

### **U3A GROUP VISIT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe recently welcomed over 30 members of the 'Church Visit' Group. This provided Wendy Stevens, former Church Warden, with a valuable opportunity to introduce her wonderful new guidebook, which is now nearing completion.

Following a welcoming cup of coffee, the visitors were given a fascinating talk by Wendy, giving an insight into the role of a churchwarden and how this role had led to her work on updating the inventory for the church and acquiring the information required for the 'quinquennial' – the five-yearly inspection required by the Church of England. She then described how she was able to use what she had learnt, along with various other resources, to re-write and update the guide for visitors. Following this introduction, copies of the first draft of the guidebook were handed out and we were encouraged to explore the church for ourselves. The fact that the guide walks you around the church in a very logical progression made it very easy to follow and encourages you to look really carefully at some of the beautiful features and artefacts in the church. Wendy had laid out many of the important church documents and records for us, such as the extremely detailed 'NADFAS' inventory, which aroused a great deal of interest.

Do look out for the publication of this new guidebook – and then take the time to read and follow it – you will look around this local church with renewed appreciation!

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