



Annual report for 2024

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Church Information

Address Elmdon Church, Church Lane, Elmdon Park, Solihull B92 9EJ

Rector Revd Bekah Clark

Licensed Readers Robert Dean, Richard Huss, Karen Matthews

Churchwarden Sue Kimber

The business of the Church is carried out through the Parochial Church Council (PCC). This met seven times in person during 2024: six regular meetings, and one meeting immediately after the APCM to appoint PCC officers. Further decisions were taken by email, in accordance with the provisions of the Church Representation Rules. The role of the PCC remains one of co-operating with the Rector in promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

PCC members

Revd Bekah Clark Chair

Carol Janes (until May 2024) Churchwarden, ex officio member
Sue Kimber (from May 2024) Churchwarden, ex officio member

Karen Matthews Reader, appointed by the 2024 APCM

Christine Arnsby Deanery Synod, ex officio member
Cheryl Doyle Deanery Synod, ex officio member
Jamie Oldham (resigned January 2025) Deanery Synod, ex officio member

Elected Members:

To serve until APCM in 2025: Alan Doyle
Martin Hewings
Anne Milne
To serve until APCM in 2026: Sarah Leckie
David Maguire (resigned March 2025)
Vacancy
To serve until APCM in 2027: Lesley Huss
Graham Smye (resigned December 2024)
Lynda Bird

Officers appointed by the PCC, 2024 - 2025

Safeguarding	Lesley Huss
PCC Treasurer	Alan Doyle
PCC Secretary	Christine Arnsby
Lay Vice-Chair	Graham Smye (until December 2024)
	Sue Kimber (from January 2025)
Parish Identify Verifier	Lesley Huss
Electoral Roll Officer	Jamie Oldham (until January 2025)
	Richard Huss (from January 2025)

PCC and Diocese

Rector's Introduction

As I reflect on 2024 in the life of Elmdon Church, there is much to give thanks for. One of the things that brings me enormous joy is seeing others exercise and grow in their God-given gifts, and 2024 saw a number of people step into new roles and take on new responsibilities. Whilst it often feels as though 'the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few' (Matthew 9.37), as we've asked the Lord of the harvest to provide (verse 38), the Lord has indeed provided for us – a new churchwarden, a new Kids-in-Christ team leader, new occasional vergers and new people on many of our teams. I wholeheartedly believe that we are all ministers of the Gospel and daily delight in the gifts and skills we have amongst us at Elmdon Church, and the blessing and privilege of sharing in ministry and leadership.

Sunday sermons usually follow a series, with sermons in 2024 on 'God's Grace in the Wilderness' (Numbers), 'Luke: God News for Everyone', 'I believe...' (The Apostles' Creed) and 'Instructions to God's People from the Epistles' (Family Services). Average Sunday attendance was around 50, with all generations represented most weeks.

After Easter, we reordered our time together, beginning with refreshments at 10.30 am, with our service at 11 am, to enable service leaders and preachers to be at both St Mary's Hobs Moat and Elmdon on the same Sunday. The transition has been smooth and thanks is due to the whole church family and all the Sunday teams for adjusting so graciously. The introduction of ChurchSuite is helping us to keep in touch with people and in the autumn term we saw slightly higher numbers of children attending Kids-in-Christ. Both our Sunday service and 'Tuesdays at 2' welcomed newcomers and visitors throughout the year.

We once again held an Annual Memorial Service, inviting all the loved ones of those for whom we've taken a funeral or burial of ashes to the service. The service was again well-attended by over 50 people.

We know that apart from God, we can do nothing (John 15.5) and our joint monthly prayer meeting, with St Mary's, Hobs Moat, continued throughout 2024. The PCC agreed prayer as one of our missional priorities, and progress has already been made with a new 'prayer tree' in the Wilberforce Hall. We had a very encouraging retreat day led by Roger Jones, of ReSource, in October, which was attended by around 25 people and focused on just being in God's presence.

Developing our Children's, Youth and Families Ministry was also agreed as a missional priority, and following on from the success of our first 'Light Party', which we repeated in 2024, we introduced an Easter family event, which was very well attended, and a new Advent family event. 2024 saw the strengthening of our team of volunteers and we are praying for numerical growth in the number of families and children within our church family. The PCC also agreed to explore starting something new for young people.

Assemblies took place in Damson Wood and Valley schools, and it was wonderful to be able to welcome Year 2 from both schools to church for our 'Encounter

Christmas' trail. It was Damson Wood's first visit to church and we were delighted that they were keen to come back at Easter.

As I look back, more was accomplished in 2024 than I realised! Although I have highlighted some specific events here, much of our ministry and mission happens in individual conversations and unseen acts of kindness, as church members live out their calling as disciples of Jesus Christ amongst the people and in the places they spend their time. Equipping people to live for Jesus on their 'frontlines' is another of our missional priorities.

People often come to a service or event, or come back to another service or an event, through a personal invitation. And so the greatest thanks of all is due to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has extended to us the greatest invitation of all, that we in turn might extend this invitation to others.

Bekah Clark

Warden's Report

My first year as Warden has been quite an eye opener to the life of Elmdon church and the number of things which take each week to enable things to run smoothly. My thanks go out to all the teams and especially to Richard, Lesley, Cheryl and Alan who have offered invaluable help and advice during the year, especially during the Rector's absence.

During November we produced an updated inventory of the church fabric and contents. This, along with the logbook are now available in a digital format. The quinquennial inspection which was completed in November, and the Fabric team are currently absorbing in order to take appropriate action.

