

**The United Benefice of  
Carlton in Lindrick  
with  
Langold and Oldcotes**

**St. John the Evangelist  
St. Luke's & St. Mark's**

**Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting**



**2026**

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**UNITED BENEFICE**  
**of**  
**St John the Evangelist, Carlton in Lindrick**  
**with Langold and Oldcotes**  
**2025**

**Agenda:**

**Annual Vestry Meeting, Sunday 17th May 2026**  
**11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre**

(Open to all Parishioners and electoral roll members)

1. Agree the minutes of the Vestry Meeting of 2025
2. Election of Church Wardens

**Minutes of the Vestry meeting on 18th May 2025**

The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair: The Revd. Mark Orr

Attendees: 25

Apologies from: M Smith, D. J. Smith, F. Routh and A. J and V. Harrison

1. The minutes of the Vestry Meeting of 2024 were circulated and accepted.
2. The Wardens Pat Shepherd and Richard Smith were elected to continue in their posts.  
Supported unanimously.
  - Deputy Warden Rita Roberts was to step down and be replaced by Jenny Davenport.  
Revd. Orr thanked Rita for her time and dedication over the years as Deputy Warden.  
He welcomed and thanked Jenny for accepting her new post.

Vestry Meeting closed at 11.45.

# **AGENDA**

## **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 17th May 2026**

1. Apologies:
2. Minutes of APCM 2025:
3. Matters Arising:
4. Reports for APCM: 2026
5. Finance and Presentation of Accounts:
6. Rector's Report
7. Election of PCC members where applicable
8. Appointment of Sidespeople
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Any Other Business

### **1. Apologies**

### **2. Minutes of the Annual United Benefice Meeting 18th May 2025.**

Chair: Revd. Mark Orr

1. Attendees: 22
2. Apologies:
  - Maureen Smith, David Smith, Felicity Routh J,A and V Harrison.
3. Minutes of the APCM of 2024.
  - Accepted as circulated by unanimous consent.
4. Matters Arising
  - There were no matters arising.
5. Reports
  - The Electoral Roll was accepted as published.
  - The Secretary's Report was accepted
  - The Safeguarding Report was accepted and the major developments outlined with thanks to all for their co-operation in participating in training and establishment of the policy.
  - The Fabric Report was accepted. The outstanding issues relating to the Boundary Wall, the Heating Boiler and the Becket Chapel Roof were outlined by Richard Smith. The lack of progress was because of issues with permissions to proceed which need resolution.
  - The Parish the Parish Centre Report was accepted and thanks recorded to all who contribute to its maintenance week by week.
  - The Deanery Synod Report was accepted.

- The Events Committee report was accepted with thanks to John Redfern for taking on responsibility for the Bottle Stall and thanks given to Anne Pugh who for many years has taken on that task.
- The Annual Report from The Scout Group was received with thanks and it was noted that Richard Smith and Don Beck had, this year, received long service awards. Once again the dedication of the core leadership team was noted and thanks recorded.
- The reports of St. Luke's Church and St. Mark's were received, the support for services from St. John's was appreciated and thanks were given to Maureen for her continued work in serving the churches. The money held by the Diocese relating to St Luke's still remains an unresolved issue. There is no evidence of an established congregation at St. Luke's at this time.
- Financial Reports were presented by the treasurer. Income and Expenditure charts were explained briefly and comments were made on the detail of the balance sheet. It was noted that the use of the Sum-Up terminal had contributed some £1900 to the income received. There was a need to make some amendments to the name list at the beginning of the document. The examination of the accounts had been delayed by the ill health of the examiner and they were still to be verified. It will be necessary to appoint a new examiner for next year's accounts. A copy of the accounts relating to the Parish Centre were appended. The accounts of St Marks and St. Lukes were presented and accepted.

### **3. Matters Arising**

### **4. Reports for the APCM of 2026**

## **THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CARLTON IN LINDRICK REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER TO THE APCM MAY 2026**

As of April 2025 the Electoral Roll was made up of 67 names - 58 residents and 9 non-residents.

April 2026 the revised Roll consists of 68 names. Of these 56 are resident in the parish and 12 are non-resident. This equates to 82.35% of the roll being made up of residents and 17.65% non-residents.

