

In 1976 the old oak gate was replaced by a new wrought iron one. The gate was given by Mrs. Adlam in memory of her husband who was Church Warden for many years. In each corner of the gate is a set of initials FC: GW: EF: and BA thus recording four individuals who did much to help the Church. Frank Catling (Church Warden), George Whitlock (Vicar), Eric Foxley (Church Warden) and Bernard Adlam (Church Warden).

In 1983 the external drainage system to receive rainwater was replaced to discharge into a new soakaway at a cost of £1,500.

In November 198C the main church and South Porch roofs were completely stripped and retiled with second hand peg tiles on felt battens at a cost of £14,000.00 This money was raised by village functions and donations.

In addition the following grants and loans were received:

£2,000 from the Historical Churches Preservation Society (Grant)

£2,000 Loan from Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust which was paid back over 4 years.

£1,000 Loan from the Incorporated Church Building Society paid back over 4 years.

£250.00 per annum grant from the Parish Council for four years.

In December 1988 the whole of the rainwater gutters and downpipes were renewed in cast iron at a cost of £2,400.00. However there were still many parts of the church fabric which needed urgent attention at that time— walls, stonework to the East Window, the tower buttresses and stone base and the blue brick drain to name a few.

Much of this work was completed in the 1991 restoration (see inside back cover).

The refurbishment of the churchyard wall to the High Street is our next major project.

## THE CHURCH AND ITS ACTIVITIES

In the early part of last century the church was involved in many activities. Notes from the Preachers Book dated 1920-23 give us a little information about the time. The Census of 1921 gave Hail Weston with a population of 255 (a drop since 1881 when there were 348 villagers).

## VILLAGE SCHOOL

This was a Church School. In 1921 there were 45 children in the school; 26 Boys and 19 Girls.

The Sunday School had 27 children; 19 Boys and 8 Girls.

The School (now the village hall) remained an important part of village life until it closed in 1966.