Historical & architectural merit are no longer sufficient grounds for obtaining grants in the present day - the crucial test is the extent to which the church constitutes a community asset.

The generosity with which villagers support our social & fundraising events & our special services indicates that there is a core of villagers keen to keep our church open; but it would seem that the majority value it merely as part of the local landscape if they value it at all.

A restoration project would greatly enhance the range of events that could be held at our church but the expense of such a project could only be justified if there was a clear indication that there are enough villagers willing to help organise events & to join in the regular work of cleaning, church flowers, churchyard maintenance etc. etc.

Prior to making a grant application, therefore, the PCC will be circulating a questionnaire to parishioners in the very near future.

Jan Mans PCC Sec.