We continue to progress with plans for a new roof over the extension and to replace and upgrade the paving in the church courtyard.

The churchyard maintenance team have continued to keep the churchyard looking attractive which is much appreciated by those who visit and enjoy the quiet surroundings.

All regular maintenance was carried out during the year and my thanks go to the cleaning teams who ensure the building is clean and tidy each week.

Sue Kimber, Churchwarden

PCC Secretary's Report

Under the Church Representation Rules, we are entitled to nine elected PCC members. In addition, our Rector, Churchwardens, three Deanery Synod members, any Readers appointed by the APCM, and any co-opted members serve on the PCC.

In May 2025, three elected members come to the end of their term. Last year we carried over one vacancy, and during the year one Deanery Synod member and two elected PCC members resigned. At the APCM we therefore intend to elect one Deanery Synod member and up to six PCC members.

Every year the PCC appoints a Standing Committee, which meets as necessary and reports to the next meeting of the PCC. Its membership since the 2024 APCM were Graham Smye (Lay Vice Chair, until December 2024), Sue Kimber (Churchwarden), Christine Arnsby (Secretary), Alan Doyle (Treasurer) and Revd. Bekah Clark (Rector).

The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits in 'the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC. The PCC believes that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the parish of Elmdon it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing a facility for public worship and pastoral care both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church can offer; and
- promoting Christian values and services by members of the Church and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole

Christine Arnsby, PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll

Every sixth year, an entirely new electoral roll must be prepared, and with this process completed there are now 58 names on the new roll. Of these, 26 live within and 32 outside the parish boundary.

This compares to 66 names on the roll this time last year. During the year we mourned the loss of Allan Jones, Val Williams and Joy Hoban. Nine of those on the new roll have joined this year for the first time, or have rejoined after a gap.

Richard Huss, Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding

The PCC has adopted and complies with the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy, Promoting a Safer Church (2017), and the practice guidance issued by the Church of England and Birmingham Diocese.

Elmdon Church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting those with any responsibility for the under 18s and vulnerable adults within the church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

Policies

During 2024 we updated the contact details in our Parish Statement on Domestic Abuse, and reviewed our Safeguarding Policy and Procedure. These are available on the church website and on the noticeboard in the church corridor.

Our Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy Statement has been updated in line with changes to the periods when convictions, cautions and other penalties become 'spent', which affects what we are entitled to know about when recruiting ex-offenders.

We are in the process of creating a Lone Working Policy. The aim of this will be to minimise instances of lone working by Rector and volunteers, and also to outline arrangements for helping to keep everyone safe in situations where lone working is necessary and unavoidable.

Training

Those in the church who work regularly with children or vulnerable adults are now trained in awareness of domestic abuse. In our context this means the Kids in Christ team, who have all now completed this training.

All our training is currently up-to-date, including the basic safeguarding training which all our volunteers are required to do. Thanks are extended to all for engaging with the training, helping to make the church a safer place for everyone.

Responding to concerns

Any safeguarding concerns raised during the course of the year have been responded to in accordance with our policies and guidance from the Diocesan safeguarding team.

Finally...

Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church family. Therefore, if you have a concern about anything you are encouraged to contact the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, even if you are unsure whether or not it is a safeguarding issue.

Lesley Huss, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator
safeguarding@elmdonchurch.org

Fabric & Buildings

We currently have responsibility for two properties, one of which is no longer used. Our main church building is in the middle of Elmdon Park and is the venue for our Sunday service as well as all baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Our finance and fabric group, consisting of Bekah Clark, Alan Doyle, Richard Huss and Martin Hewings, has been working on fabric matters during the year. The roof of the 1970s extension to the church building now requires replacement and after considering options we are progressing a faculty application for this, as well as to lift and relay the paving in the courtyard at the entrance to the church building.

Also during the year the church inventory was checked and revised, a major exercise over several days, and the log book brought up to date. Our church inspector Derek Bate carried out the Quinquennial Inspection of the church building in late 2024, and with the report recently received the group will need to review the recommended repairs and works to be carried out over the next few years.

The site in Coppice Road remains vested in the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Trustees who hold property on behalf of (and acting in the interests of) Parochial Church Councils in the diocese. The Elmdon Parochial Church Council owns the

building itself, and are the managing trustees. Unfortunately, the building was broken into on a number of occasions during the year and has been secured in line with insurance requirements. We are exploring options on its long-term future.

Deanery Synod

Elmdon Lay Representatives: Christine Arnsby, Cheryl Doyle, Jamie Oldham (who retired from the role in January 2025). Our electoral roll total qualifies us for three seats until Spring 2026.

4th June 2024 – St. Mary's Church, Acocks Green.

The Ven. Gordon Steele led the meeting where we heard from Pathways Development Manager, Jerome Turner, Caroline Egan Assistant Diocesan Environmental officer and Ben Smith, Net Zero Carbon Manager. Anyone in parishes with an interest in environmental issues, was also invited, regardless of whether they were elected deanery synod members.

We heard how **Pathways** could offer help to subscribers, both Clergy and Laity, interested in developing their life of service in the Anglican Church. He could recommend modules to church members if we noticed anything of interest to us and could forward suggestions of any topics we felt were missing.

