

# **Papers for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



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## **Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle was held at St Mary's Church Kidlington on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 8.00pm

**Those attending:** Revd Felicity Scroggie, Steve Handsley, Anne Handsley, Peggy Harwood, Steph Hobson, John Cossins, Colin Johnson, Alison Johnson, Margaret Dee, Cherril Seward, Malcolm Seward, Emma Timms, Robert Buckeldee, Jill Buckeldee, Tilly Evershed, Bill Evershed, Clare Morgan, Catherine Male, Peter Male, Ann Croft, Scott Cheeseman, Karen Mason, Cherona Chapman, Sue O'Hare, Margaret Day, Sarah Sewell, Bruce Forman, Revd Paul Charles, Lesley Smith, Laura Morgan, Yo Davies, Roger Smith, Philippa Burrell, Chris Graham, Janet Warren ( 35 present )

**Apologies for Absence:** Kate Seward, Jan Jeffreys, Huw Morgan, Andy Pedley, Penny Pedley, Nick Kubat, Marion Kubat, Joyce Morris, John Morris, Liz Bruce, Rob Bruce, Katy Smith, Marian Needham, Gary Gibbs, Jo Lee (15)

### **The Meeting Opened with Prayer**

#### **Election of Churchwardens, to serve from May 2025 - May 2026**

Sincere thanks were extended to Tilly Evershed, who has completed 5 years as churchwarden, 4 at St Mary's Kidlington and 1 at St John's, and to all churchwardens who served in 2024/5.

The following were proposed to serve 2025/6:

#### **St Mary's :** Robert Buckeldee

Proposed by Jill Buckeldee, Seconded by Margaret Day  
( 2<sup>nd</sup> year in office )

Andy Pedley

Proposed by Robert Buckeldee, Seconded by Tilly Evershed  
( 5<sup>th</sup> year in office )

#### **St John's:** Christopher Graham

Proposed by Tilly Evershed, Seconded by Emma Timms  
( 1<sup>st</sup> year in office )

Peter Male

Proposed by Tilly Evershed, Seconded by Cherril Seward  
( 1<sup>st</sup> year in office )

**Hampton Poyle:** Sue O'Hare

Proposed by Kathryn Smith, Seconded by Judith Baker  
(4<sup>th</sup> year in office)

There being no other nominations, Scott Cheeseman proposed, seconded by Karen Mason, that these people should be elected to serve as churchwardens until the May 2026 APCM, and this was unanimously agreed.

Felicity extended a warm welcome to the 2 new churchwardens for St John's. They are supported by a number of unofficial deputy wardens at St John's, as Sue O'Hare is at Hampton Poyle. She pointed out that all elected wardens actually serve the whole Parish, rather than just their own usual places of worship, and may be called upon to step in to one of the other churches if needed.

**Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Mary's Kidlington**

One spelling mistake was noted for amendment. It was proposed by Janet Warren, ( seconded by Jill Buckeldee ) that the minutes were a true record of the meeting, and unanimously agreed.

**Election of members to serve on the Parochial Church Council**

Sincere thanks were extended to Margaret Day, Margaret Dee, Bill Evershed and Kathryn Smith, who have reached the end of their 3 year term in office, and Marian Knight and Roger Smith, who have resigned after 2 years in office.

Members still in office are:

Bruce Forman (elected APCM 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> year in office)  
Laura Morgan (elected APCM 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> year in office)  
Cherona Chapman (elected APCM 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in office )  
Yo Davies ( elected APCM 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in office )  
Anne Handsley ( elected APCM 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in office )  
Nick Kubat ( elected APCM 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in office

The following were nominated to serve as new members :

Jo Lee (Proposed Janet Warren, Seconded Cynthia Klobucki )  
Tilly Evershed (Proposed Margaret Dee, Seconded Margaret Day)

There being no other nominations, it was proposed by Janet Warren, seconded by Jill Buckeldee, that these 2 should be elected to serve on the PCC for a period of 3 years, and this was unanimously agreed.

## **Appointment of an independent examiner for the year 2025/6**

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Nicola Cadwallader was proposed to act again as independent examiner, and this was unanimously accepted.

## **Approval of the membership of the committee of St John's Kidlington**

Committee members were thanked for their work in 2024/5. It was proposed by Tilly Evershed, seconded by Scott Cheeseman, that the following people should serve on this committee in 2025/6, and this was unanimously approved.

Mark Christodoulou, Margaret Day, Margaret Dee, Tilly Evershed, Christopher and Jemma Graham, Jo Lee, Laura Morgan, Cherrill & Malcom Seward, Emma Timms, Catherine and Peter Male and Felicity/Revd Oliver Harrison

## **Approval of the membership of the committee of St Mary's Hampton Poyle**

Committee members were thanked for their work in 2024/5. It was proposed by Sue O'Hare, seconded by Catherine Male, that the following people should serve on this committee in 2025/6, and this was unanimously approved.

Jean Bagnall, Judith Baker, Tracy Bickley, Carolyn Castle, Monica Green, Pat O'Gorman, Sue O'Hare and Katy Smith

## **Election of members to serve on the Council of Churches together in Kidlington**

Felicity thanked members of the council, especially Scott who has served as chair and Penny who has served as secretary. Felicity commended the work of CTK, and encouraged anyone interested to consider joining.

Robert Buckeldee proposed, seconded by Tilly Evershed, that Scott Cheeseman, Margaret Day and Penny Pedley should continue to serve as Anglican representatives on CTK, and this was unanimously approved.

## **Consideration of a report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting**

Lesley Smith, Electoral Roll Officer, noted that we were required this year to undertake a complete revision of the Roll. Last year there were 244 people on the list; after revision there are 189. Some people have

moved away or died, and others failed to respond to invitations to reapply, but it was felt that the new list represents a more accurate picture of local people who feel allegiance to the Anglican Parish. It was reported that the implementation of electronic registration worked fairly well, although the majority of people still chose to submit paper registration.

Felicity warmly thanked Lesley for all her hard work in compiling the new Roll, and also thanked Joyce Morris (retiring roll officer) and Margaret Day for their support.

