

Birds seen in St Lawrence Churchyard

Often as people walk through the churchyard, they notice the air is filled with the sound of bird song and they might see some of the many birds that either visit, or nest in and around the area. We hope that sometimes they might find the time just to sit and listen and take a break from the busyness of the day.

Arthur Goodall is a very regular visitor to our churchyard and he has compiled a list for us of the birds that he has seen in it. Some of the birds just pass through but others have nested. If you are aware of any he has missed, please let us know!

He has regularly seen the following birds: **collared dove, green woodpecker, great spotted woodpecker, goldcrest, coal tit, jay, magpie, pied wagtail, dunnock, house sparrow, chaffinch.** The dunnock, house sparrow and chaffinch he thinks might have nested in the churchyard.

Those which definitely have nested in the churchyard include: **wood pigeon, wren, robin, blackbird, song thrush, mistle thrush, nuthatch, carrion crow, gold finch, long-tailed tit, great tit, blue tit.** *The blue tit has also nested on the church itself, as has:* **starling, swift** in the summer months

Other summer visitors include: **swallow, house martin, black cap, chiffchaff.**

Winter visitors include: **fieldfare, redwing, brambling,**

There are also some very occasional visitors: **sparrowhawk, tawny owl, treecreeper, jackdaw, rook, stock dove.**

And one he no longer sees is the **spotted flycatcher** (see picture below) - unless, of course, you know different!