Ben Smith, Net Zero Carbon Manager, gave an overview of the climate crisis, the Church of England's commitment to Net Carbon Zero by 2030 (NZC 2030) and why Christians should act now as the solution was still available to us. He said the current focus for the Diocesan team was on identifying issues across the Diocese and starting to make steps towards the goal of NZC 2030. The start, he said, was for every parish to sign up to Eco Church and try to improve its green credentials, registering their carbon footprint on the Diocesan web site (Elmdon has a bronze award and registers every year), planning our journey to NZC 2030. Grant funding of up to £5,000 on a sliding scale for 'Quick Wins', including improvements to heating, lighting, insulation, electricity supply upgrades and temporary heating in certain circumstances may be available and the team were willing and able to advise parishes on their journey.

8th October 2024 – St. Edburgha's Church, Yardley

We were introduced to our new Area Dean, Revd. Tony Rindl, who spoke about his past and present life, from his early years in Marston Green, worshipping with his parents in St. Edburgha's, his many years of ministry in various locations until his recent return to Marston Green with his two step-daughters. His wife soon relocated once her work was transferred to the Midlands, and together they enjoy being closer to his brother who lives in Bourneville.

We then heard from **Karen Preece**, Birmingham Diocese Board of Finance (BDBF) **Director of Finance**, explaining the challenging state of finances for the Diocese and how our Common Funds were invested into supporting the life and ministry of the Church across the Diocese. Birmingham is one of the poorest Diocese in the country and although donations and support have been given in the past by the Church of England, outgoings continue to exceed income and funds kept in reserve for mission have needed to be used to cover the shortfall. Karen and her colleague, Sonia Hudson, announced a new and less complicated method for calculating the Common Fund which has, for Elmdon, resulted in a slight reduction in our contributions for 2025. That said, with so much pressure on parishes across the

Diocese, the Common Fund is most likely to increase again next year. Karen and Sonia then answered all our questions.

11th February – Knowle Parish Church Hall

Caroline Merry, Director of Place for Hope (PfH) gave a brief overview of what had led to her becoming part of PfH initiative, including empathising with people in foreign countries traumatised by war and its dreadful after-effects, sharing in tears and feelings of devastation and grief in silence before God.

We may not live in a war zone, she said, but we do all live in conflict areas in our communities or churches. Violence was embedded in our society. When the idea that someone has less value than others is coupled with power, horrendous things happen. If we don't want to live a violent life, we have to be counter-cultural. Non-violence can be seen as passive, weak, ineffective. We don't have to agree with someone before we are able to accept and love them, yet let them know that what they are doing is wrong. As Christians we have been shown a better way by Jesus and can learn his better way through Bible reading and prayer. Silence before God had enabled her to pick herself up and start again, living better than before. PfH works with the Church across the UK.

If we encounter confrontation, we should ask what was behind our differences when we notice them. Walking away only delays the inevitable conflict. Ask to talk over any differences. Jesus brought non-violence to change us through situations. We may not come out of it in full agreement but we can remain in a good, healthy relationship after considerate open discussion. Where we step in to prevent harm it doesn't change anything. It stops the situation escalating but only prevents further harm. Conflict Resolution gets people together to understand one another and find a way through. Power dynamics needed to be recognised and a better way found to prevent another situation. Transformation looks at what was behind the issue, putting things in place to resolve it. PfH conducts faith-based conflict transformation in a spiritual place although recognises that some conflicts are unable to be resolved by any method or tool.

Steph Haynes, Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser and Sarah Rose, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser started by saying they spend most of their day dealing with conflict resolution so please contact them if we needed help with it. They were able to form a safety plan; to take over if a person came into our church with known history as they also needed a place to worship.

Sarah said Dashboard, a system designed to help parishes deal with Safeguarding had proved helpful to many parishes. Lesley Huss looks after ours. As a result Elmdon is well on top of things, compared to other parishes which proved invaluable early in 2025. The 'HUB', a new extension to Dashboard, was being designed to deal with DBS checks and Safeguarding training, which should automatically update our parish's records for Lesley.

Nate Glover, Children and Families Missioner (CFM), introduced himself, saying anyone could contact him via Tammy Tearoe if they needed his help.

The Ven. **Phelim O'Hare, Archdeacon of Aston**, introduced himself and said his aim was to be visible and available and was trying to hold onto space if we needed his help.

Our next meeting will be held on 3rd June 2025 in Burney Lane, hearing how the Diocese will have, by then, submitted a bid to the Church of England Central Board of Finance for additional funding for ministry and mission.

Life at Elmdon Church

Kids in Christ

We have eight children on the Kids in Christ register. We have 3 leaders and 5 helpers. We recently welcomed Maisy and June to the team and it is good to have them both on board. The children who attend, enjoy learning about Jesus and have the opportunity to pray, read the bible and make crafts which they can take home. We are very grateful to Ann Davis and Jean Davis for their help with the crafts when we hold Sunday afternoon sessions around Christmas and Easter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support since accepting the role of Kids In Christ Leader. We all pray that this small and friendly group will grow and that more children will begin to know the love of Christ in their lives.

Lynda Bird, Kids in Christ Leader

Family Service

The monthly Family Service provides an opportunity for the whole church family, from the youngest to the oldest to all be able to worship God and learn together. We aim in each service to provide for a variety of learning styles, to help us all to respond to God's word, including more creative/craft activities. During 2024 our theme was "Instructions to God's People from the Epistles".

