

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, TIDESWELL

England & Wales - Charity number 1204523

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** We are a Church of England church and we provide regular religious services to everyone. We are an inclusive church and we welcome everyone to attend our services and to visit the church when it is open.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Derbyshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£176,530	£110,650	-	-
2024-12-31	£214,553	£219,492	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Fiona Mary Kouble</b>	Chair	2026-04-26
Anna Elizabeth Harland Crease		2025-05-07
Christine McDermott		2019-04-07
Dr Roland Kouble		2026-04-26
Dr Sidney James Tyndale Sherborne		2024-10-03
Gillian Denise Richards		2019-04-07
Janice Robinson		2016-04-28
Joshua Eldridge		2026-04-26
Katherine Eldridge		2026-04-26
Peter Douglas Grimshaw		2020-10-25
Peter William Robinson		2013-04-30
Ryan Hoban		2026-04-26
Sonia Isabel Rigg		2019-04-07
Victor Barry Peirson		2011-04-13

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# Accounts

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# Tideswell Parish

## Report of the Parochial Church Council

### the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

#### Constitution

Tideswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) is constituted for the furtherance of the work of the Church of England. The Benefice of Tideswell, in the Peak Deanery in the Diocese of Derby, consists of the parish churches of St John the Baptist in Tideswell and St Margaret of Antioch in Wormhill, along with the daughter churches of St John the Evangelist in Cressbrook, Christchurch in Litton and St Anne in Miller's Dale. The PCC, and the meetings of the other churches of this parish, seek to maintain their respective churches as focal points for Christian witness to the communities which they serve and also to honour their commitment to the wider structures of the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate and a charity excepted for registration.

#### Achievements & Performance

During 2025 the PCC continued to run the churches as centres of worship, and were delighted when in March 2025 we were able to welcome the Revd Fiona Koube as our Vicar. Fiona was licensed and installed as the incumbent of the parish in Lent on March 12<sup>th</sup> by the Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd Libby Lane.

There were 12 PCC meetings in 2025, including one short one following the APCM to elect officers, and one extraordinary meeting in November. We hold them mostly in the Old Grammar School, but also have moved around the various churches which helps remind us that we are the PCC for the whole Parish. We start and close our meetings with prayer, reminding ourselves that we entrust all our business into God's hands.

Church	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
Tideswell	3	2	?7
Litton	2		2
Cressbrook	0	0	1 memorial service
Wormhill	3 families: 5 children	0	1 plus 1 graveside burial in Peak Dale, and 2 burial of ashes in Peak Dale
Miller's Dale	No services		

At PCC meetings, there were regular finance and fabric reports, wardens' reports and updates, church reports and safeguarding reports. Service planning, finance and other business matters were shared and discussed.

St Anne's Church Miller's Dale, is moving closer towards closure. During the whole of 2025 St John's still had no heating due to the flooding of the boilers but services continued to take place in Church. An options paper was forwarded to the Diocesan chancellor in March 2025 for consideration. After a difficult year we heard at the end

of the year that we would be receiving a Faculty – but as the year drew to a close we were awaiting the final paperwork. We did however progress with cushion and blankets and hand warmers to help mitigate against the cold and from Advent we moved our Sunday morning worship into the Old Grammer School. We are incredibly grateful to Mandy, from the village who volunteered and has made all the cushions that are now available in the church.

We offered a variety of worship across our churches, reintroducing a monthly midweek Communion service and also a new monthly Quiet Contemplative service – Mindful Monday for the 30 minutes at noon usually on the last Monday of the month in St Johns Tideswell.

All of our church families have been actively engaged in their local Wakes celebrations and as ever the Well Blessings offer wonderful opportunities to engage and support our communities. John the Baptist came out not just to join the carnival in Tideswell but also to support the Clypping of the Church

Prayer Trees and stands with Prayer Cards are now present in all of our churches offering people opportunities to encounter and to reach out to God. This feels like an important emphasis of our ministry.

In July we hosted the County Council Civic service at St Johns, an opportunity to offer support to those who give of themselves to serve their local communities and to speak of God's love and compassion into their work.

In September we were able to celebrate the Lighting Project in St Johns Tideswell with a celebratory service – “Let there be Light” followed by bubbles and canapes. We had hoped to hold a Pet Blessing service in September in Wormhill – however the vicar fell and broke her wrist the week before so that was postponed.

Links with church schools continued and end of term services were held in St John's and Christ Church. Carol services were held in the various churches, and a Crib service was held in Christ Litton on Christmas Eve – where the Posada figures returned after their advent adventures around the parish.

The church families continue to do our best to connect and support the wider communities in which we are based – offering help and support a wide range of events and needs.

We relooked at our Parish Pilgrimage ( originally developed by Paul Black and the Revd Simon White), updating it and relaunching in September – and working with Faye Smith, a new church member and also a trained pilgrimage guide – we have also been able to offer guided pilgrimages via her company “HopeWalking”. This has meant that we have been able to offer the pilgrimage in different ways, people can complete it on their own, we have had days where we have said that all 4 churches will be open and finally we can direct people towards a fuller guided pilgrimage option. As we look ahead we are updating the resources and going to work on publicizing and supporting this wonderful resource.

One of these took place on the October 31<sup>st</sup>, with a focus on Bereavement it coincided with the Day of Remembering that all 4 of our churches engaged in – opening up and

allowing space for people to come into a church, reflect on those they have loved and lost. We then offered a Memorial Service on the following day, a service that was much appreciated and complements the Memorial Candles that we offer on Christmas Eve – do please see the report later in this report.

The PCC are grateful to all that have supported the mission and ministry in our church buildings and across our families in 2025.

**Connected charities:** The PCC works closely with the Trustees of the Restoration Fund which is a separate registered charity.

**‘Worshipping community’** (i.e those regularly attending worship)

<b>Church</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>
Tideswell	47	2
Litton	9	5
Cressbrook	3	2
Wormhill	10	0
Miller’s Dale	No services	

***Worshipping Community definitions:***

*Following consultation with dioceses, the “worshipping community” of a church is defined as anyone who attends that church (including fresh expressions of Church) regularly, for example at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence. It includes activities such as fellowship groups and other activities that have a distinct act of worship or prayer. It also includes acts of worship not on church premises (e.g. at a school or community centre). We include those who • come to midweek services; • are ill and unable to come to church; • are away on holiday or business; • have home communions; • are part of a regular 'fresh expression' of church; • live in care or residential homes and would consider themselves to be full members of their church; • give regularly to their church; • lead worship (e.g. clergy).*

**Vicar’s Report**

It was a great joy to join you in March as the new Vicar and I know that both Roland and myself have been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome we have received

At my interview I was asked to share piece of scripture and explain how I would go about building new worshipping communities – and so I got out of my bag my favourite mug and a wooden cross ( I wanted to get out some carved wooden hands – but they were temporarily missing) and I shared the story from that first Easter Sunday from Luke Chapter 24. Two of Jesus’ friends are walking away from Jerusalem towards the village of Emmaus – they are confused and bemused discussing all that has happened when a stranger appears by the roadside and joins them. He asks them what they are talking about – and they are amazed that he hasn’t heard all about their friend Jesus of Nazareth – newly arrested and executed – and the gossip by the women that they had seen him that very day – alive - this makes no sense! The man who has joined

them then carries on alongside them explaining to them how all of this had to happen – “ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures”

When they arrive at the village they invite him to stay and as he breaks bread with them they suddenly realise that this was Jesus all along and he vanishes from their sight.

‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

I love this story and this image of Jesus joining us, walking alongside asking us what we are bothered about – listening and then exploring and explaining.. and as we welcome him in – that moment of revelation...

At interview I explained that it struck me that to minister, to share our faith, to see that growth requires prayer ( hence my wooden cross) – intentional prayer and lots of cups of tea (or coffee if that is your want!) as we simply come alongside one another as we listen, as we care and as we then explore how God might already be in that situation/ that place/ that life.

And so it has come to be that here, as your new vicar I have had the privilege of coming alongside you, of gently and gradually getting to know our churches, our communities, our schools... of becoming known as well. And this is a journey that has only just begun!

It is a great honour to come and live and serve you as your vicar, I pray that as we continue to journey together we will experience “our hearts burning within us” as we recognise the Risen Lord journeying alongside, in front and behind us.

Please do take note of the rest of this report there is much to be challenged by, and to rejoice in and I wonder where and how God might be nudging you?

Revd Fiona Kouble

### **Treasurer’s Report and Annual Accounts**

The accounts have been prepared by our Treasurer, Peter Grimshaw and independently audited. The Finance Report is added at the end of this report.

### **Electoral Roll Report for 2025**

During 2025 a completely new Electoral Roll was prepared in accordance with Church statute. The result of this was a decrease in the numbers on the Electoral Roll for the Benefice from 78 in 2024 to 67 in 2025.

Tideswell section of the Roll dropped from 39 to 38. Throughout the full year, there were 2 additions to the roll and 3 who chose not to continue on the Roll.

Litton dropped from 15 to 10 partly due to bereavement and as a result of people moving away.

Cressbrook dropped from 9 to 5. There was one addition to the roll during 2025. Wormhill remained constant with 12 people on the roll with no additions or deletions.

Miller's Dale dropped from 4 people to one person, possibly as a result of the closure process.

Gillian Richards. Electoral Roll Officer

### **Peak Deanery Synod**

Dates of meetings held at Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Area Dean – Rev'd Dr David Mundy (retired 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025)

Assistant Area Deans – Rev'd Mark Griffin; Rev'd Louise Petheram; Rev'd Fiona Kouble (from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025)

Lay Chair – Canon Nikki Goodhew



### **2025 Peak Deanery Synod Membership**

**House of Laity:** Number of Representatives as per Diocesan Formula – 76  
( 2 members from Tideswell Parish)

**House of Clergy** Number of clergy: 19  
Number of elected Representatives – 45

### **Synod 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

At our April meeting Nikki invited us to consider questions of pastoral care, including what is distinctive about Christian pastoral care, how it is organised in our parishes, and where the boundaries are between what we do as friends and what we do as church members. A lively discussion ensued! We also said goodbye to Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven prior to his retirement, and David spoke warmly about the many ways that Tony had provided leadership and support to parishes, the Deanery and the Archdeaconry over many years.

### **Synod 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

For this Synod meeting we were joined by Mandy Cornwall, Headteacher of St Andrew's C of E Junior School in Hadfield, and Liz Seymour, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education. Mandy led our opening worship and then talked about the difference being a church school makes, and about the MACAWS project in St Andrew's School which supports pupil wellbeing and mental health. Liz asked us to think about our church's mission with schools, and how churches and schools can work together in partnership. Later in the meeting we agreed the Deanery accounts for 2024 and the budget for 2026. We also welcomed Fiona as an Assistant Area Dean, and although David was unable to be with us we thanked him for his contributions to the Deanery over many years and wished him well for his retirement, which Nikki conveyed to him after the meeting.

## **Synod 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

We welcomed Alison Fletcher from Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy to our November meeting to talk about the work of the chaplaincy, and some of the issues facing the agricultural sector in our diocese and how we can support it. We then split into small groups to discuss our parish's links with the farming community, and these discussions were then shared together. Mark also congratulated Nikki on her appointment as a lay canon of Derby Cathedral, and we heard a cautionary tale from one parish urging us to check our electrical systems are suitable before installing new appliances or heating systems!

At the end of 2025 we were still waiting for the appointment of a new Area Dean, and in February 2026 it was announced that Rev'd Fiona Kouble would be taking on this role. We look forward to welcoming Fiona as Area Dean at our next Deanery Synod meeting.

Canon Nikki Goodhew, Lay Chair

### **Safeguarding Report**

Since taking over the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer last year, Anna Crease has been trained in all relevant safeguarding training to take on the role. Safeguarding has been spoken about more this year and it has been brought to the forefront of everyone's mind with dedicated time being given to safeguarding and updates during every PCC meeting. All relevant safeguarding documents are up-to-date: safeguarding posters are displayed in all Churches and church buildings. A safeguarding phone has been reset and a new safeguarding email address has been set up to ensure there is a direct line for people in the parish to raise safeguarding concerns with the safeguarding officer. The Parish Safeguarding Hub has also been adjusted with up-to-date data, which is currently being updated to hold information about roles of people in the parish and their DBS checks and safeguarding training. Anna Crease, the safeguarding officer, receives monthly safeguarding updates from the diocese and she is able to access monthly face-to-face events with other safeguarding officers to refresh her safeguarding knowledge in a timely manner.