A copy of the roll can be found on the porch notice board in Church.

**Pat Shepherd**

**Electoral Roll Officer**

**May 2026**

READERS AS AT APRIL 2026

C. Bower

P. Burton

E & A Fullelove

A & J Harrison

J. Hercun

E. James

C & G Lewis  
L. Moore  
R. Ogley  
N. Orr  
R. Roberts  
P. Shepherd  
E & R Smith  
J. Williamson  
P. Wilson

#### SIDES PERSONS April 2026

8.15 am  
B. Lord

BAPTISMS  
P. Moore  
P. Shepherd

10.00 am  
J. Bartlett  
C. Bower  
N. Goodacre  
A. J. & V. Harrison  
C & G Lewis  
P. Moore  
T. Smith  
R. Waggitt

**Pat Shepherd**

**Electoral Roll Officer**

**May 2026**

### **Secretary's Report to APCM 2026**

PCC has held five ordinary and two extraordinary meetings over the course of the last year. The extraordinary meetings related to decisions needed to progress work in connection with the church fabric repair.

In addition one further extraordinary meeting was held with the congregation to consider section 3 of the Church Wardens Measure when we voted unanimously that the six year rule would not apply to our Benefice at this time.

Over the past year members have continued to contribute committee and activity reports detailing the ongoing work undertaken to ensure the running of the Benefice. Maureen Smith has during this period continued to provide clerical and financial oversight of the churches of St. Luke and St. Mark.

Attendance at meetings has reflected the commitment of our team and reports, minutes and correspondence are all kept appropriately with information submitted to the Diocese as required. Paula Carlin our Deanery administrator offers support and guidance for submissions to the Diocese.

Currently minutes are circulated and agendas prepared by Pat Shepherd (Church Warden) prior to the meetings.

## **Safeguarding Report to APCM 2026.**

We aspire to create good safeguarding standards in our Benefice by following guidance and practice as advised by the Church of England through its National Safeguarding Standards - our framework of Good Practice.

As PSO I have taken part in the training for these standards through our regular diocesan updates and access to training is available on-line for all. There are some face to face opportunities from time to time.

The PCC held a session in November when, as a group, we examined the standards more closely in relation to the custom and practice in our Benefice.

Our Safeguarding policy was updated, approved and displayed in church in May and we have since added a further display in the south aisle.

Updates/renewal of training and DBS will be required in the forthcoming year . I will support members in accessing the modules available. Eucharistic assistants have undertaken training and forthcoming training for new Servers is also planned.

The INEQUE national safeguarding survey was completed in November and the report of the outcomes is now due. Thanks to individual members of our church who took part on line to share their views in this process.

Safeguarding Sunday was held at St John's in November along with many churches in the Diocese.

We value the support available from the Diocesan Team who maintain and provide advice and guidance.

My thanks for all who take part to ensure that we commit to the safeguarding process which makes our Benefice safe and welcoming to all.

Chris Lewis Parish Safeguarding Officer

## **Fabric Report for APCM May 2026.**

We are continuing to carry out the regular maintenance work on the Church as and when necessary. Risk Assessments/Health & Safety/Electrical issues: these are regularly checked and brought up to date as required.

The major problems with the Becket Chapel roof are being addressed. The ceiling has been removed and the roof structure has been made safe with the addition of steelwork to repair the damaged main beam. The architect has drawn up a specification for completing the work of levelling and restoring the roof and reinstating the ceiling. At present we are awaiting quotations for the work to be carried out and also applying for the necessary funding from a variety of sources. A Faculty which would give us permission to carry out the work has been applied for and is now in the hands of the Diocese.

The boundary wall near the Scout Headquarters which was badly damaged in the storm of 24th. January 2025 has now been repaired. The insurance claim is still ongoing and is now in the hands of the Financial Services Ombudsman.

The Church boiler is still in a state of precarious health and replacement parts are no longer available. Negotiations and a Faculty application are proceeding with a view to get the Church heating updated as soon as possible. Our preferred option is a replacement

modern gas boiler. The Diocese are asking for more and more information before making a decision as to what kind of heating will be allowed. A quotation for an under pew and wall mounted heating system is being drawn up by our heating engineer.