Richard Huss

Music

Music is central to so much that we do as a church. In Colossians 3:16 we're instructed to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

We aim to pick songs that are singable by our congregation and that will help us all to express our faith and our praise of God joyfully and musically. As we introduce newer songs, we are aiming to select those with biblically-faithful lyrics and singable melodies that will work in our context and with our resources. Our hope is always to pick hymns and songs that fit with the theme of the service and Bible reading, whilst keeping the church familiar with a core repertoire of music in a variety of styles.

An innovation in 2024 was reintroducing the singing of the Psalms in our services - again, see Colossians 3:16 - primarily using well-known hymn tunes and metrical versions of the words. Finding good resources for this is sometimes a challenge as we work through the Psalter, but well worthwhile. I commend to you the upcoming "Psalm Roar" event in Shrewsbury.

We were pleased in 2024 to be able to use live music in church almost every Sunday, and to use our band on a monthly basis. On Sundays when we are still singing along to recorded music, this is normally because our musicians are required to be serving elsewhere instead. Everyone involved with the music also serves on other teams within the church.

My heartfelt thanks to all involved in this ministry. Do get in touch if you'd be interested in finding out more about how you can help and what would be involved in joining us.

Richard Huss

Connect Groups

Connect groups are small groups which meet during the week for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. Currently there are 3 Connect groups with 20 members drawn from Elmdon and St Mary's Hobs Moat. Two meet on Zoom and one in person and there is opportunity to meet both in the evening and the daytime.

Connect groups are a place to share life's ups and downs with other Christians in a deeper way than is possible on a Sunday and to be supported and encouraged as a disciple of Jesus. Being a member is one of the best ways to feel part of the church family and current members recommend it as an opportunity to share news, ask hard questions and pray in a safe space.

Each group follows its own programme and in 2024/5 Bible studies covered included Ecclesiastes, Habakkuk, the 'I am' sayings of John, Old Testament characters, The Apostles Creed, Luke and Colossians.

We have been encouraged this year by a number of new members joining so, please speak to Sue or Bekah if you would like to try out a group.

Tuesdays at Two

During 2024 the Tuesday afternoon service continued with variable attendance until, after discussion with Bekah our rector, this new name was chosen and the format reorganised slightly for its restart after the August break.

The 'service' is actually a group discussion around the Bible reading and sermon from the previous Sunday and is appreciated by the 5-6 people who attend each week.

We usually start with a welcome followed by a hymn chosen by someone present, an opening prayer and reading of the scripture to be discussed. Our discussions lead into a time of prayer when members can bring their concerns for themselves, family, friends or any other issues they may have. We also include requests on the Prayer Tree, designed and developed by two members over the past year. Gathering our prayers together with the Lord's Prayer, we conclude with a final hymn and the words of The Grace, followed by refreshments. Musical accompaniment to the hymns is provided by two members who play clarinet or guitar.

We offer hospitality to anyone who may come into the church hall where we meet. In the past we have had a couple of visits from two Park Rangers, two parents seeking baptism for a child and occasionally, family and friends following the interment of ashes in the churchyard.

Margaret Thomas, Leader of Tuesdays at Two

Open Church

We have continued to open the church every Sunday, from 2 till 3.30 pm in the winter and 2 till 4 pm in the summer to welcome people in and to have some refreshment. This is offered free of charge as an example of the church's hospitality, although donations freely offered are welcome.

Many have come in at different times: families out walking in the park, rambling groups, those visiting graves, church members and friends. We have come to know some regulars too. Some come and like to sit quietly and think, some ask questions about the history of the church, others just want some company.

We have been able to offer refreshments to helpers and visitors to our new programme of occasional family social events held in the worship area, such as the Light Party and Easter Crafts.

Opportunity is often taken to increase the use of the building for other things at the same time and take advantage of a drink and a cake, such as help with required training, conversations with bereaved families following interment of ashes, wedding couples and baptism enquiries, small meetings and setting up equipment or putting up decorations. Some have a game of draughts and sometimes the piano is played. In summary, all are welcome.

Cheryl Doyle

Joint Monthly Prayer Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Chapel.

Rev. Bekah Clark mostly led the united prayer meetings for members of both churches, with occasional leadership from members of St. Mary's and Elmdon, especially since January 2025. Meetings usually start and end with a song but vary considerably according to who is leading. On average about 10 people attend each month with the breadth and depth of prayer knowing no limit, from praying for each other to praying for worldwide disasters as members feel led by the Lord.

We continue to encourage more people to come along and join in, whether speaking out their prayers or silently joining in as others lead them in prayer.

Rob Dean

Churchyard

The Churchyard team continued their valuable contribution to the up-keep of the grounds. Unfortunately, the team has been smaller in the last year due to a change in people's circumstances but we will continue doing what we can

We keep an eye on the grass in the older part of the churchyard. In 2024 the PCC agreed to Peter Hobson cutting it back annually although I believe he has moved out of the area, so we will have to see how things progress.

Sarah Leckie, Churchyard Team Leader

Mission Support Group

Crosslinks - Maria "Emi" Fernandez

Crosslinks is an Anglican missionary society which enables partnerships with all churches, denominations and networks which share its convictions. Crosslinks also supports and enables the training of pastor/teachers and evangelists in less well-off countries, through their BEST (Bursaries Enabling Strategic Training) programme. Under this programme we have been supporting Emi Fernandez in her studies at The Centre for Pastoral Studies (CEP), Santiago, Chile. Our commitment was to support Emi through prayer and financial giving, in the amount of £600 per annum, for three years.