### **Consideration of the annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the Parish generally**

The published report and papers reflect the wide variety of work that goes on in the Parish, especially in relation to mission and engagement with the community.

Steve Handsley proposed, seconded by Karen Mason, that the report reflected a true account of the activities of the Parish, and this was accepted unanimously.

### **Consideration of the Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, independently examined.**

Bill Evershed (treasurer) highlighted some of the key messages from the Financial Statement.

- Our income for 2024 was £256,769, and expenditure was £284,761, showing a deficit of £27,992. This was expected, due to necessary expenses such as the repairs to St Mary's Kidlington heating.
- Planned giving did rise by £4,312 in 2024/5, but donations as a whole are down by £48,733 compared to 2023.
- We expect the Quota, or Parish Share, to rise by 10% this year, from £96,240 to around £106,370pa
- We need to be realistic – at this rate we will have no reserve funds left in 2 years' time, so we do need to offer more guidance on appropriate giving levels.

Bill Evershed, Margaret Day and the Finance Committee were warmly thanked for all the work they undertake on behalf of the Parish.

Bill Evershed proposed, seconded by Margaret Day, that the Financial Statements be accepted, which they were, unanimously.

## **Consideration of a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches in the Parish**

A Fabric Committee report was submitted in the APCM Papers. Log books, Terriers and Inventories are presented for inspection to PCC annually, and detailed minutes of the vast amount of work undertaken by the committee are presented at PCC meetings.

Felicity recorded warm thanks to the Fabric Committee for their work.

## **Consideration of a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

A Report from the Deanery Synod representatives was submitted in the APCM papers, and reports are submitted to the next PCC after each Deanery Synod meeting.

Many thanks were extended to the Deanery Synod representatives, who all take an active role in Deanery Synod.

## **Consideration of any other matters of parochial or general church interest**

Some concern was expressed about Mothers' Day, when most families chose to attend St Mary's Kidlington, leaving St John's without their usual children's group. It was acknowledged that there had been some lack of communication between the churches, which will be rectified in future, but Felicity emphasised that free flow between the churches is frequent and encouraged as we are one Parish, which inevitably leads to all our churches occasionally having no children present for particular services. Our Mission Action Plan has the growth of provision for children and young people at its heart.

### **Any other business**

Felicity recorded particular thanks to Joanna Foster and The Friends of St Mary's for all their work over the past year in raising funds to improve the fabric of St Mary's Kidlington in order to further community engagement.

**The date for the APCM for 2026** was confirmed for 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Closing Prayer** The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

## Reports for 2025

### Rector's Report

*Kidlington with Hampton Poyle* is a complex parish full of diversity and activity; a true parish church which engages with the local community and shares God's love in many different ways. The Mission action Plan shows our commitment to 'Loving, Welcoming, Exploring, and Growing' whilst working within the resources we have, valuing people more than tasks, and "not sweating the small stuff". I think we live up to this in staying real and avoiding perfectionism, all the time offering high quality worship, and a whole variety of special events and community outreach. Inclusivity, variety, creativity and fun are hallmarks of our diverse community. From *Kidlinks* to *Lincroft Meadow*, from Choral Evensong to 'All Together', from the *Making Group* to the monthly parish lunch and *The Big Sing*, from baptisms and funerals to the Parish Party... people encounter us as a living church and value the different parts of ministry they experience. Most people will not be aware of the many other aspects of ministry that go on, or of the vital supporting infrastructure of governance, finance, administration, maintenance, cleaning, and general help that goes on every day and is mostly provided by volunteers. Thank you to everyone who plays your part, whatever that is, in keeping us as a well-run, safe, welcoming and faithful community.

The annual report and meeting is our chance to draw together the diverse parts and to value each and every one. I thank Anne Handsley who, as PCC secretary, has summarised the events of the year in the formal report. I will not seek to duplicate what is in her comprehensive statement but will seek to draw your attention to new things this year, whilst appreciating all the wonderful things that we do each and every year.

However, like Anne, I will start with a welcome and thankyou to the Rev'd Oliver Harrison and Jessica Harrison who joined us in September. With Paul ordained priest (what a joy it was to host the ordination service at St Mary's) Oliver's arrival means we have a full team of three full time priests for the first time in several years. If anyone doubted there is enough work to do for three full time people Oliver will tell them differently! This has put a huge smile on my face as the three of us have got to know each other and are working well as a supportive trio within the wider team of clergy and licensed lay people. I think congregations can tell when clergy do not trust or like each other – I am confident that you can all tell that the reverse is true in our parish, and I am very thankful.

2025 was a year of optimism, confidence and significant outreach both through the community projects and through our continual presence and interaction in the village. We deepened our relationships in small ways with all the Kidlington schools, with the Kidlington Business Community (*Kidlington Connections*), and through the *Friends of St Mary's* with many local people who do not look for faith connections with the church. Particular thanks are due to Joanna Foster CBE and her teams who continue to work with vision and passion to lay on a varied and high-class programme of events.

This was the year when we began to see a regular trickle of new faces joining us at St Mary's as people used to do pre-Covid. Some come to taste the water and don't come back, some come for particular types of worship (evensong, 8am, All Together, or Open Space), some join our community and get involved. All are welcome. With a full staff team we were able to run a Newcomers Supper in November at the Rectory and will aim to do this every term.

As some have joined us, so some have sadly left us. The Rev'd Mervyn Puleston died in September after so many years of service to the church here, elsewhere in Oxfordshire, and also in Geneva. We paid a great tribute to him, and I remain personally so grateful to him for his generous and unfailingly supportive spirit to this new young Team Rector. We were also sad to say goodbye to Ray Norrie, Irene Mort, Stan White, Ann Thomas, Olive Williams, Peter Jeffreys, Romaine Henderson, and Lily Smith, all of whom were valued members of our worshipping community.

Music in various forms has been strong this year. Thanks are due to David Hewett, Bruce Forman, and all who take their part. At St Mary's the Junior choristers have grown in confidence alongside our experienced choristers and a new Youth Choir now works alongside the choristers. Thanks to all adults and parents who support these children. We were also able to continue with three organ scholarships to Joshua Hewett, Shreya Krishnan, and William Goodfellow. We are blessed to have such talented young people. *The Belles of St Mary's* and *The Moors Quartet* have sung on several first Sundays of the month while the adult choir has had a rest. *The Music Group* has supported *Open Space* every third Sunday and offered a huge variety of music and the opportunity for anyone who enjoys singing to get involved.