As previously reported the Churchyard is full. There is still the occasional burial or interment of ashes where there is space in an existing family grave or plot.

The Parish Council continues to be responsible for the general, regular maintenance of the Churchyard which it keeps to a satisfactory standard.

The trees are professionally inspected as part of the regular safety checks and the necessary remedial work is carried out in accordance with the recommendations received.

New burials etc. are now in the Parish Council cemetery on Hundred Acre Lane.

Regularly work on maintaining and improving the Parish Centre is ongoing.

There is rising damp in some areas which has been and will need addressing regularly.

The toilet areas, particularly the ladies' toilets, need a major refurbishment.

Richard Smith (Churchwarden) April 2026

## **Parish Centre Report for APCM May 2026.**

We continue to accommodate four main categories of users in the Centre: the Church and Scout Group; those who book annually and occupy space weekly or monthly; those who have established bookings on several occasions during the year; and those making incidental bookings for one event or activity.

Booking by 'session' rather than 'by the hour' has now been established and, although the hourly rate is still offered it is rarely used which allows booking times to be monitored more easily. The year continues to be represented as 3 sessions per day. This allows percentage of use to be determined and so distinguish between the use of 'private individuals', 'businesses' and 'charitable groups' as demanded by VAT declarations and Performance Licensing.

In the first category the Church continues to use the hall for fellowship after the Sunday morning service and also for visioning and bible study gatherings as well as fayres and celebrations during the year. The Scouts have held events to raise funds and entertain parents and friends. 'LifeLine', a lunchtime and activity group for those with memory difficulty and other special needs, have extended their booking to sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays and we permit them to use their banner on the carpark to promote their work; the Little Drama Group and Slimming World, both now established as friends of the Centre, continue to use the facility each week. These three groups all pay staff and are therefore considered 'business users' alongside the periodic use by June's Flower Group. WI have been monthly supporters of the space and the WI Garden Group join us too and the WI District have also chosen our facility for their quizzes and District Meetings. Probus continue to have their bi-monthly meetings with us. Bluebell Wood fund raising tea is joining us again this year. LyncKids, sponsored by the Council funded 'Holiday and Food' programme, have booked the hall during holiday periods to provide meals and activities for children at holiday time.

In view of the use, we are very lucky that the hall remains generally in good repair, the users mostly treat it as their own and respond to the sense that it is looked after by those



who use it. We also need to thank Sheri and Glynn Coxhill who have been able to return to their previous role in maintaining the general cleanliness and freshness of the building after having to discontinue for a while to attend to family matters. Our thanks also go to Alan and Anne Bulmer who, as well as keeping an eye on the finances, spend time making sure that the outdoor areas are kept in good order.

However, maintenance is still required to secure safety or respond to concern. It was with gratitude that we received help from the Revd. Mark to get the outside woodwork painted during the year and we have been able to upgrade the fire alarm system and re-mark the car park thanks to a grant from the Diocese. There is still damp and plaster work to be attended to in the committee room and we will have to return to the matter of internal decoration at some point. We are aware that the toilet facilities, although adequate, are now showing their age and hardly make the venue attractive for events such as weddings. The repetition of service to fire equipment, sanitary services from pHs and hot water and heating continues as a regular feature of our expenditure. Most other maintenance is carried out by volunteers. The contracts for electricity and gas supply to the hall have been made through the brokerage of 'Parish Buying' once again and meters have been up-dated recently.

We have discontinued our licence to sell or distribute alcohol on the premises for the time being after dissolving our long time relationship with the Grey Horses because of their difficulty in providing a service for us. We are thankful to John McClune, a licensee from Langold, who has stepped in with help in re-furbishing the bar area and providing occasional bars for which we make a Temporary Event Notice with the Council. We also thank the Scout Leaders for working with John on the furnishing of the bar. We have also had then generous gift of bookcases to enable us to provide a book-sale area and a better storage solution for the many books that are donated by people to help in our attempts to raise money for the church.

Our thanks, as ever, go out to all those from the church and village community who use the Parish Centre, their support and help in keeping the space in good order is greatly valued.

