



Sutton St. James

Cream Tea Garden Party and Gift Day

What a wonderful occasion to meet some of the lovely people in my new parish.



by [Rev Anna](#) on 24th July 2021

The sun was out, the gazebos were up and people gathered for cream teas and cake, and to raise money for the refurbishment of the Church Hall. This was my first event in the parish and was a great one to start my time with you all.

I was introduced to a lot of people, some for whom this was the first outing since lockdown began, it was great to see people so happy to see each other again.

I was told stories of the Church and the village; of how important the Church is to the village, how entwined it is in people's lives and how much it means to people; I was told a bit of the history of the building and of some of the graves in the Church yard and I got a sense of how valuable this village community is.

It was lovely to hear the church bells and to get a look at the ringers in action and to see people trying out the bells for the first time.

All-in-all it was a lovely day, that managed to raise £200 For the Church Hall, which, when finished will house, among other things, Steph and my office which I hope will be a place where anyone can pop in and continue these conversations.

I am very much looking forward to my time in this parish



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