Sadly, we were advised by Crosslinks earlier this year that Emi had suffered a miscarriage, losing the twin babies that were expected in February, and she had made the decision not to carry on with her studies. At the suggestion of Crosslinks, we transferred our financial support to Emi's husband, Tore, who is expecting to complete his studies with CEP by the end of 2025.

We continue to uplift both Emi and Tore in prayer.

Wycliffe Bible Translators - Gift and Kathryn Asiku

We also partner with Gift and Kathryn Asiku, working for Wycliffe Bible translators in Uganda. Gift serves as Language Programmes Coordinator and Kathryn as Literacy Coordinator, supporting Wycliffe's vision through overseeing and facilitating Bible translation and literacy activities in local languages.

They send us regular prayer and news updates, and in turn they pray for us as a church here in Elmdon. We were blessed to have them visit us in January 2025, taking part in the service and spending time chatting with us over lunch.

Highlights of 2024 include:

- Kathryn continued implementing the literacy project "Let's Read Together" in the Lunyole and Lugwere speaking communities. Children's reading skills have improved, adults have been challenged to read their own language, enjoyment of reading has been fostered, and children are attending school and church more regularly.
- Kathryn continued overseeing the production of literacy materials, including animal picture dictionaries, calendars and children's reading apps.

- Gift continued overseeing and supporting Old Testament translation in six languages, which have made tremendous progress over the year.
- Gift trained and supported the translation team leaders in using reporting software to help them track progress.
- As a member of Wycliffe's leadership team in Uganda, Gift contributed towards the 'localisation' of their partner organisation in Uganda, with Ugandans now responsible for overseeing the work there.

Ripple Effect

Ripple Effect works with farming families in six African countries so they can learn more, grow more and sell more. Rural Africa is rich with opportunity: with resourceful communities and land from which food and futures can grow. But families face poverty that is extreme, unjust, and worst of all, unnecessary. The charity is creating a ripple effect of positive change in rural Africa. It starts with bringing farmers together to learn new skills and share knowledge, so they can improve their livelihoods and thrive. Each farmer who works with Ripple Effect promises to share what they know and what they have with their families and communities, which enables thousands to experience the benefits.

As a church we have raised many thousands of pounds over the years we have been involved with the charity, by collecting small change and from occasional donations. Thank you to all who have given so faithfully and who continue to do so. For those new to Elmdon Church, there is a basket in the Wilberforce Hall where you can deposit your small change. For further information, please speak to Eli Malkin.

We have also joined Elmdon Church with the Ripple Effect Community Garden Twinning scheme for a donation of £120, which is based on the cost of providing three years' training in sustainable agriculture to two families who are part of one of their projects in rural Africa. Please also visit www.rippleeffect.org where you can find some uplifting stories about the farmers who have benefited from their association with Ripple Effect.

Helping Hands

Renewal Helping Hands, based at Renewal Church Centre, has a ministry of giving food, toiletries and other essentials to the most vulnerable in Solihull and neighbouring Birmingham areas. Their ethos is to facilitate needy families and individuals to live independent and fulfilling lives through donations of food and finance during difficult times. For many people just receiving food will not address the various complex and interlinked issues in their lives. For that reason, it works with other agencies to provide a full package of support as just one step in the process of meeting the needs of those in crisis. Since COVID-19 hundreds of food parcels have been delivered but demand is still increasing. They also partner with Age UK to deliver to the elderly in need across Solihull.

Elmdon's Church members regularly supply long life and canned foods, personal hygiene items and seasonal treats at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. All donations are delivered weekly to the team at Renewal Helping Hands who gratefully receive and distribute them. Anyone in need is invited to apply for aid and any recipients are monitored by the Charity.

Occasional donations

On the recommendation of the Mission Support Group, the PCC have also made some one-off donations through the year in support of God's work elsewhere:

- **Dan and Miriam**, who were part of our church family for a couple of years in the early 2020's, have been studying at All Nations Christian College in preparation for being sent overseas as missionaries with People International. £3000 was given towards the cost of their initial training.
- **ReSource** - supporting local churches in spiritual renewal. Their Alongside Scheme supports church leaders with a trained companion who meets with them regularly in a mentoring type relationship. We made a donation of £250 in support of ReSource's mission, and plan for this to be an annual recurring donation.
- **Manchester Christian Unions Carol Service** - Connor Huss, former member of Elmdon Church and currently Christian Union president at the Royal Northern College of Music, had invited a donation towards the running costs of the annual carol service, to enable students to attend free of charge. A £500 donation was given.

Richard & Lesley Huss, Eli Malkin and Rob Dean, Mission Support Group

Hatchford Brook Churches Together

Member churches include: Lyndon Methodist; Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG); St. Giles, Sheldon; St. Thomas Moore; Sheldon Community Church (SCC) and St. Mary's Hobs Moat besides ourselves. Other churches meet in the area but do not participate in HBCT activities.

Little has changed over the past year, either in membership or the activities we enjoy seasonally each year, despite the fact that we have ceased to be a member of Churches Together UK. We no longer need a formal committee or funds to continue sharing the love of Jesus as a visible united witness of faith in Jesus to dispel the myths and confusion among members and outsiders caused by our separateness and differences in worship style.

We continue seeking to fulfil Christ's command in John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We continue to support each other in prayer and other ways in order to win people for Christ.