Geoff. Lewis (Parish Centre Booking Secretary)

## **Deanery Synod Report to APCM 2025**

Synod meetings are held at national (General), Diocese and Deanery levels and are part of a communication network that links together the Church of England.

Deanery synod meetings are an opportunity to hear about the work of other churches around us and to gain information from the Diocese and other areas about the challenges and successes of the work being done. Those attending praise and pray together for guidance and support in their day to day tasks and approach some of the practical issues that confront the everyday activities of parish work. There are three Deanery Meetings each year. There is a lay person who is elected to chair the meetings and this year Julie Wragg of Christ Church was elected to take that role. The recruitment and training of leaders in the Church was introduced by Craig Hunt who talked about fostering commitment in those drawn to the Christian community.

Time has been spent in discussing the nature of Parish Share this year. Many Churches face a very real challenge in meeting the expected contribution of the large sums of

money required to support a clergy and administration necessary to sustain the church as we know it. In this year, this Deanery has been able to increase its contribution by £29,000 to 616,239 and all churches were given sincere thanks for the efforts made to play their part in this. We were also given an opportunity to meet and talk to Stephen Watson who is the Building Support Officer for the Diocese and he explained access to different funding streams, one of which has helped with our work on the improvements for disability at the Parish Centre. In November Katrina Proctor came to speak to the meeting. She is the Finance Director for the Diocese. She thanked the deanery for their efforts in meeting the Parish Share and talked about the National church's payment for people to work with parishes to manage matters of finance.

The meeting was able to welcome the appointment of four new clergy to the Diocese, Louise Bearder who took up the licence for Blyth, Ranskill and Scrooby and Liz Mack who was similarly appointed within the Oswaldbeck Benefice in September; Gareth Banton who was licensed to St. John's in Worksop on December 1st and a new curate at the Priory Church in September, Robert Garnett. We sadly had to remember Peter Stanley who died suddenly in November after his service to Shireoaks and to Christchurch. He was known to many as the former Deanery Treasurer and member of the Diocesan Finance Committee.

There are vacancies still being advertised at St. Saviours in Retford, All Saints at Harworth and The Rivers Retford and Idle and Sands Benefices. We are asked to continue to hold in our prayers the many who continue to work in these places and to bring those who will take on the role so needed to build up the church in these areas. Thanks were extended to all those who serve as Wardens, PCC members, and helpers in the service of churches particularly where there have been long vacancies. We also offer our thanks from all those who serve at Deanery level to maintain a flow of information and help to hold things together.

The new Deanery Synod Triennium begins in 2026 members will be re-elected for the Standing Committee in July for those who wish to participate and representatives from St John's Carlton will also be nominated for Deanery voting although the meetings are always open for guests if anyone wishes to attend.  
Geoff. and Emma

## **Events Committee Report For APCM, May 2025**

Since the beginning of May 2025 we have held 3 Church Fayres / Car Boot Sales which are the main money raising events for our Church. Attendance has varied depending on the weather and if there were any other Boot Sales in the area. General attendance has been good and visitors have been very enthusiastic and generous. We have increased the prices on some games and other stalls but no one seemed to mind.

We have also held 3 social events which are not intended to be money raising but which do often make a profit. These included the BBQ in July, 2025, which was attended by 60 people and went very well indeed. However, our depleted and aging Events Team did find the planning, preparation and clearing up very arduous and decided to make a few changes to help the workload. We decided to use paper table covering at

future events as the plastic ones need so much cleaning afterwards and take a long time to dry before being stored away. If the Scout HQ is available we will have after Church refreshments in there to split the washing up and decrease the number of people milling around in the Parish Centre as we are trying to do last minute things for the meal. As a result of changes to the licensing laws and the workload of washing glasses we decided not to offer wine. People are free to bring their own drinks and glasses. Water will be available for guests to help themselves as needed.

In October we held our Harvest Bring and Share Lunch. As always we were very pleased and grateful for the generosity of those attending in bringing such a lovely variety of food to share. We put into place the suggestions made after the BBQ and they worked well

A Ploughman's Lunch was held in February 2025. This followed the usual pattern in terms of refreshments and table quizzes. There was a really lovely atmosphere throughout and people did not seem to want to go home.