As *Joseph Day* (in 2024) was not repeatable but we wanted to do something that was just for fun and a chance to be together as a parish community, we ran a *Parish Party*. There were lots of games, plenty of people of all ages, good food and much fun was had by all. Thanks to Clare and Huw Morgan and their teams for masterminding this. It is wholesome sometimes to have an event that is simply about enjoying each other's company (not fund -raising, not outreach, not teaching...)

We always celebrate the major festivals in style and 2025 was no exception. We sometimes take for granted the range and quality of worship offered each year in this parish. Thank you to everyone who makes them happen – from moving furniture, to serving refreshments and everything in between. The annual cycle of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Remembrance, Harvest, All Souls, Rogation, the Pet Service, Pentecost, and the monthly pattern of All Together, Open Space, and Evensong.... demands creativity, goodwill, faithfulness, and a degree of resilience! The *Christmas Tree Festival* with a full musical programme and supporting activities, became very established and brought in a large number of local people; it culminated in the *Community Carol Service* which went with a swing. This year we decided to exchange the small Carol Service inside St John's for an informal Carol Singing event on the green opposite Sainsburys. With the support of Kidlington Parish Council, our dedicated brass players, and a refreshments team providing hot chocolate and doughnuts, this was a terrific success, attracting about 70 people in a joyful pre-Christmas atmosphere.

Malc has faithfully sent out the weekly email which is our main communication and Margaret Day has kept the website beautifully up to date. A small team keeps the livestream which, alongside '*Pause for Prayer*' three times a week, offers a significant online support for faith and growth – please don't forget that this exists even if you are now physically back in church buildings for worship. We have added a second camera to improve the visual offering but have had a few issues with sound quality and internet output which are currently beyond our capacity to solve. We decided, in line with most churches now, to stop offering bespoke online Sunday services. Thank you to all who valiantly make these online offerings happen, especially to Joyce Morris who organises the *Pause for Prayer* rota and keeps the prayer list updated each week. If anyone would like to join the small *Pause for Prayer* team please come forward.

The monthly *Sunday Prayer Breakfasts* at St John's is available to everyone in the parish – not just those of us who worship mostly at St John's. Do come along and enjoy friendship over breakfast which leads into our normal worship at 10am You will be very welcome. This has now moved from the second to the third Sunday of each month.

The Children and Young People's Group have produced their own report so it remains for me to thank them all for the work they do supporting young people across our churches. A notable event was the two day residential in autumn which was a great success. It is very good to see the fruits of this work in confident children and young people growing up

knowing they belong in the church, and to see Oliver heading up an integrated approach to this ministry. Thank you everyone.

Yo Davies, our safeguarding officer, has worked extremely hard and with great resilience to keep us all up to date with the highest standards of safeguarding training and practices. National events have brought home to us, if we didn't know before, just how vital it is that we should do everything we possibly can to ensure that our churches are safe spaces and that we can be trusted by all who come. It takes a little while to change a culture but I think that people now understand there is no leeway here at all. Our thanks are due to Yo for her dedication and gentle professionalism (and her patience with the diocesan dashboard!).

Each week so many people keep our services going as duty wardens, welcomers, lay ministers, servers, interceders, communion distributors, pray-ers, musicians, bellringers, readers, coffee makers, cleaners, flower arrangers and those who contribute to All Together and Open Space.

In Hampton Poyle the team work is wonderfully organised and it is always a pleasure to arrive and see the church beautifully clean, decorated with care, refreshments ready and smiles from all. This may be our smaller church (despite packing in over 100 people on Christmas Eve for the carol service!) but the distinctive personal sense of worship here – and the fact that the heating and microphones are the most reliable of all our churches – makes it a very special part of our parish. Kidlington residents are always welcome in Hampton Poyle – why not come along and experience worship here? Thank you to everyone in HP who pulls together to keep everything running so well.

Many other people work behind the scenes doing things that keep everything going: PCC and committee members, ironing altar linen, baking, leading small groups and youth groups, ordering candles, mending lots of things, keeping the database and Facebook up to date, making phone calls, organising the parish lunch, visiting, cleaning, praying, doing their safeguarding training, baking, offering transport, applying for faculties, opening and closing our churches, and did I say baking?

Challenges this year are the familiar ones of finding enough volunteers for all the things that we have running. In many ways this is not surprising: most parishes do not do nearly as much as we do, as Oliver will gladly tell you. There comes a point in our lives when it is wise to step away from things that we have done for many years, and several people have done that this year. The way is open for new people to step up and 'have a go' in so many areas of church life. If you're feeling a little shy, or even a little uncertain that there is anything you could do, please have a chat with someone.... We hope and believe that people make friends and have

fun while carrying out many of the roles within the parish and we are very grateful for everyone who plays their part. It really is true that no matter how many clergy we have none of this would happen without all the volunteers. Thank you.

In November the PCC had to pass a deficit budget on the understanding that we would run a *Stewardship Campaign* in Spring 2026. There is no area of life where costs have decreased, and church life is no exception, but without financial resources we can't do much ministry. Thank you all of you for your generosity.

Special thanks are due to our wardens who shoulder many tasks unseen and often 'keep the show on the road': Andy Pedley and Robert Buckeldee for St Mary's, Tilly Evershed for St John's who stepped down at the APCM, and Sue O'Hare at Hampton Poyle. Everyone in the regular congregation at Hampton Poyle plays their part and we recognise the huge value of the team approach to church in our small village. Learning from Hampton Poyle team approach we formed a new Wardens team at St John's. Headed by Chris Graham and Pete Male as named wardens we now have a team of 9 people sharing the Sunday warden duties at St John's and this has worked very well. A similar team approach is being envisaged for St Mary's next year.

We also thank Margaret Day who has worked tirelessly to support the running of the parish office and finances, Malc running the office, Bill Evershed as treasurer and Anne as PCC secretary. You all bear with my foibles (and typing) with great good humour!

