

# St Nicholas Bulletin

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Dear Friends

Things at St Nicholas have been relatively quiet over the summer. We have had an archaeological survey completed and I have put a picture below showing part of the original medieval wall that they uncovered. The Victorians seem to have used these ancient walls as the foundations for some of the pillars and walls when they enlarged the church in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. I am still awaiting the formal report, but it was fascinating to see the team from Warwickshire Museum working.



We are also in the middle of a thorough Structural Survey of the church, assessing the damage to the walls and deciding how much more of the church will need to be dismantled before any building work can be done. There has been a great deal of fracturing since the fire, and it looks like the gables and pillars may need to come down. Again, I am awaiting the report, which should come out in the next few weeks, and we shall know then the scale of the project ahead of us.

Alongside these surveys, we have been working with the architect and insurance company, providing details of what was lost in the fire, and beginning to look ahead to the rebuilding process.

As part of this, we have visited some churches that have been through what we face at the moment, and are taking note of some of the stunning results. It has been a real encouragement to catch a glimpse of the other end of the journey.

Not much more to report, but may I draw your attention to the revised Winter times of opening the churchyard.

## **New times for opening the Churchyard**

**From October 1<sup>st</sup> :**

**Wed evenings : now closed for the winter**

**Sundays : 2.30 – 3.30pm**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Rev Martin Green

## **Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
10am  
at the Community Hall**

**All Welcome  
Please bring Harvest gifts**