Plans for the April Easter Fayre are in hand.

Once again our Methodist friends have joined us at several of these events.

Many thanks to members of the Events Committee for their commitment and hard work again this year. Also to Chris and Geoff Lewis who, because of their oversight of the Parish Centre, always join in and help us. We do appreciate this. John and Joy Redfern, who have helped with the Bottle Stall recently, have agreed to take it over completely. We are very grateful to them for stepping forward.

*Elizabeth Smith*  
(Secretary)

## **1st. CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK SCOUT GROUP**

*Group Scout Leader: Richard S. Smith.*

Charity Registration Number: 522434.

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR APCM MAY 2026.**

This has been another very successful year. Numbers have continued to increase especially in the Explorer Scout section. We do our best to accommodate all young people who want to join ensuring that any time they might have to spend on a waiting list is kept to a minimum.

Inflation means that our costs continue to increase at a faster rate than in some previous years. It costs nearly £20000 each year to run our scout group. Every penny of this has to be raised locally

through subscriptions, fundraising and any other available source of finance. We are very appreciative of the support we have for our fund raising and other activities.

Three of our Explorer Scouts have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. This will be the 'opportunity of a lifetime' for these young members. We are in the process of raising the £10500 needed (£35000 each). One of our senior volunteers, Lee Annals, will be going as a member of the International Service Team, also at a cost of £3500.

We are very fortunate in having many excellent volunteers and helpers but we always welcome extra help in all sections. The current volunteers are all thanked for their hard work and the many hours they have put in during the year. We are very pleased that many of them continue to be involved with the Group after many, many years of valuable service.

Finally the Group would like to thank everyone, including parents and friends of the Group, who have supported us during the year. Our thanks must also be extended to our Church, local authorities, charitable trusts and other organisations which continue to support us extremely generously financially.

We look forward to this support continuing in the forthcoming year.

A copy of the annual balance sheet is available on request.

*Richard Smith*  
(Group Lead Volunteer)

April 2026

**Finance and Presentation of Accounts. as appended.**

## Report for St. Marks church Oldcotes

### ST MARK'S CHURCH OLDCOTES ACCOUNTS 2025

#### INCOME

GIFT AID 2000.00 ✓  
TAX REBATE 524.48 ✓  
COLLECTION 279.50 ✓

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£2803.98 ✓

DEFECIT 188.86 ✓

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£2992.84 ✗

2024 BAL £5398.19 ✓

DEFECIT 188.86 ✓

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£5209.33 ✗

#### EXPENDITURE

INSURANCE 800.20 ✓  
UTILITIES 549.95 ✓  
PARISH SHARE 900.00 ✓  
EXPENSES 742.69 ✓

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£2992.84 ✓

31/12/25 BALANCE £5209.33 ✓

HON TREASURER

*Harriet Smith*

I HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND VOUCHERS OF ST MARKS CHURCH AND IN MY OPINION  
THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECT AND THE STATEMENTS OF THE TRANSACTIONS  
THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

*[Signature]*  
HON AUDITOR

*Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 2026*



## Report for St. Luke's Langold 2025

### ST LUKE'S CHURCH

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
COLLECTION	380.71	EXPENSES	1304.10
GIFT AID	1200.00	PARISH SHARE	716.40
FEES	2475.00	WATER RATES	199.27
TAX REFUND	485.09	GAS	565.63
CCLA INTEREST	736.02	ELECTRIC	2265.55
		ORGANIST	160.00
		VERGER	540.00
		PREACHER	294.00
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	5276.82		6044.95
DEFECIT	768.13		
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	6044.95		
2024	£	2025	£
CBF	16086.83	CBF	16814.85
CBF	176.72	CBF	184.72
CURRENT A/C	3768.28	CURRENT A/C	2264.13
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	20031.83		19263.70
DEFICIT	768.13		
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	19263.70		

I have examined the books and vouchers of St Luke's Church Langold and in my opinion the foregoing accounts are correct and the statements of the transactions that have taken place during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

HON. AUDITOR

*[Signature]*  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

HON TREASURER

*[Signature]*