Anna Crease

### **Church Reports**

*Churchwardens' Reports [includeing report on the Church Buildings and fabric].*

#### **Tideswell – St John the Baptist:**

British Legion flag cleaned and rehung in church. 13<sup>th</sup> January  
Fire Alarm testing, Institute, Library and OGS. Rhode. 30<sup>th</sup> January  
New lighting in church tower. Current Standard Electric, February.  
Low pruning of trees on churchyard. Will Brindley / Peter Robinson, 25<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Paths cleaned and jet washed. MB, DR, PR, February.  
A faculty for a replacement church heating system was submitted to the DAC, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March No response had been received by the end of the year, 2025.  
Organ serviced. Thomson's, 19<sup>th</sup> June

GBSG Roof Alarm serviced. 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Fire Alarm testing, Institute, Library and OGS. Dan Rhode. 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Fire extinguishers serviced, church, Institute and OGS. Also, Cressbrook Church.  
Trust Fire, 6<sup>th</sup> August.  
Church roof cleaned of debris. 26<sup>th</sup> August  
New floodlighting of tower and pinnacles on tower roof. Current Standard Electric,  
October  
Gas safety inspection / service, Institute. Chris Edmundson 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Lightning Conductors Inspection. W E Harrison. 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Organ serviced. Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Institute, Old Grammar School, Library five-year Electrical Inspection. Dan Rhode,  
16<sup>th</sup> December  
Church bells and clock maintenance provided by the Ringers.  
Church cleaned by the 'Ghost Dusters' team.  
Flower tubs maintained by Beth Lawrence.  
Pursglove Lodge continues to be let. No change.  
Will Brindley maintained the churchyard throughout the summer.  
Plans for the toilet extension for OGS were put on hold whilst alternative ideas are  
investigated.  
During the year, the year the lights/ lanterns at the church gates have been restored.  
Buster Crabb, paid for by the FOSJ.  
Mandy Halsey made cushions for church pews.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way towards the upkeep of the church and  
adjacent buildings and grounds throughout the year.

Peter Robinson and Gillian Richards

### **Litton – Christ Church:**

We welcomed Fiona in March and one of her first events was the end of term service for the school which was much appreciated by the parents. The was followed quite quickly by Easter services which were very well attended. The normal services of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and the all age round the Kitchen table service on the third have continued. The regular congregation for the former has remained about the same while the kitchen table service has attracted several additional families.

A much needed boost to church funds was provided by the annual plant sale, a strawberry tea event and a privately organised party. The feedback from the party was that the church made an excellent venue for such an occasion. The school has continued to use the church for services, a summer play and Nativity at Christmas.

Combined the regular giving, collections, donations from school parents towards the costs of staging the plays and the events just about balance the expenditure which leaves very little available to keep the church in a good state of repair.

Mike Burrell

### **Wormhill - St Margaret of Antioch:**

I have to report my great concerns at the reduced attendance at our regular Sunday services in this Parish Church. Numbers are worryingly low and efforts are being made to let people know that their presence is vital for the future of this building. We are doing this by word of mouth and by Facebook, I might add this is no reflection on the Minister who has been a 'breath of fresh air' and we all need to continue to support her as she has done with at our Well Dressing Festival, Harvest Supper and Christmas Coffee Morning.

The other Churchwarden who also acts as our church Secretary has been indisposed for the last six months making the continued running of the Church Council very difficult. We have of course submitted our Year End financial accounts which have been approved and show a healthy balance under the circumstances.

Despite all this we are looking into the provision of water and kitchen/toilet facilities which in this day and age is essential. We need also as a matter of urgency to provide in the churchyard a Garden of Remembrance and also to highlight with the War Graves Commission that we have TWO such graves at Wormhill and ONE at Peak Dale. Whilst mentioning Peak Dale Village I know that Fiona is also doing her best to bring them back into the fold and us in contact with the Community and the Primary School.

Barry Peirson,

### **Cressbrook – St Johns the Evangelist:**

This year, the message has been to rejuvenate Cressbrook Church and what it can offer to the local community. With the uncertainty of the last few years, it has taken its toll on the amount of regular parishioners visiting the Church on a regular basis. We started the year with a Church meeting to discuss ways to move Church forwards and events to encourage people to spend time in the building. During February half term, we opened Church to families to access breakfast, toys and craft making activities. We planned a Flower Festival for April 2025, however the road closure meant that this needed to be postponed, which will hopefully happen in Summer 2026. The Band played their annual Good Friday hymns on Good Friday Rock over the Easter period and Fiona held one of her first Café Church sessions. In May we held another Café Church on the second Sunday of the month and the Church hall was then used for well dressing preparation during the last week of the month. In June, the well dressing was displayed outside Church with Church open all week to welcome visitors. A Café was run in the school room during the weekends of the well dressing week and we welcomed many visitors and raised some money for the Church funds. We have welcomed a couple of pilgrimages during the year, which has been lovely and in October, Cressbrook Band supported our Harvest Service, which was really well attended with refreshments being served afterwards. In November, Church was opened for the memorial day, where we had many past residents return to remember family members. The yearly Remembrance Service started in Church and ended at the war memorial opposite the club. At the end of November, we hosted the fifth Sunday of the month whole parish service with a shared lunch, which was very successful. December saw a Christmas Coffee morning, an advent candle wreath making event and a Carol Service, which were all very well attended. As we entered this new year, we have concentrated on making events consistent, which has been a focus on Café Church every second Sunday of the month. Shrove Tuesday brought

pancake making into the school room, as well as making ash on the fire outside. The Church has undergone some improvements with new electrics being fitted and new heating being explored to ensure the Church is fit for use into the future.

Anna Crease

### **Miller's Dale -St Annes:**

No services have taken place at Miller's Dale Church and the move towards closure is progressing.

### **Bellringers**

2025 has seen ringing at practices and for services every week, with just a handful of exceptions.

A full peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung in August by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers, as part of the annual Tideswell/Durham bellringers August get together. Ten quarter peals were rung at Tideswell last year, all by local ringers. There were several of note, with one rung at the memorial service of Rev'd Simon White in February, one rung prior to the service of installation of the Rev'd Fiona Kouble in March, and one following the funeral of Geoff Goodall in November, former tower captain at Tideswell. Seven visiting bands came to ring at Tideswell during 2025.

Two weddings were rung for at Tideswell during 2025, and none at Wormhill.

New ropes arrived for the Wormhill bells in May. Five quarter peals were rung in 2025, all for services, four of them by local ringers and one by ringers on the Tideswell/Durham bellringers weekend in August. There was one visiting band to Wormhill, and a Peak District meeting was held there in September. There were also two occasions when ringing was opened up for those hadn't experienced Wormhill bells before, as they take a bit of getting used to, given their size!

Tideswell ringers took part in the Peak District striking competition held at Stanton in Peak, coming second in both the method ringing category and the call change ringing category. Neither band went on to take part at Horsley for the whole Derby Diocesan final due to it being during Tideswell wakes week.

Recruitment is an ongoing focus, there continues to be only 7 Tideswell bellringers (having lost Eileen to ringing in October, but gained Philip as full member of the DDA in September), so we are always reliant on others from local towers to be able to ring all 8 bells, and we are fortunate to be very well supported in that respect, which is reciprocated when possible. We have two recruits who all going well, will become full members in the next few months.

We are very grateful to Giles Lacey of Hartington for supporting us with both bell maintenance and also the clock chime maintenance.

We were very saddened by the loss of our former tower captain, Geoff Goodall in November, and also the shock diagnosis that Eileen Goodall received in October. The gradual transition of the tower secretary/treasurer duties from Eileen to Gillian Beer planned at our AGM in May had to be expedited rather more quickly than planned.