In the clergy team we celebrated Paul's priesting and we are enjoying seeing Paul grow in stature as a team member. His curacy has felt entirely natural from the very beginning, and now his priesthood feels entirely right.. We said goodbye to Paula Clifford who joined us while we were searching for a Team Vicar. Paula took many baptisms and Sunday services and contributed a lot to the team. She has been back visiting us but is now enjoying more space to travel and write. Marian Needham, Sarah Sewell, and David Meara continue to be generous and talented members of the clergy team, each with their own distinctive ministries and adding so much to our parish life and to the wisdom, fellowship (and laughter) of the clergy team. We are blessed by your presence.

Alongside the clergy team there is the monthly meeting of '*Big Team*' which is the place for all who exercise a licensed lay ministry and our valued clergy who give of their time whilst being retired or having other jobs. In 2025 this was Philippa Burrell – pastoral group and home communions, Meghann Hewett – preaching and leading worship, Colin Johnson – Iona service and support for *Open Space*, Joyce Morris -

funeral ministry, John Morris – home communions, Penny Pedley – small groups and worship leading, Katie Tupling – *All Together* leader. As colleagues and friends you offer your different skills and wisdom in so many ways. Thankyou.

Alongside the general work and ministry of the parish we run three community projects: *Kidlinks*, *The Community Garden at St John's* (Martin's Garden), and the *Parent Support Group*. *Kidlinks* has its own report: it just remains for me to point out what a huge offering this project is to the families of Kidlington and to thank Rachel, all the volunteers, the Management Group, and Oliver for all they do to keep this very significant project running.

*The Community Garden* planning group of Paula Clifford (until July), Margaret Day, Diana, Davis, Bruce Forman, Tilly Evershed, and Chris Graham and me has continued to work away in the background. The parish office is now established and we have plans being costed for the landscaping. This will involve a full faculty and possibly also planning permission, but once a quotation has been accepted we can begin to fund raise.

*The Parent Support Group* project has changed its name to *Parentlinks* and has continued to run two regular groups on Monday and Tuesday nights through the year for parents whose children struggle with neurodiversity or mental health issues. At the end of the year plans were made for a third group for parents of primary school aged children. The management group consists of Jill Buckeldee, Ursie Phayre, Yo Davies and me. Trained facilitators are paid for by a grant from Oxford diocese. A small grant from the *Joey Beauchamp Foundation* paid for 10 hours a month publicity and networking to recruit group members and raise our profile. We also received a further £2500 from CTK as a result of the Kidlington News dispersing its excess profits among the Kidlington Churches, and £4000 from Oxford County Council to support the parents of adult children. We also started a series of stand-alone open access speaker sessions on topics of general interest to all parents involved in the project and beyond it. These confidential groups are massively appreciated by those who attend.

I look forward to 2026 with great hope because of the strength and love of this community which it is my absolute privilege to be part of. Thank you for having me as your Team Rector. May God bless us all and lead us in His ways for the years to come.

Felicity  
April 2026

## **St Mary's Kidlington Report**

The worshipping life of the church follows the calendar of the Church of England, marking the seasons with creativity and variety. 2025 has been a year full of events and full of joyful worship. From the service celebrating Epiphany in early January all the way through to Christmas Day in December, our clergy team and lay support team provided an extraordinary tapestry of liturgy, music, art and theatre to the congregations gathered.

Music continues to be an important part of our church life, and our congregations are bolstered by various singing ensembles: the choir, the choristers, the Open Space singing group and the Belles of St Mary's all contribute through the year, and we thank them for their efforts. It is encouraging to see the chorister numbers continue to grow, bringing younger life into our church!

The seasons of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas were marked with our now traditional art installations, put together by our Making Group, and these enhance our worship experience and give us plenty to think about.

And the church continues its role as a community space, hosting Art Weeks in May, the annual Parish Fete in July, numerous KAOS events, numerous school Christmas concerts and the Christmas Tree festival in December, Remembrance Sunday in November, as well as events of our own, like the Tea Talks held in the early months of the year, the Sunday Teas which run throughout the summer and the many events staged by the Friends of St Mary's Kidlington. We are especially grateful to this last group as they have managed to raise some significant funds that will enable remedial work to be undertaken to keep the building in good state.

As a grade 1 historic building, St Mary's Kidlington requires significant upkeep, and some significant works have been undertaken in 2025 to keep the building fit for purpose. The interior lighting has been upgraded (we can now read our service booklets at evening services!) and the roof has been repaired in a number of places to counteract leaks, and bird netting removed from the tower, as well as more routine work on the heating system, electrics, boilers, etc. Our thanks to all those involved in supporting the fabric of the building.

And finally our thanks to all those who contribute to the week on week life of St Mary's: those who clean, those who do flowers, those who contribute to services, those who welcome, those who make refreshments, those who contribute financially, and those who come to worship.

## **Robert Buckeldee and Andy Pedley, Churchwardens**

### **St John's Report**

St John's continued to grow in faith and prosper with everyone striving to ensure that the feeling of belonging within the congregation and the parish continues from previous years. The All-Together service on the first Sunday of the month with its family focused nature was enjoyed by families from across the Parish. The second Sunday of the month began with the popular pre-service Prayer Breakfast where we looked at a variety of topics, flowing into prayer and then reforming into a eucharistic service. Third (and fifth) Sundays were a simple eucharistic service, while fourth Sundays were blessed with a Joint Service where the whole Parish was invited to come together in one service. These services generally alternated between St John's and St Mary's Kidlington. Add to these the regular Tuesday evening Iona services and you have the varied patchwork of services that form the core of St John's.

Junior Church continued to be a regular feature in all our Sunday morning services with the active participation of the children in our All-Together services, Mothering Sunday, and of course our Nativity play. Numbers remained steady throughout the year, thanks to all the leaders and helpers.

As the year progressed, the familiar round of special services took place, from Epiphany to Candlemas, Holy Week to Easter Sunday, Harvest, All Souls and Remembrance up to Advent and Christmas. This year we introduced 'Carols on the Green' to encourage members of the community to come and enjoy an opportunity to sing and celebrate with the congregation without a great emphasis on a formal service. This will, we are sure, become a long term and well enjoyed outreach service to the community. We are grateful to all the clergy team for making these services special and were delighted to welcome many visitors to these events.

