**UFTON CHURCH**

With no demand for monthly Services and the church currently only being opened for the occasional funeral, the two remaining members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) resigned at the annual meeting in April.

Coventry Diocese must now wrestle with the prospect of church closure although that is a drawn-out process and could take several years.

In the meantime, a number of villagers have questioned why the fir tree in the churchyard is being allowed to grow and continue to obscure the view of the church clock on the southern face of the tower. This is how the majority view the clock, as the western clockface is only visible to a few residents where it towers above the A425.

Some years ago, the PCC sought advice and were told that trimming the tree was not an option – it would look very ugly afterwards; the only solution would be to cut it down and replace it with a new one. Reactions to that advice were mixed and the matter was put on hold.

Now seems the appropriate time to seek villager’s views on three options: -

1 Leave the tree as it is.

2 Ditto, but stop the clock in order to reduce the church electricity bill.

3 Cut the tree down and plant a suitable replacement.

Please let Ian Crowther know which Option you prefer before 30th September, either via a note to 14 White Hart Lane, Ufton or (preferred) an email to ian@account-able.co.uk. He will report your views to our vicar, Revd Andy Batchelor.

Thank you.