The year ended with our customary ringing out the old and ringing in 2026.

Josh Eldridge, Tower Captain

### **The Year's Mind List 2025**

As usual this list was updated during "Twixmas" (2025) in readiness for implementation at the start of next year.

#### **Changes from previous years**

- Revd Fiona decided that the no.of years a name should be kept on the list should be reduced from 75yrs (previously modified from 100yrs by Revd Simon White) to 50yrs.
- A note has been added referring the reader to include :-
  - A. the names for the first Sunday of each month when reading the names for the last Sunday of the previous month. This is because the list is not read out at café church.
  - B. The names for the fifth Sunday of the month to be read on the fourth Sunday if the service on that fifth Sunday is to be held anywhere other than in St John's.

As previously names are added at the request of loved ones, for a nominal fee. Thanks to Gill R. for dealing with requests during the interregnum.                      Kathryn Black

#### **Memorial Candles:**

Once again, a successful event for our community. I was so pleased that it was agreed we maintained the tradition of holding the event & service in church despite still having no heating.

#### **October was a busy month:-**

- Ordered the 4hr votives from Hayes & Finch
- Prepared an article for the Village Voice/Social Media & updated. the information poster.
- Updated, printed and laminated posters & sent them to daughter churches ready for advertising at the new Memorial Service.
- Updated the order form.

#### **November involved:-**

- Displayed posters in Tideswell & beyond.
- Logged orders as they came in.

#### **December was full on as usual:-**

- Order deadline Fri 12<sup>th</sup>
- Village posters replaced with ones to advertise the event. Event advertised on social media again by Tony Hill, and via our new Parish Facebook page.
- Typed up & printed out labels for orders & stuck these onto the votives.
- Put the votives in ABC order ready for display in St John's.
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> all 397 ordered votives placed in church plus boards put out in N aisle in case people wish to place ones not ordered.
- Made, printed & displayed location signs to help people to find their ordered votives
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> votives lit from 8.30pm then doors unlocked for viewing 9-10.30pm. Candles remained lit throughout "Midnight Mass" which followed at 11.30p.m.. Extras were indeed requested– so approx. 450 lit in total.
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, votives removed following 9.30am service. Some votives collected by loved ones.
- £917 taken in donations, plus, some people donated in church (white box/card reader) on Christmas Eve.

Positive thoughts:-

- Wayne, an unknown visitor to the village 3 yrs ago (who on the spur of the moment volunteered to help to light the votives) turned up unannounced again to help this year .
- I can't remember hearing anyone complain that they felt cold as they viewed the lit votives
- Much positive feedback from people who came into church for quiet reflection/viewing of the candles on Christmas Eve.
- Many thanks to Paul B., David R. & stewards on Christmas Eve.

Kathyn Black

**Ministry to Visitors in Tideswell**

March 12<sup>th</sup> Fiona's Licensing Service. Homemade refreshments served in the Institute after the service.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Makers Market in church. Drinks served throughout the day.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Archaeological Society visit. Drinks and homemade refreshments served.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Scott Concert. Drinks and homemade cakes/ biscuits served after the concert.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Wakes. Drinks and homemade cakes etc served throughout the days.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Archdeacons Visitation. Drinks and homemade biscuits and tray bakes served before the service.

September 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Heritage Open Days . Drinks and biscuits served throughout all days.  
September 20<sup>th</sup> Lighting Thanksgiving Service. Drinks and homemade refreshments served after the service.  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper. Held in the Institute.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> Choir Concert 1pm. Drinks served from 12 noon.  
November 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day. Drinks served throughout the day.  
November 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 11am- 2pm, held in the Institute. Refreshments of soup, savouries and cakes and drinks served throughout.  
December 8<sup>th</sup> Archdeacon's Benefice Inspection. Lunch provide of soup, cheese/ biscuits. Served in the Institute.  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Church Carol Concert. Mulled wine and seasonal refreshments served after the service. Provided by the churchwardens.  
Tea and coffee continues to be served after the weekly Sunday 9.30am service.  
Café Church continues to be held in the Institute on the first Sunday of each month.

Janice Robinson

### **Bookstall**

The bookstall is settling into its new home in the de Bower chapel. It probably experiences less footfall and suffers more from petty pilfering, but is still used. Now people pay by card, it's a little hard to quantify sales. Thanks are due, especially, to Samantha Hughes, Judith Torrington and Carol who generously their time and the fruits of their labours with notebooks, notecards, lavender pouches and crochet items and Tideswell Teddies

Juliet Waugh

### **Tideswell Church Flowers**

Gill Richards organised a fortnightly rota of volunteers to place fresh flowers near the high Altar. Lent and Advent excluded.  
EASTER: Memorial lilies were once again displayed on the tomb in the chancel. Extra Spring flowers / plants around the church.  
Easter Garden in the church south porch, made by volunteers.  
Easter Cross in church, made from previous years Christmas tree trunk.  
HARVEST: Autumnal arrangements around church.  
DECEMBER: An 18ft Christmas tree erected and decorated in Lytton Chapel. A smaller tree near north door of church. The supplier of the trees, Mr Howes of Cressbrook, donated a third tree free of charge to be 'raffled' at the Christmas Fair.  
Seasonal decorations around the church, including 'stick' stars ( kindly made by David Richards) on the pillars.  
Fresh flowers in the chancel at Christmas.  
Extra flowers throughout the year on occasional dates eg. Fiona's licensing service, Lighting Thanksgiving, Wakes etc.

Janice Robinson

## **Friends of St Johns, Tideswell**

The parish is grateful for the support that has been offered over the years by the members of the Friends of St Johns both in time, energy and financially. Sadly there have been no meetings during 2025 to update but there are plans to relook and revision during 2026. However, many thanks are always owed to the wider community who continue to support us.

## **Churches Together in Tideswell & District Annual report for 2025:**

- **Joint Services**

Joint services took place throughout the year: friends from Fountain Square Church have continued to join us at Café Church, whilst special services ranged from the Good Friday walk of witness and service to the Christmas morning joint service. This year we joined together in carol singing outside St John's as a witness, rather than trying fund-raise for a specific charity.

- **Tideswell Tea Club**

Under the banner of Churches Together Tideswell Tea Club offers a monthly Tea for those over 65 living in the Parish – *please see report below*

- **Lent Group**

Discussions followed by a soup lunch were held weekly during Lent, with members of both Churches in attendance. Rev. Carole Marsden led discussion, looking at different crosses as a starting point.

- **Posada**

The Posada figures progressed around all our villages again in November and December organised by Thelma and her team. Groups of figures were hosted by families from local schools, villagers and local businesses. *please see report below*

- **Open the book** *please see report below*
- **General**

We finally managed to update the bank details, and got a statement for the first time since Margaret Filer moved! Costs have remained constant as the insurance premium has not increased, and that is the biggest ongoing cost.