Carol singing by a group of about 12 inside the entrance to Tesco's on Lyndon Road was well received again in 2024. Although the group sounds small, as the space allocated is limited the group was about the right size. Set off to one side of the exit, the location has proved more difficult to connect with the shoppers, some of whom stop to enjoy our singing while others also joined in. Afterwards we enjoy fellowship, news from our churches and any prayer needs.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday enabled us to join with members of all the other churches in celebrating God's work in Jesus on our behalf. A group of over 70 met outside Savers on the Coventry Road opposite the Wheatsheaf, with help from all the member churches, including Revd. Karen Webber, Lyndon Methodist, giving the talk and leading worship aided by Revd. Brian Atkins, Solihull Christian Church, Rob Dean reading the scripture and RCCCG leading us in a gospel-type hymn singing session.

Rob Dean organised the SonRise Service by the beacon in Elmdon Park again this year with help from HBCT members for musical accompaniment, readings etc. With a later start of 6.30 am due to clocks going forward overnight, our chorus was joined by creation on a beautiful, mild Spring morning. Fellowship was enjoyed over refreshments served in the Wilberforce Hall afterwards.

HBCT representatives for the year were Christine Arnsby and Elaine Malkin.

Finance

Treasurer's Report

The PCC is responsible for the church's finances, though it delegates management of these to the PCC Treasurer, Alan Doyle who, also oversees a separate fabric fund account.

Income

Most of our income usually comes through stewardship, primarily the Parish Giving Scheme but also standing orders and donations. Other sources of income have typically been wedding and funeral fees plus occasional legacies, social events and hire fees for use of the Church Hall.

Although our bank balance is now quite healthy largely owing to the sale of our Gaydon Road site there are a number of maintenance and improvement projects at our parish church that need to be undertaken and we must therefore plan and budget for a continued increase in giving in the years ahead. The 2024 accounts show only a minor deficit for the year owing largely to the interest received on our cash reserves, this will of course reduce as the required improvement work is carried out and paid for. To ensure our ongoing financial viability we need to be cognisant of the need to increase giving from our existing generous members but perhaps more importantly look for ways to increase membership numbers. Our long-term aim is to keep our current Church up to date and fully functioning to attract new members whose generosity and prayers will help us to maintain our presence in the community and help others who may be in need.

A "Giving Station" device is installed in the Church allowing donations to be made by card and information about all the methods of supporting the church are available at church and on our website.

Fees paid for church work

In 2024 the church paid an organist's fee for weddings and funerals at which the organ was played. Where required a vergers received a fee for duties carried out at these services. A sexton was also paid a fee for digging plots for the interment of ashes and occasionally appropriate visiting clergy fees were also paid.

Financial Reserves Policy

The Charity endeavours to maintain finances at an appropriate level to facilitate day-to-day activities and also to finance upkeep of our buildings.

Alan Doyle

Annual Report of the Elmdon Parochial Church Council for 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE PCC)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 17 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jeremy Kitson FCA
Prime Chartered Accountants
Corner Oak
1 Homer Road
Solihull
B91 3QG
Date: 29.05.2025

ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts			
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>			
Planned Giving	5	41,982	46,242
Loan received		-	-
Collections and Donations		<u>8,134</u>	<u>4,548</u>
		50,116	50,791
<i>Receipts from Activities for generating funds</i>			
Sundry Income		<u>120</u>	<u>524,035</u>
		120	524,035
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>			
Grants		7,330	-
Wedding and Funeral Fees		<u>6,948</u>	<u>6,879</u>
		14,278	6,879
<i>Receipts from Investments</i>			
Investment Income	6	<u>23,586</u>	<u>5,349</u>
Total receipts		88,100	587,054
Payments			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Apportionment	7	52,584	97,049
Building repairs		6,848	4,043
Charities	8	5,846	2,777
Church running expenses		105	106
Church and Churchyard	9	13,208	14,889
Loan repayments		-	4,000
Printing, postage and stationery		1,257	1,167
Large Display Screen		1,066	-
Sundry Expenses	10	5,565	5,684
VCC planning fees		<u>-</u>	<u>24,688</u>
		86,479	154,403
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Accountancy		<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,010</u>
Total payments		88,579	156,413
Transfers to / (out of) general fund		-	(18,000)
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts/Overpayments		<u>- 479</u>	<u>412,641</u>
Bank Balances 1 January		<u>419,091</u>	<u>6,450</u>
Bank Balances 31 December		<u>418,612</u>	<u>419,091</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - RESTRICTED FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts			
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>			
Collections and Donations		<u>1,171</u>	<u>903</u>
		1,171	903
<i>Receipts from Activities for generating funds</i>			
Sundry Income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>			
Wedding and Funeral Fees		<u>5,603</u>	<u>5,504</u>
		5,603	5,204
Total receipts		6,774	6,107
Payments			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Church running expenses		2,329	3,800
English Class Grant		<u>7,081</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		9,410	3,800
Transfer from general funds		-	18,000
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts/Overpayments		<u>(2,636)</u>	<u>20,307</u>
Bank Balances 1 January		<u>26,503</u>	<u>6,196</u>
Bank Balances 31 December		<u>23,867</u>	<u>26,503</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT
- FABRIC FUND**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023
	£	£	£
Receipts			
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>			
Transfer from Funds	545		2,200
 Sundry income			
 Interest on CBF Appeals Fund	<u>67</u>		<u>39</u>
Total receipts	612		2,239
 Payments			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Transfer between funds	-		-
Music Fund	265		250
Bank charge	5		40
Wedding fees costs	-		-
Total payments	<u>270</u>		<u>290</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts/overpayments	<u>342</u>		<u>1,949</u>
 Bank Balances 1 January	<u>3,983</u>		<u>2,034</u>
 Bank Balances 31 December	<u>4,324</u>		<u>3,983</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	General £	Designated £	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts					
Planned Giving	41,982	-	-	41,982	46,242
Collections & Donations	8,134	-	1,171	9,305	5,452
Teas	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	40	545	-	585	522,034
Wedding & Funeral Fees	6,948	-	5,603	12,551	12,083
Investment Income	1,047	67	-	1,114	5,388
VAT refunds/Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	3,490
Interest and Dividends	22,540	-	-	22,540	-
Outside Bookings	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Rents	-	-	-	-	313
Functions	80	-	-	80	398
Grants & Donations	7,330	-	-	7,330	-
Total Receipts	<u>88,101</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>6,774</u>	<u>95,487</u>	<u>595,399</u>
Payments					
Apportionment	52,584	-	-	52,584	97,049
Charities	5,846	-	-	5,846	2,777
Church Running Expenses	326	-	2,329	2,655	3,906
Church & Churchyard	3,856	-	-	3,856	8,326
Printing, Postage & Stationary	1,257	-	-	1,257	1,167
Sundry Expenses	5,565	-	-	5,565	5,684
Accountancy	2,100	-	-	2,100	2,010
Building Maintenance & Repairs	6,848	-	-	6,848	4,043
Bank charges	-	5	-	5	40
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	4,000
Light & Heat	3,657	-	-	3,657	1,348
Water	673	-	-	673	593
Insurance	3,367	-	-	3,367	3,139
Telephone	1,434	-	-	1,434	1,483
Music fund	-	265	-	265	250
Large Display Screen	1,066	-	-	1,066	-
English Class Grant	-	-	7,081	7,081	-
VCC planning fees	-	-	-	-	24,688
Total Payments	<u>88,579</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>9,410</u>	<u>98,259</u>	<u>160,503</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Total £	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £
Monetary Assets				
CBF deposit fund	438,142	436,815	-	1,326
Bank current accounts	7,700	1,140	3,560	2,999
Bank deposit accounts	<u>963</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	446,805	438,919	3,560	4,325
 Investments (at valuation at year end)				
CBF Share Portfolio	40,635	40,635	-	-
CBF Fixed Interest	<u>186</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>487,626</u>	<u>479,740</u>	<u>3,560</u>	<u>4,325</u>