St John's continued to host a wide variety of events and activities with regular bookings from various groups such as Zumba, Pilates, Yoga and of course by KidLinks. It also remained a popular venue for one off activities such as birthday parties and training events.

We have enjoyed warmly welcoming Rev. Oliver Harrison, and we give grateful thanks to all members of the Parish Clergy team, the All Together planning group, Servers, Junior Church team and Bruce our Musical Director for their valued ministry. In 2025 we introduced a duty warden rota. Whilst we are the officially named churchwardens, we are grateful to the small team of duty wardens who support the running of church services. This is an entirely new approach to the churchwarden role and is proving successful so far.

Another significant change in 2025 is that we no longer take collections during services, however, a new contactless terminal has been installed and is in use regularly.

There has been an opportunity to take part in an Environmental Survey and the report is now with the Church Wardens, to review the implications as well as amazing opportunities to reduce our Carbon footprint and to modernise some of the material surroundings of the Church building, whilst giving us the chance to ask the question 'what makes St John's a church for us all?'

**Chris Graham and Peter Male, Churchwardens**

### **St Mary's Hampton Poyle**

Our small but active congregation ensures that St Mary's Hampton Poyle is open every day to offer a quiet and peaceful welcome to parishioners and visitors alike. Services are held regularly throughout the year, and all are most welcome to attend.

After several years of preparation, the application for a Faculty has finally been approved for the installation of a servery and toilet in the church. We are very grateful to Katy Smith for all her hard work on this project. Fundraising will commence in 2026.

Our thanks go out to the clergy who attend and our treasured organist Bob and the organ scholars who also played during the year. We rely on our volunteers who help clean, make tea, mow the grass, arrange some wonderful flower displays and keep the church open daily. The cycle of services and events special to St Mary's Hampton Poyle continued through 2025. A service was held on Mothering Sunday during which posies were given out. Palm Sunday and Easter services in April were followed in May by the annual Rogation perambulation through the village led by Felicity on horseback accompanied by musicians, parishioners and the occasional dog, even picking up a group of guests at The Bell. After a hot summer (during which our troublesome door received some much needed repair courtesy of a volunteer) came the Pet Blessing service in the churchyard in September and in October Harvest Festival. In November the Remembrance and All Souls service was as ever a solemn and thoughtful evening service, with the lighting of candles and the playing of last post. Sadly, we were unable to attract younger parishioners to our Advent craft service where we decorated a tree with home-made decorations in preparation for the big St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival, nevertheless, we enjoyed the activity very much and the tree looked splendid. We continue to try and think of ways to attract younger villagers to our

services at this time of year. Carol singing through the village and Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve proved very popular with lusty singing and contributions from musicians and local children and adults, plus the arrival of two special guests. Holy Communion on Christmas morning was a beautiful reflective service. A wedding just before Christmas gave us the challenge of decorating the church in readiness for Christmas as well as the wedding – the result being that the church looked better than ever.

**Sue O’Hare, Churchwarden**

## **Oxford Deanery Synod Report**

4 Synod meetings took place during the year

1] Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at St Barnabas Church

An interesting group discussion took place sharing ideas from each parish on the keeping of Lent. Presentations on ‘Life from a NGO perspective’ were given by Phil Evans and Michael Taylor from Christian Aid and Jonathan Hunt and Rachel Dodimead outlined the work of the Nasio Trust in West Kenya.

2] Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at St Mary the Virgin, High St Oxford

The main item was the Oxford Deanery Parish Share Methodology and Allocation. Area Dean, Gavin Knight, proposed 3 allocation options to be used in 2026. These options were previously circulated to all incumbents and PCC treasurers who were to discuss them and provide feedback prior to this meeting. After discussion a vote was taken and Option B gained the majority of votes and will be used in 2026.

3] Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Christ Church Cathedral Chapter House  
Gavin Knight gave a talk outlining the purpose of Deaneries stressing how essential they are within the structure of the Church of England.

Rev Nicky Skipworth spoke on ‘Thames Valley Police - a chaplains perspective’.

4] Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at St Margaret’s Church

James Wood spoke about ‘The Quiet Revival’ and the new YouShape programme, the young people’s hub operated from St Matthews Church

There will be a 4% increase to the Parish Share in 2026 and it is likely there will be a further 4% increase the following year

**Steph Hobson, Philippa Burrell, Scott Cheeseman ( Deanery Synod Reps )**

## **Churches Together in Kidlington**

2025 was a busy year for CTK, with a sense of continuation as well as some new events.

January saw the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and midday prayers being held in person in the churches for the first time since Covid. Many more people attended than had done so online and they were much appreciated.

The fellowship meal was well attended, and, though numbers were lower than earlier years, there was a good representation from all the churches. We shared a wonderful bring and share feast, and welcomed Fiona Kelling as our speaker. She spoke very movingly about her work with the Charity Mosaic Middle East and her perspective of life for Palestinians in the area, which was very timely. A retiring collection raised £200 for the charity.

The World Day of Prayer service was held in St Thomas More Church in March, and members of each church took part in the service which had been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands and which described their homeland and told the stories of some of the joys and struggles of their lives. It is a lovely opportunity each year to take part in something that is shared on the same day with Christians throughout the world and offers a small insight into the lives of Christian people in different cultures.

The Good Friday Walk was well attended and moving.

The joint Pentecost service was held at St Mary's and celebrated the work of Street Pastors, who spoke about their work supporting people on the streets of the city late at night, caring for people's safety if they have drunk too much, or find themselves alone, and providing flip-flops for those who can't walk any further in their chosen footwear!

The Methodist Church, supported by members of the other churches, continue to host Holiday at Home for older folk, in the New Year, Easter and summer. This year also saw the start of the Kidlington Repair Cafe, also at the Methodist Church. Once a month, this invites people to bring anything that is broken, not working or needs sharpening to a group of volunteers who offer their skills to fix what they can, while owners can enjoy a cup of tea and some cake. This has been very successful.

At the end of September, CTK hosted a harvest tea and service at the Methodist Church. The Church was full and all the churches were well represented. The service was quite simple, with a number of well-known

harvest hymns, and the bring and share tea brought a lovely range of tasty treats.