Treasurer's report attached: NB year for Churches Together accounts is September-August.

## Churches Together in Tideswell and District: Treasurer's report

September 2024-August 2025:

Income		Expenditure	
Christian Aid collection	£125.00	Christian Aid	£125.00
St John's sub	£125.00	Methodist	£181.12
		Insurance	
FSC Sub	£125.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	£25.00
Christmas Collection	£142.93	Reuben's Retreat	£143.93
total	£393.93		£350.05

We continue to work together and to enjoy our covenant and fellowship, so that we can work together for the coming of God's Kingdom both locally and in the wider world.

Katie Eldrige

- **Posada**

The Posada was again very popular during Advent with 72 households and businesses taking part. Members from all the churches, Bishop Pursglove and Litton schools, many businesses in Tideswell, as well as individual households were involved. The figures all came together on Christmas Eve for the Crib Service. The whole process ran smoothly with the excellent help of the "Billeting Officers": Gill Richards, Sonia Rigg, Beth Lawrence, Margaret Brignell and staff at the schools. It wouldn't work without you all so thank you all very much.

Thelma Burrell

- **Tideswell Tea Club [Part of Churches Together]**

Tideswell Tea Club continues to offer an opportunity for over 65-year-olds living in the parish of Tideswell to meet up for a chat and a traditional afternoon tea. We met 12 times in 2025 on the second Tuesday of every month from 2-4pm at Fountain Square Church. We celebrated our members birthdays each month and have had special teas for Easter, the Tea Club's birthday in September and at Christmas when we had a visit from Father Christmas who delivered gifts. Children from Bishop Pursglove School also came along and sang carols.

Membership stayed constant at 43 and guests averaged 35 per month. There are 19 Volunteers who help with all aspects of the Tea. All who handle food completed or refreshed their Food Hygiene and Safety training in 2025.

We were inspected by Environmental Health in April 2025 and were pleased to receive a 5-star rating.

Wherever possible food was sourced locally and our bank balance remained healthy [we continue to work on a cost recovery basis]. We continued to use the Community

Bus to enable our less able guests to attend without difficulty. The use of the bus was made possible by generous donations from local organisations and is a popular option for those who need it.

Tea Club general insurance was provided by Churches Together and Safeguarding Training was provided to Volunteers under the umbrella of Churches Together.

Administration and organisation is done by Gillian Richards and Pam Muchan [Treasurer]. Since March 2025, when she took up her post, Fiona has attended whenever possible.

### **Overview**

Tideswell Tea Club continues to grow from strength to strength. The focus will always be built around our community ensuring that warmth friendship and companionship remain at the heart of what we do.

Gill Richards

### • **Open the book**

The Open the Book team visited Bishop Pursglove School and Litton Primary School approximately three times each team during 2026. Barbara Ryder (FSC) continues to lead the team.

Janice Robinson

### **Social Media**

The main Social media presence is on the Church of England supported site AChurch Near you where each church is named as part of the wider parish or benefice.

There is a Facebook Page for St John the Baptist Church -which had not been active for over a year which has 181 followers

A new Facebook page was created in mid 2025 – for the whole parish, representing all 4 of the churches ( this was done as it was more realistic to manage one page than trying to start and keep 4 individual pages upto date). Posts are then shared onto the variety of local community pages. This page currently has 161 followers.

We need to consider an Instagram page for the parishes and need to recruit at least 2 more people who can be given editing rights to ensure that we keep the page active

Fiona Kouble

### **Board Games Night**

In July 2025 the vicar initiated our first Board games night offered in the Institute, Tideswell between 7 and 9pm. Initially a one off event they have continued as a monthly event and regularly attract between 8 and 24 people, representing people across the full age range and even welcoming one Great Dane – who admittedly doesn't join in with the games but is very supportive! We hope to see this evening build in the coming year,

Fiona Kouble



	Beryl Robinson
	Audrey Hopkins
	Jennifer Bower

During 2025, Kathryn continued to act as Minuting Secretary dealing with correspondence and sending cards and letters of thanks to those who have made donations to the Restoration Fund. There were no requests from the PCC or money paid out for the repair, maintenance and preservation of the Church building itself, although both the continuing ingress of water via the North Transept Roof and the Church downpipes have been discussed as potential areas of future concern. There have been no significant donations to the Restoration Committee during 2025 and the main income was from repayments from the PCC towards the Pursglove Lodge loan which totalled £10,800. This is being steadily repaid and it is expected this loan will be finalized during 2026 and the repayment of the loan for the Lighting Appeal will then begin. As Covenant Secretary, Gill is tasked with sending the required return to the Charity Commission incorporating the audited accounts accepted at a regular meeting of the Trustees – many thanks to Peter G for preparation of the annual accounts and to Alan Brignell for auditing these.

Diane Flint, Chair

### **Tideswell Benefice, Treasurer's Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

The financial position for the Benefice and the individual churches is shown in the table below:

	<b>Benefice</b>	<b>Tideswell</b>	<b>Wormhill</b>	<b>Litton</b>	<b>Cressbrook</b>	<b>Millers Dale</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2025</b>	251844.89	112450.57	61537.56	7,439.29	69431.51	985.96
<b>2024</b>	183646.43	105,358.18	61276.91	9,185.80	6839.58	985.96
<b>Move ment</b>	68198.46	7,092.39	260.65	-1,746.51	62591.93	0

Comments on the financial position:

1. The Benefice has held its own financially over the year.

### Specific comments:

2. Cressbrook due to a significant bequest of over £65,000 is now in a stable financial position going forward. This will enable the church to undertake works and projects which previously it has not been in a position to do.
3. Litton has undertaken some maintenance etc works during the year of nearly £3,000. However receipts from fund raising, weddings and funerals are somewhat lower than the previous year by over £2,500. These factors have contributed to the decline in available funds at the end of the year.
4. Millers Dale The funds in the bank have remained the same as the previous years as all financial transactions were through Tideswell. There was a generous contribution to costs of £500 from Wormhill towards costs. All expenditure for insurance and electricity though the Tideswell bank account.
5. Wormhill has had a steady year being well supported by the local community. As mentioned above £500 was contributed to towards the costs of Millers Dale and £3,200 towards the Common Fund being significantly more than its pro rata expected contribution.
6. Tideswell
  - a. General. The Old Grammar School, Institute and Pursglove Lodge made a positive contribution but this could have been different had there been any significant works required. Moving forward it is hoped that letting of space in the Institute will make a significant contribution to income in the Institute.
  - b. The lack of heating in the church has saved over £9,000 a year in gas charges. However when new boilers are installed and we again have a “warm” church costs will increase. We are having issues obtaining a new gas contract due to no consumption for the last three years. With the present issues in the Middle East the increased costs could be significant once we are in a position to enter into a new contract. Currently we are on the standard variable contract which at this point in time is the cheapest option available.
7. Common Fund. The Benefice made a significantly higher contribution of £30,000 towards the Common fund in 2025 compared to only £5,000 in 2024. Depending on the financial position in 2026 it is hoped that we will be in a position to contribute nearer to the requested sum of £44,602.
8. Appeal Fund. There was no significant expenditure with regard to the Appeal Fund but Income was generated through general donations contributing a further £6,122.70 to the Common Fund balance of £11,375.76.
9. Loan Repayment. A further £10800 was repaid on the loan from the Restoration Fund leaving a balance of £7,200 which will be repaid during 2026. The PCC will then be able to commence repaying a further loan from the Restoration Fund of £8,200 in respect of Appeal Fund.