Other Assets

Properties vested in the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Trustees on behalf of the PCC:
St Stephens Church Centre and Valley Church Centre

ANALYSIS OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Total £	Fabric Fund £	Valley Church Centre £	St Stephens Hall Users £
CBF deposit fund	1,326	1,326	-	-
Bank current account	2,999	2,999	-	-
Bank deposit account	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,325</u>	<u>4,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

.....06/05/25..... and signed on behalf of the Council by:-

Bekal Clark Chair

SO Kimber Churchwarden

_____ Churchwarden

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations issued in 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. Income Tax recoverable in respect of the year to 31 December is included in the receipts and payments accounts.

Non-monetary donations to the PCC are not included in the receipts and payments accounts, because they are incapable of being recorded at definite amounts. Where material, such items are referred to in the Annual Report.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised as being under the ownership of the PCC but are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

- Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty.
- Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.
- Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
- Income Tax recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of Gift Aid donations received after 31 December in the year.

Opening and Closing bank balances are shown in the receipts and payments accounts.

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

2. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Fabric Fund is designated (i.e. to be used solely) for the purpose of maintaining and improving the Parish Church.

3. REMUNERATION

No person connected with the Parochial Church Council has been paid or is due to be paid any remuneration or other benefits from the Funds of the PCC.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH CONNECTED PERSONS

There have been no material transactions undertaken in the name of or on behalf of the Council in which any person connected with the Council has a material interest.

5. PLANNED GIVING

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid receipts	27,770	25,882
Income tax recovered	6,943	12,902
Other giving	<u>7,270</u>	<u>7,458</u>
	<u>41,982</u>	<u>46,242</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
CBF Deposit account interest	19	
CBF Dividends	1,047	1,030
Interest on Reserve fund	<u>22,521</u>	<u>4,312</u>
	<u>23,586</u>	<u>5,342</u>

7. APPORTIONMENT

	2024	2023
	£	£
Paid Direct	<u>52,584</u>	<u>97,049</u>

8. CHARITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Christian Relief, Development and Agencies	473	721
Churches overseas	4,873	2,056
Home Missions	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,846</u>	<u>2,777</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9. CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD EXPENSES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Maintenance and repairs	-	-
Water rates	673	593
Telephone	1,434	1,483
Light and heat	3,657	1,348
Insurance	3,367	3,139
Sundries	3,792	7,420
Curate's House Rent	-	-
Consumer unit test & certification	-	-
Christian Literature	64	199
Readers' Board	-	-
Visiting Clergy	<u>221</u>	<u>707</u>
	<u>13,208</u>	<u>14,889</u>

10. SUNDRY EXPENSES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fete floats	-	-
Other Sundry Expenses	<u>5,565</u>	<u>5,684</u>
	<u>5,565</u>	<u>5,684</u>

MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETINGS

Held 21st May 2024

Attendance at the annual meetings of Parishioners and Church (23):

Rev. Bekah Clark, Rector
Christine Arnsby
Sarah Baldwin
Lynda Bird
Joy Dean
Rob Dean
Alan Doyle
Cheryl Doyle

Martin Hewings
Lesley Huss
Carol Janes
Sue Kimber
Sarah Leckie
David Maguire
Elaine Malkin
Karen Matthews

Anne Milne
Jamie Oldham
Elizabeth Smye
Joyce Taylor
Margaret Thomas
John Tsipouras
Jean Wooding

A. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Bekah welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all to join in a hymn of celebration and thanks to God.