As Christmas approached, CTK were again represented at the switching on of the lights in the village. We gave out Christmas cards and tealights, which were much appreciated. We also had a tree at the Christmas Tree festival at St Mary's.

So CTK continues to bring the work of our churches together and to celebrate the richness of the Gospel we share in so many ways. We could always do with more people to join us to continue and find new ways to come alongside one another. It is a great joy to work and share together.

## **Penny Pedley, Churches Together in Kidlington**

### **Safeguarding Report**

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for the Parish. All volunteers who wish to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults undergo a safer recruitment process which involves an interview and checking of references. They agree to undertake a DBS (Disclosure and Barring check) and to take safeguarding training. I have been working on job descriptions for all volunteer roles.

We have a Parish Dashboard, (organised through the Diocese) which lists all roles and those who undertake them. This dashboard provides reminders for the need for repeated training or checks as well as ensuring annual checks of safeguarding policies and procedures and enables a method of reporting safeguarding activity to the PCC. This now includes a Lone Working Policy.

Safeguarding issues that have been raised this past year have been worked through with the help of clergy and our diocesan safeguarding advisor.

Unfortunately the umbrella organisation that provided DBS checking for the Diocese was hacked in 2025 and personal data stolen. I worked alongside those affected and ensured they received support from the National Church and from myself. This has resulted in us changing the provider of this service. The Parish administrator and I will undertake training to use this new service.

I continue to keep my own training up to date and have attended two workshops run by DBS related to safeguarding in Faith organizations and attend any Parish safeguarding officer meetings held by the Diocese.

**Yo Davies, Safeguarding Officer**

## **Health and Safety Report**

H&S is probably the only report where no news is good news. Nothing happened! Hurrah. That said, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make sure that nothing happens, or at least, try to stop things from happening.

So, there are annual checks –

PAT testing of ALL the Electrical Equipment in the three Church Buildings are tested every year to make sure they are safe to use.

A walk round the Church Sites to see if there's anything that could be a hazard, and taking steps to make safe

Risk assessments of activities, updating existing Risk Assessments and writing new ones for any new activities that the Parish undertakes.

Fire Risks are assessed by Roger Smith, to whom thanks.

All need to be "documented" so that there are records that we have been diligent, should an incident happen, so Reports were compiled and sent to the various Sub-Committees to be actioned.

And there are challenges - at present having had the roof repaired in "Big" St Marys, there are areas of perished plaster at high level that need to be taken down and new plaster (probably lime mortar in practice) applied, then decorated to blend in is high on the "to do" list! Since this is 12m above the floor, a scaffold tower will be essential.

Anyone who is worried about the safety of any aspect of Parish Activities can contact me and share their concerns, and I am always happy to listen and check things out, and action where appropriate. And thinking to the future, it would be great to recruit an assistant, with a view to succession planning in the future.

**Andy Pedley**

**Health And Safety Officer**

## **Finance Committee Report**

The Committee met either in person or by circulation of emails to consider financial issues. As previously, the main work of the Committee was to produce a 2026 budget for PCC approval in November 2025.

The committee also had preliminary discussions about a campaign to increase parish giving and eliminate the deficit on General Fund, to take place during Lent 2026.

The Financial Review is included in the formal Annual Report for 2025 and the Annual Accounts are shown separately.

This year's committee were Robert Buckeldee, Katy Smith, and Margaret Day, and I am very grateful to all of them for their support and commitment during the year.

### **Bill Evershed, Treasurer**

### **Fabric Committee Report**

The Fabric Committee is responsible for all restoration, renovation, upkeep and maintenance on the buildings under the stewardship of the PCC.

2025 was another busy year. Across the four buildings that are within the remit – St Mary's Kidlington, St John's Kidlington, St Mary's Hampton Poyle and Andersons Close – there is always a long list of small jobs that need doing as well as significant projects that need to be managed.

The day-to-day maintenance jobs are routine and built into a schedule of work – PAT testing for electrical items, services for boilers and heating systems, fire safety checks, lightning conductor checks, gutter clearing, etc – but in 2026 a number of more significant projects were undertaken. In St Mary's Kidlington, the interior lighting was upgraded, and this has made a significant difference to the church. Work was also undertaken on the roof around the tower with the result that the clergy no longer get wet when they preside on a rainy day. And a faculty was obtained for work on the flooring that will enable us to create a more accessible church.

Unfortunately, the pipework that enables the heating in the Lady Chapel to function has decayed, and there are insufficient funds available to make repairs, so those two heaters are out of action for the foreseeable future.

In St John's Kidlington, the boiler has been replaced, as has the water heater in the kitchen. Work on woodwork in the ceilings in the inner and outer vestry has been completed. Plans for an upgrade to the lighting and electrics has been progressed.

In St Mary's Hampton Poyle, remedial work was undertaken to the end wall of the Chancel, and to the main door. Work continues on the plans for a new servery.

I am grateful to all the members of the Fabric Committee who give significant time to the upkeep of our buildings.

### **Robert Buckeldee – Chair, Fabric Committee**

### **Children and Young People's Report**

I write having joined the church staff team in the final third of 2025 – and with a lot of catching up to do. That said, I am pleased to report that the Children and Young People’s (CYP) Committee has worked over the last year in supporting the various connections with young people both at St. John’s and St. Mary’s.

Junior Church at St John’s continued to be well received, following material from ‘Roots,’ and many children and young people were involved in the nativity service. The Children’s Corner at SMK continued to provide a comfortable space for visiting families, with books and craft activities. TiG (Together in God) continues to meet monthly and has benefited from committed leaders and periodical social events. A new Code of Conduct has been adopted to help manage occasionally challenging teenage behaviour and this has been successful. The Youth Weekend Away in September was one of the highlights of the year, with participants from both Choristers and TiG. The young people are excited for the prospect of another weekend away (probably at the end of September 2026). A recent development is now a fully-fledged Junior Choir to complement the existing Choristers and both have now added a junior section; the group has benefited from both the teaching they receive as well as the Choristers’ Party. We are also continuing to explore the possibility of a trip to Africa next year. Finally, it’s worth mentioning “All Together”, the brilliant all-age service at St John’s on the first Sunday of the month.