Peter Grimshaw, Treasurer Tideswell PCC

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Tideswell Parish, Derby Diocese**

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### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner**

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Our examination was carried out in accordance of the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name : Alan Brignell                      Date : 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## **Administrative Information**

Tideswell Parish has two Parish churches: St John the Baptist, Tideswell and St Margaret of Antioch, Wormhill There are three daughter churches: Christchurch, Litton, St John the Evangelist Cressbrook and St Annes Millers Dale

Tideswell Parish is part of the Peak Deanery, Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 6 Pursglove Drive, Tideswell, Buxton SK17 8PA

**Membership of the PCC Notes:**

- Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting
- Each Parish Church has provision for two Church Wardens
- The daughter churches have provision for one deputy church warden who are co-opted onto the PCC
- Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2026], we have two positions.
- Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC
- PCC Members are elected each year from 2026, we are implementing a 3 year cycle -where each year 3 new members are elected to serve for 3 years. Agreed at the APCM in 2025, it will take us until 2028 to be fully in this new system.

**Membership of the PCC in 2025 ( from April 2025):**

Name	Church	Notes	f
Fiona Kouble	PARISH	Vicar/Chair	
Peter Robinson	Tideswell	Church Warden/ Lay Chair	
Gillian Richards	Tideswell	Church Warden	
Barry Peirson	Wormhill	Church Warden Deanery Synod	
Ruth Taylor	Wormhill	Church Warden	
Christine McDermott	Tideswell	Deanery Synod PCC Secretary	
Peter Grimshaw (Treasurer)	Tideswell	Treasurer/ PCC	
Mike Burrell	Litton	Deputy Church Warden/PCC	
Anna Crease	Cressbrook	Deputy Church Warden/PCC	
Kathryn Black	Tideswell	PCC	until April 2025
Thelma Burrell	Litton	PCC	
Diane Flint	Tideswell	PCC	
Sonia Rigg	Tideswell	PCC	
Beryl Robinson	Tideswell	PCC	
Janice Robinson	Tideswell	PCC	
Sid Sherborne	Tideswell	PCC	



The Finance Report and audited Accounts were approved by the PCC on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and signed on their behalf by the Revd Fiona Kouble (PCC Chair).

<b>St John the Baptist, Tideswell, Parochial Church Council</b>					
<b>Statement of Accounts for Year 1st Jan to 31st December 2025</b>					
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>2025</b> <b>2024</b>		
<b>Institute</b>			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Auxiliary Buildings</b>			<b>Institute:</b>		
Room Lettings	2483.90	1473.00	Insurance	705.00	1122.00
:Library Rental	2199.96	2199.96	Utilities	3484.96	3784.16
Regular rentals	1500.00	1579.00	Major Surveys & Repairs	0.00	0.00
Other income	452.47	437.76	Cleaning & cleaning materials	1956.03	1657.25
Utilities contribution	741.57	0.00	Maintenance & Repairs	299.72	423.11
			Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Institute total income</b>	<b>7377.90</b>	<b>5689.72</b>	<b>Institute Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6445.71</b>	<b>6986.52</b>
<b>Pursglove Lodge</b>			<b>Pursglove Lodge</b>		
Rental	13200.00	10891.00	Loan Repayments	10800.00	11180.00
			Insurance	0.00	0.00
			Water	0.00	0.00
			Maintenance	270.00	380.00
			Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Pursglove Lodge Total Income</b>	<b>13200.00</b>	<b>10891.00</b>	<b>Pursglove Lodge Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11070.00</b>	<b>11560.00</b>
<b>Old Grammar School</b>			<b>Old Grammar School</b>		
Rentals from Ground Floor			Insurance	363.43	683.66
Rentals from Top Floor (Tideswell Band)	2210.00	2040.00	Utilities	2446.12	2073.06
Utilities Contribution	986.22	165.84	Surveys & Repairs	182.17	4147.80
			Other	0.00	0.00
<b>OGS Total Income</b>	<b>3196.22</b>	<b>2205.84</b>	<b>OGS Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2991.72</b>	<b>6904.52</b>
<b>Ministry to Visitors</b>			<b>Mission to Visitors</b>		
Donation Box (including GA envelopes) & Good	11553.16	9177.22	Insurance	5081.89	10308.56
Bookstall Income	1163.41	2376.00	Utilities	9807.19	7860.44
Donations & Fund Raising for Church Building *	8311.04	4847.79	Fundraising	388.83	239.35
Charge for Extra Heating at Funerals, Weddings	0.00	0.00	Major Surveys & Repairs	850.00	7726.47
Other	2299.13	595.00	Equipment	596.62	724.00
Legacy	65193.85	0.00	Churchyard Maint & Mowing	2296.25	2870.46
Rental	1410.22	982.87	General maintenance	13201.02	4131.02
			Other	409.90	1626.99
<b>Ministry to Visitors Total Income</b>	<b>89930.81</b>	<b>17978.88</b>	<b>Mission to Visitors Total Expenditure</b>	<b>32631.70</b>	<b>35487.29</b>
<b>Ministry to Parish</b>			<b>Ministry to Parish</b>		
Refunds HMRC re gift aid	4727.40	5986.69	Minor Maintenance & Equipment	76.08	13.89
Congregation Giving	17028.65	21233.51	Common Fund Contribution : Tideswell	34469.00	6200.00