1. Apologies (1)

Graham Smye.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of parishioners, Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Martin Hewings and Sarah Leckie proposed the minutes be adopted. Motion approved unanimously.

3 Election of Church Warden

Susan Kimber was proposed by Christine Arnsby seconded by Lesley Huss.

There were no other nominations. Sue agreed to stand as Church Warden for the coming year and was accepted unanimously.

Thanks were expressed to Carol Janes for her four years' service as Warden.

B. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

1 Bible reflection

Bekah spoke from Acts 4: 1-31 on the outworking of abiding in Jesus before opening the meeting in prayer.

2 Apologies (1)

Graham Smye (Lay Chairman).

3 Minutes of the previous APCM held 23rd May 2023

Lesley Huss and Carol Janes proposed the minutes be adopted. Motion approved unanimously.

4 Report on the revised Electoral Roll

Jamie Oldham reported that the revised roll, published 12th May 2024, contained 66 names, down one from last year, which was encouraging as there had been about 5 newcomers to offset some deaths.

5 Election of PCC members

Four vacancies were available for election to the PCC:

Lynda Bird was proposed by Margaret Thomas seconded by Karen Matthews
Lesley Huss was proposed by Tony Shaw seconded by Richard Huss
Graham Smye was proposed by Carol Janes seconded by Joyce Taylor

There were no further nominations. Lynda, Lesley and Graham were duly elected for three years, leaving one vacancy.

6 Appointment of such Readers as wish to become PCC members

Members approved the motion that Karen Matthews, Parish Lay Reader, be accepted as a member of the PCC.

7 APCM Reports

Bekah went through each report, thanking each member by name for their contributions to the life of the church and inviting comments individually. Comments were made regarding the following reports:

7.1 Warden's report

Carol Janes thanked everyone for their help and support over the four years, especially Sarah Leckie and other ex-Church Wardens.

7.2 Kids In Christ

Rob Dean said they were open to recruiting volunteers.

7.3 Connect Groups

Bekah said that being in a group was the best way to link church members together in order to care for each other and that if anyone wished to be a member to contact Sue Kimber, who had taken over leading.

7.4 Tuesday Service

Bekah thanked Karen Matthews, who had offered to lead once a month and ended up leading it every week.

7.5 Open Church

On 2nd June the Birmingham Concert Band, of which Karen Matthews was a member, would give a concert and everyone was invited.

8 Accounts and Financial Statements

As the accounts had been complicated by the delayed sale of property at Gaydon Road incurring high expenditure, short term loans and delayed payments to the Diocesan Common Fund, Alan Doyle, Treasurer, read out the notes he had forwarded to members at the last PCC meeting explaining some of the unusual and high sums of money moving in and out of the accounts.

There were no questions and Alan was thanked for his thorough preparation, good explanation of the figures and detailed keeping of the records. The accounts were unanimously accepted by those present.

9 Appointment of independent examiner

Alan Doyle proposed using the same accountants (Prime Chartered Accountants) for the coming year. Jamie Oldham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

10. Presentation to Carol Janes

Bekah thanked Carol for her time as Church Warden during the pandemic and interregnum, presenting her with a pot plant and card, before inviting members to say a few words of personal thanks to Carol.

11. Rector's Address.

Bekah said that much had been achieved although there were still plenty of things to do. She then named and thanked individual contributors to the life of the church who had not been otherwise mentioned: Readers/Service leaders, PCC and various team members: Duty Wardens, Kids In Christ, Sound & Visuals, Welcome, Readings, Leading intercessions, Music, Bell ringers, Refreshments, Open Church, Church Maintenance, Cleaning, Visual Displays, Mission Support, Fabric, Finance, Sunday worshipper counters and Eco issues contributors.

Bekah continued her talk based on the earlier scripture reading from Acts 4:1-31 saying that, like Peter and John after being imprisoned and threatened by the authorities, we needed to pray for boldness and courage. People were spiritually hungry but the workers were few. A priority for the coming year will need to be thinking creatively about how we can best use our resources to best be the loving family of Christ and share the love of Christ across the parishes of Elmdon and Hobs Moat.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Closing Prayer

After a hymn of thanksgiving, Bekah closed the meeting in prayer, thanked everyone for their time and invited non-members to leave the meeting. The new PCC then held its first meeting.

*20th May
Bekah Clark
Chair*

Agenda for the Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Tuesday 20th May 2025, 7.30pm at Elmdon Church
Refreshments available from 7pm

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Meeting of Parishioners, Tuesday 21st May 2024
3. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Bible reflection and opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Tuesday 21st May 2024
4. Report on the revised Electoral Roll
5. Appointment of PCC Members
 - Deanery Synod Members (1 place, for 1 year)
 - PCC Members (up to 6: 3 places for 3 years, 1 for 2 years, 2 for 1 year)
 - Reader representative
6. Receive APCM reports
7. Appointment of independent examiner
8. Rector's Address
9. Any other business
10. Closing prayer

First meeting of the new Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Election of:

1. Lay Vice Chair
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Electoral Roll Officer
5. Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Parish Identity Verifier
6. Domestic Abuse Contact