Many thanks to all those who give their time and effort to our work with children and young people.

**Revd Oliver Harrison, Team Vicar, Chair of the CYP Steering Group**

## **Kidlinks**

Kidlinks was set up in response to the closure of Kidlington’s Children’s Centre. It was initially called ‘The Hub’ and we relaunched it under its new name in summer 2023. It is not an independent charity but is run through the PCC and the Children and Young Families worker, Rachel Rea, employed by the PCC. It has a management committee made up of PCC reps, a parent rep and community reps, and is chaired by the Team Vicar.

Management Committee members in 2025 were:

Felicity (temporary chair until September)

Oliver (Chair after September)

Clare Morgan (PCC rep)

Nigel Simpson (Community rep)

Jo Simpson (Community rep)

Eleanor Temple (Parent rep)

Ashley Charles (PCC rep )

Rachel Rea, the Children and Families Worker, is in attendance at some meetings.

Our main aim as a project is to work with and support as many families as we can through the early years of their child's life. We do this by providing drop-ins and support groups where parents and carers can come for peer support and friendship, the friendly listening ear of a volunteer, professional guidance, or sometimes just a hot cup of tea and a biscuit. And of course, there is the all-important play time and learning opportunities for their little ones! Kidlinks is a fantastic resource for families, and many have told us that our sessions have been a lifeline to them during some of the most challenging moments of parenthood.

Our drop-in play sessions Little Acorns, Bouncing Babies, and St Mary's Toddler Group remain as busy and popular as ever. St John's buzzes to the sound of up to 50 happy toddlers at a time with their carers for Little Acorns, while SEN Squirrels is a quieter group on Fridays for SEND children that families tell us is very much needed and appreciated.

What makes Kidlinks different from other drop in community playgroups? We add a lot of extra value through the expertise of Rachel, our wonderful Children and Families Worker, and through our partnership with other sources of support and knowledge. We are working in partnership with local schools, breastfeeding counsellors, SEND settings, midwives and mental health services, to deliver significant and integrated support for local families. Families are drawn from Kidlington and Water Eaton and up to 10 miles beyond. Our reputation is very good and we won the Red Kite award for Pre School playgroups in 2023.

As well as having several SEND teachers on our volunteer team, we also collaborate with outside specialists to enable us to confidently signpost our families to appropriate sources of support - Bicester Autism, Sentipede, Oxfordshire SEND Families Together, Afso, and speech & language therapists, and others,

In 2025 we led two parenting courses at West Kidlington Primary School, and we have continued to be fully booked at our breastfeeding support group in our partnership with Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support.

In 2023 we won the Co-op Charity Partnership award, and this year they chose to renew it with us. Co-op have provided volunteers to help with events such as our Summer parties, Christmas grotto and painting our baby

room, they have raised funds via customer collection pots in their shops and cake sales in their nurseries, and have provided practical support such as sending builders to build a base for our new Kidlinks garden shed. They have also provided opportunities for free staff training, and have raised awareness of us on their social media platforms. Thank you Co-op for your continued support.

Volunteers come from within and beyond the churches. Each of our volunteers goes through a safer recruitment process, completing an interview, DBS and reference checks, and safeguarding training. Without our volunteers, Kidlinks simply could not exist! They are the backbone of our charity and we can never thank them enough for all their time and dedication to supporting families, and making Kidlinks what it is.

The Family Fun Day in the summer was a great success and introduced some new families to the project. With music, pizza, fire engine, and lots of relaxed fun it was a fun and inclusive afternoon for local families and it was good to see St John's forecourt buzzing with energy and life.

Kidlinks groups ran through the summer which was very much appreciated by families who often find the long holidays difficult to get through. Big thanks are due to Rachel and volunteers for keeping these lifelines going.

In November, we collaborated with local CIC Cherwell Collective and Good Food Oxfordshire on a joint research project around food insecurity and the barriers families face with eating healthily and sustainably.

In December, Rachel was interviewed for the Neurodiverse Voices Podcast, raising our profile and showing how we are supporting more and more diverse families.

For the 3rd year running we hosted Santa's Grotto at Kidlington's Christmas Lights Switch-on, which also raised our profile in the village as well as allowing us to benefit from much needed funds.

The major challenge remains, as maybe it always will be, finances. It is much more expensive to run an integrated project with employees than to run volunteer led separate drop in play sessions because we offer much more to the families than just drop in sessions. When we took over from the Children's Centre we were given funds to last 3-4 years but after that we had to become self-funding. At this point many similar projects ceased to exist, just as many charities have folded after Covid. We have struggled on with the support of local businesses, Kidlington Parish Councillors, Oxford City Councillors, Co-Op sponsorship, and some small grants. We are still here – and that is an achievement – but without financial security we are not able to progress our vision for expansion, and to employ a colleague to support Rachel and free her to do more networking. At the end

of the year we agreed that at this point we cannot offer further parenting courses and will pause the Toddler Lunch Club group until our funding is in a better shape. As ever we continue to welcome offers of help from people able to write fund raising bids.

We are sincerely grateful to all our sponsors, funders, and volunteers, and to Rachel for her passionate and skilful leading of this most valued project. Thank you everyone.

### **The Rev Oliver Harrison, Team Vicar, Chair of Kidlinks**

#### **Small Groups**

Small groups continue to be an important part of our parish life. Last year's Lent Group, which addressed the Minor Prophets, resulted in the creation of a fortnightly home group, reflecting on the most recent sermon. We continue to have multiple organised groups meeting at different times and places throughout the course of a month, mostly meeting for Bible Study and discipleship in peoples' homes, as well as an online group that meets weekly for fellowship over a cup of coffee. The Making Group again met in Lent to produce striking images to decorate St Mary's for Easter, and The Men's Pub night has also become a popular monthly feature.

Small groups offer valuable opportunities for forming and strengthening relationships, while sharing our experiences of life and faith. If you are interested in becoming part of a small group, or helping to form one, do get in touch with myself or Penny Pedley.