Collections at Services	12447.55	4989.24	Fees	4494.00	6107.10
Donations & Fund Raising for Church Ministry	1589.96	8425.48	Clergy Expenses inc visiting clergy	3524.66	2405.45
Fees (Weddings & Funerals) for PCC Funds Ne	6990.00	16321.50	Service Costs - Materials & Flowers	1039.90	616.52
Magazine	0.00	0.00	Music & Organ & Piano	0.00	547.20
Coffee at (Sunday) Services	160.00	105.00	Outreach Costs	330.25	250.00
Book of Remembrance and memorial candles	1278.00	658.00	Administration	4753.95	501.65
Daughter Churches contribution to common fun	4469.00	1400.00	Other	614.19	1206.60
Sundry Income	229.97	10.00	Cost of church socials	1251.49	0.00
<b>Ministry to Parish Total Income</b>	<b>48920.52</b>	<b>59129.42</b>	<b>Mission to Parish Total expenditure</b>	<b>50553.52</b>	<b>17848.41</b>
<b>Ministry Worldwide</b>			<b>Mission Worldwide</b>		
Fund Raising for Charities etc	1362.80	867.87	Giving to Charities from Fundraising Events	937.00	912.30
			Giving to Non-Charities	600.00	186.00
			Other giving	460.34	0.00
<b>Ministry Worldwide Total Worldwide</b>	<b>1362.80</b>	<b>867.87</b>	<b>Ministry Worldwide Total expenditure</b>	<b>1997.34</b>	<b>1098.30</b>
<b>Extra-ordinary Income</b>			<b>Extra-ordinary Expenditure</b>		
Special Donations	0.00	0.00	Other	489.24	0.00
Other	0.00	7736.00		0.00	0.00
Dividend and Interest	1948.28	2089.30		0.00	0.00
<b>Extra-ordinary Total Income</b>	<b>1948.28</b>	<b>9825.30</b>	<b>Extra-ordinary Expenditure Total</b>	<b>489.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Appeal Fund</b>	<b>10594.46</b>	<b>107845.29</b>	<b>Appeal Fund</b>	<b>4471.76</b>	<b>139606.89</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>176530.99</b>	<b>214433.32</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>110650.99</b>	<b>219491.93</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS APPEAL</b>	<b>84993.83</b>	<b>83196.70</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE LESS APPEAL</b>	<b>85202.64</b>	<b>58259.34</b>
Stay Warm (None church funds)	0.00	0.00	Stay Warm (None church funds)	489.24	0.00
Position including Appeal Fund	65880.00	-5058.61		65880.00	
Position excluding Appeal Fund	59757.30	26702.99		59757.30	26702.99
Appeal Fund	6122.70	-31761.60			
<b>Assets:</b>			<b>Allocation of Assets</b>		
Current account	104044.57	45995.23	Restricted Funds and Commitments	2025	2024
Reserve account	59290.28	48695.68	Restricted and comitted funds	78167.45	86779.44
CCLA Deposit account per letter	51729.80	44072.02	Unallocated	174661.40	98322.78
CCCLA Ethical Investment fund £5688.04 units	36758.24	38493.75			
War Bond	20.00	20.00			
<b>TOTAL VALUE ASSETS 31 December 2025</b>	<b>251842.89</b>	<b>177276.68</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251842.89</b>	<b>177276.68</b>

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Signed :



Date :

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# Accounts

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# Tideswell Parish

## Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024

### Constitution

Tideswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) is constituted for the furtherance of the work of the Church of England. The Benefice of Tideswell, in the Peak Deanery in the Diocese of Derby, consists of the parish churches of St John the Baptist in Tideswell and St Margaret of Antioch in Wormhill, along with the daughter churches of St John the Evangelist in Cressbrook, Christchurch in Litton and St Anne in Miller's Dale. The PCC, and the meetings of the other churches of this parish, seek to maintain their respective churches as focal points for Christian witness to the communities which they serve and also to honour their commitment to the wider structures of the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate and a charity excepted for registration.

### Achievements & Performance

During 2024 the PCC continued to run the churches as centres of worship whilst also working with the Diocese of Derby with the process of advertising and appointing a new Vicar. We are grateful to the variety of clergy who have supported and enabled us to continue to offer public worship, it has been a challenging year.

There were 13 PCC meetings in 2024, including one short one following the APCM to elect officers, one emergency PCC meeting in January 2024 and one extraordinary PCC meeting in April.

The standing committee met 8 times.

Church	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
Tideswell	8	4 plus one Thanksgiving Service and 2 Services of Prayer and Dedication following civil marriage	8 plus one cremation service
Litton	0	1	2
Cressbrook	0	0	2
Wormhill	1	0	8 plus one burial of ashes
Miller's Dale	No services		

At PCC meetings, there were regular finance and fabric reports, wardens' reports and updates, church reports and safeguarding reports. Service planning, finance and other business matters were shared and discussed.

St Anne's Church Miller's Dale, is moving closer towards closure. During the whole of 2024 St John's had no heating due to the flooding of the boilers but services continued to take place in Church. We have continued to work with the Diocesan Advisory Committee to find a suitable way ahead for a new heating system, this has not been an easy time. The PCC is grateful to all those who have encouraged and supported this work, and we hope for renewed progress in 2025.

Links with church schools continued and end of term services were held in St John's and Christ Church. Carol services were held in the various churches.

We recognize the work done by the Church family and the people of Tideswell Benefice who have given their time and skills to help during the whole of 2024 whilst we were in Interregnum.

The PCC were sorry to hear of the deaths of two integral members of Cressbrook church during 2024, both who were serving as Deputy Church Wardens We would like to acknowledge their faithful service.

The PCC were delighted to announce on Advent Sunday that the Revd Fiona Kouble had been appointed as our new Vicar, and we ended the year looking ahead to her arrival in Spring 2025.

**Connected charities:** The PCC works closely with the Trustees of the Restoration Fund which is a separate registered charity.

**'Worshipping community'** (i.e those regularly attending worship including zoom services)

Church	Adults	Children
Tideswell	41	4
Litton	8	3
Cressbrook	11	2
Wormhill	10	5
Miller's Dale	No services	

**Worshipping Community definitions:**

*Following consultation with dioceses, the "worshipping community" of a church is defined as anyone who attends that church (including fresh expressions of Church) regularly, for example at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence. It includes activities such as fellowship groups and other activities that have a distinct act of worship or prayer. It also includes acts of worship not on church premises (e.g. at a school or community centre). We include those who*

- come to midweek services;*
- are ill and unable to come to church;*
- are away on holiday or business;*
- have home communions;*
- are part of a regular 'fresh expression' of church;*
- live in care or residential homes and would consider themselves to be full members of their church;*
- give regularly to their church;*
- lead worship (e.g. clergy).*

## **Vicar's Report**

There is no vicar's report as we have continued with a vacancy throughout 2024

## **Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts**

The accounts have been prepared by our Treasurer and independently audited. The Finance Report is added at the end of these notes

## **Deanery Synod**

There were 3 meetings in 2024 attended by Tideswell Benefice Representatives. Topics of discussion involve pastoral care, funding and finances, ministry and worship and mission and outreach.

## **Safeguarding Report**

Our previous Safeguarding Officer stepped away from this role in June 2024 after holding this post for some time. The PCC wishes to place on record our thanks for the work she did. Since then, Tideswell Benefice has had no Safeguarding Officer which is of concern. It has, so far, not been possible to identify a suitable replacement.