#### **Revd Paul Charles, Curate**

#### **Pastoral Visiting Team**

Our team of 7 continued to visit about 26 older people in our Parish Community in 2025, offering companionship and support. This year we gained a new member, as well as lost one. Sarah Sewell joined us bringing her valuable experience as a retired Hospital Chaplain. Sadly Ann Croft's time with us has come to an end, with her move from Kidlington with Bishop Steven in 2026. She was such a regular, reliable visitor to two of our elderly Parishioners. Several of our long term visitees have died and others have moved to Care Homes, so we find ourselves increasingly visiting them there. Paul Charles, John Morris and I are privileged to take Home Communion to regular people who aren't able to get to church. Due to the Catering firm leaving Moorside we discontinued the Parish Lunch in June 2025, but have since been meeting in the King's Arms. The Remembrance Service and the Presence and Absence service were well

attended and are always a means of communicating in a positive way with bereaved families .

**Philippa Burrell    PVT Co Ordinator**

### **Prayer Ministry**

The Team has continued to offer prayer ministry after each St Mary's 10am service, thanks to the wonderful commitment of Team members since December 2018. Two team members (with name tags on blue lanyards) are available in the Lady Chapel after the service to listen to and pray simply with whoever comes, as well as after Joint services in St John's Lady Chapel. People may wish to be prayed for personally or ask for prayer for loved ones. We pray before the service for the service itself, and after the service for the parish and clergy, church activities, Kidlington organisations, Council and schools, and for those who are ill or bereaved. We also hold Summer and Winter Team Thankyou teas to connect, review and pray for each other. It is a privilege to take part in this ministry and witness God's Spirit at work.

**Liz Bendor Samuel, Team Co-ordinator**

### **Eco Team Report**

The Ecoteam have been active in a quiet way during 2025. Our principle activity is that we hold the "Eco Cafe" in St Mary's Kidlington on the 4th Saturday of each month. This is very informal, with tea, coffee, biscuits and conversation, often on things eco-related but we don't have any particular agenda and we chat about pretty well anything. What's interesting is that we see a number of casual visitors coming into the church, and it's a great opportunity to chat to them, and sometimes share coffee. The Cafe is a place where much of our business gets done – evening meetings do happen sometimes, usually over supper, but I've stood down as Chair, so there is a situation vacant to lead the enthusiastic team.

The Churchyard survey continues and there are now well over 200 species identified. The Ecoteam board (repurposed from the flower room!) is updated regularly with photos and information about our findings. Liz and Steve undertake the survey most months. Some nestboxes have been made for the Churchyard but not yet put up – a job for the spring!

We were "present" at the Christmas Tree Festival, as our recycled pallet Christmas Tree made another outing.

We planned a bat evening and an astronomy evening, but these were

frustrated by the need for them to be approved by the PCC, so that they were covered by the Church Insurance. Approval has been given and we'll hold those in the Spring, we hope.

We greatly appreciate that the congregation support our activities. We could do more, and would welcome new members.

### **Andy Pedley, former leader of the Eco Group**

### **Music in the Parish**

2025 was another exciting year for music at St Mary's. We recruited new members in both the adult choir and the choristers, and the choir released a CD of recordings called "Sing unto the Lord a new song" that has raised a good sum for parish funds. Our three organ scholars are making impressive progress in playing, accompanying and conducting. Highlights of the year included our joyful Easter festivities, a visit to Trinity College Oxford for our choristers and organ scholars, the Advent Carol Service, and the Nine Lessons and Carols service. Major work was undertaken on the organ at the end of 2024, to have it cleaned and refurbished, and we have been enjoying having it in full voice during 2025. 2026 will mark 50 years since the organ was built, and we plan to mark this with concerts.

The monthly Open Space services at St Mary's continue to be supported by a wonderful group of musicians and singers. We enjoy playing well known hymns, newer songs and embracing fresh ways to worship God. For example, services were enriched with John Williams' Star Wars themes and 'He Ain't heavy, he's my brother' by Bobby Scott and Bob Russell.

Formed in 2024, the Belles are a female voice pop-up choir which welcomes members of the church choir and congregation (and friends). They are about 30 in number, led by Kate Eckersley, with Mike Bardsley on the piano. They sing at occasional services and concerts in the churches.

During 2025 - Ash Wednesday, a Friends of St Mary's concert on March 1st, parish Eucharist, Christmas Tree Festival and Community Carols. In July and August they enjoy workshop-style sessions exploring a variety of music, followed by social time and refreshments.

At St John's we have continued our usual singing of congregational hymns and our mission sometimes to stretch ourselves with less familiar hymns and songs. We also continue to be delighted with volunteers contributing additional music on a variety of instruments; more than one Brass player has augmented our sound on particular occasions, and members of St Mary's Choir, Choristers, and Belles sang in certain services. Towards the end of the year it was a particular pleasure to have more of our Junior

Church members contributing music to their nativity play and to welcome a guest soloist for the opening verse of the first hymn at Midnight Mass.

Finally, the congregation at St Mary's Hampton Poyle are fortunate to have the services of Bob Hessian to play our organ at services through the year. In addition, we appreciate occasional help from organ scholars Will and Shreya. The All Souls and Remembrance Service, Rogation Walk of Blessing and Carols at Christmas have been enhanced by brass players (including Will).

**David Hewett and Bruce Foreman ( Musical Directors ), with contributions from Clare Morgan, Kate Eckersley and Sue O'Hare**

**AGENDA for the meeting to elect churchwardens,  
and the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**To be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm at St John's Kidlington**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Attendance and Apologies for Absence
3. Election of Churchwardens to serve for the year 2026/2027
4. To confirm the minutes of the annual parochial church meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at St Mary's Kidlington
5. To elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council
6. To appoint an independent examiner for the year 2026
7. To approve the membership of the committee of St John's Kidlington
8. To approve the membership of the committee of St Mary's Hampton Poyle
9. To elect members to serve on the Council of Churches together in Kidlington
10. To consider a report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
11. To consider an annual report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the Parish generally
12. To consider the Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, independently examined.
13. To consider a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches in the Parish
14. To consider a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
15. To consider any other matters of parochial or general church interest
16. To deal with any other business
17. To set the date for the APCM for 2027
18. Closing Prayer