## **Church Reports**

**Tideswell**, Churchwardens' Report [includes report on the Church Buildings and fabric].

2024 was a busy year for St John's. In January, the asbestos flue was removed from the boiler room which completed the work of the asbestos removal which began in 2023. During the whole of the year, we still had no heating. A great deal of time and effort was spent in an attempt to present an acceptable faculty to the Diocese which would satisfy their commitment towards Net Zero and further our need to progress the heating issues before more damage was done to the fabric and contents of the Church. Our formal thanks go to those who have been involved.

The Lighting project has been a positive step forward with the replacement of the obsolete lighting in all areas of the Church. Our thanks go to the scaffolders, electricians and others involved in the 'hands on' aspect of the work and also to our Chief Clerk of Works and our Churchwarden for the thorough cleaning of the ancient walls. Thanks too to the many volunteers who came to 'wrap up' the Church and to protect the carvings and floors. Thanks also to the many stewards from the congregation and the community who gave up their own time to ensure all was safe in the church whilst the scaffolding was in place. Then, a big thank you to all those, including the cleaning team who then unwrapped the Church, took up the protective flooring, cleaned and dusted and got it ready again for the worshippers and visitors. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed financially to the appeal whether in a private or business capacity.

Time was also spent on the continued and ongoing consideration of the present usage and future potential of the other Church Buildings moving forward, and the

serious issues caused by water ingress due to problems with the North Transept roof. These ongoing topics and issues continue through to 2025.

Outside giving: Our Harvest project was Reuben's Retreat. At Christmas we continued our support for Reuben's Retreat, as well as donating to The Archer Project, Sheffield.

The Parish Council assisted with a grant towards mowing the grass in the Churchyard and towards the Churchyard Christmas Tree.

The zoom service continued through the year and was particularly appreciated by those who cannot get to church services. A Makers' Market was held during the Food Festival in May, raising money for the Lighting Appeal and the Christmas Fair was held in the Institute in November raising money for Church funds.

Being in interregnum for the whole of 2024 brought challenges. Services continued with the help of visiting Priests with PTO and Readers in our Diocese, plus, where necessary, some lay led services. Weddings, funerals and baptisms continued also with help from visiting Clergy. Wherever possible we covered services such as Café Church ourselves – many thanks to everyone who contributed to these and also to the kitchen team. We joined our friends at Fountain Square Church on the third Sunday of the month, thus negating the need to secure a visiting Priest, [who were in short supply], and we were made very welcome there.

The Churchwardens

### Litton

The service on the first Sunday of the month has continued as either Holy Communion or Morning prayer if we cannot get a vicar. The congregation remains small steady.

Our informal all-age worship once a month entitled "Around the Kitchen Table" has continued with the valuable help of a new member who has joined the congregation at Litton. These services have continued to be popular with young families, encouraged by musical input from the school. The number attending varies widely but it is always better attended than the service on the first Sunday of the month. We held our annual outdoor Teddy Bears' Picnic service in July and a Carol Service in December both of which were very well attended.

We have not had sufficient resources to keep the after school Discovery Club running. Several families have asked about when it might start again and we will be looking into at how this might happen.

In conjunction with the school the Toddler group on a Tuesday afternoon during school terms has continued with a regular attendance of two to four families. Unfortunately staffing difficulties have meant that it could not continue during the summer term of 2025.

The school has continued to use the church for services, a summer play and Nativity

MB, Associate Warden

## **Wormhill**

The year 2024 has been a difficult time for churches within our Parish not helped by the interregnum period of nearly eighteen months. Most English churches are suffering from a dwindling number of regular church worshippers and their subsequent financial support. Here at St Margaret's, family commitments, age related issues and the fact that we see very few young persons all affect attendance figures. Fortunately behind the scenes we have great community support helping to raise church funding in a variety of ways. For instance, plant sales, well dressing including village hall teas, harvest supper and auction of produce, Christmas village hall coffee morning, tombola and various stalls culminating in the visit by Santa. A further valuable source of income over the years has been carol singing around the village. This help and support is very much appreciated, without it the Church as we know it would have difficulty surviving. Even though our year ending Bank balance looks healthy we know only too well that in our own personal circumstances living costs are spiralling out of control and the church is not exempt from these increases. ie heating and lighting, insurance, general maintenance including footpath lighting and the dreaded quinquennial report. Moving forward it is our intention to provide an area in the churchyard of a Garden of Remembrance and in addition we hope to purchase our own new sound system and loop system to aid those of us with hard of hearing issues. As we said earlier it has been a busy time in the absence of our own Minister, organising church services, using Permission to Officiate (PTO) Clergy and arranging sadly numerous funerals whilst at the same time having to come to terms with the tragic loss of our former Minister Simon White.

BP, Churchwarden Wormhill

## **Cressbrook – Annual Report for St John the Evangelist, Cressbrook**

During 2024, with the absence of a vicar, there were no regular church services at Cressbrook however we were able to keep the main festival services going with the support of Cressbrook Band. We have celebrated and given thanks for the lives of two of our most important members of our small church community, Mr Ken Munns and Mrs Carol Harland, who were dedicated wardens of Cressbrook Church ensuring the regular running of events, services, fundraising and the upkeep of our building over many years.

Financially, there was little income due to no regular services combined with all regular giving via standing order ceasing by October. Income for the year totalled £1836 and expenses totalled £2308 with a closing balance of £2810. Our financial outlook was clearly bleak however, we were bequeathed a sum of money which will secure our church hopefully for the next few years, for which we are enormously thankful.

We are also very pleased to report that AHC became Church Warden, continuing the dedication and hard work of her mother. AHC will be supported by SG, treasurer. We are hopeful that in 2025 by returning to regular services, we can grow our church community and continue provide a space for both religious and secular activities. The church and the schoolroom are highly valued by all residents, both with and without faith and are considered important assets to our village.

JAN - no activities.

FEB - Funeral

MAR - Small space in school room let out for temporary storage.

APR - no activities.

MAY - School room hired for Polling Station.

JUN - Cressbrook Well dressing, church hall used for preparations, well displayed in church grounds.

JUL - no activities.

AUG - School room hired for Polling Station.

SEP - Christening Service.

OCT – Funeral, Harvest Festival Service with Cressbrook Band.

NOV - Remembrance Service with Cressbrook Band.

DEC - Carol concert with Cressbrook Band.

### **Miller's Dale**

No services have taken place at Miller's Dale Church and the move towards closure is progressing.

### **Other Reports**

#### **Bellringers**

Bellringers Report 2024

2024 has seen ringing at practices and for services every week, with just a handful of exceptions.

Nine quarter peals were rung at Tideswell last year, 7 by local ringers, and 2 by visiting bands. One of note was rung half muffled in memory of Simon White on the eve of Remembrance Sunday. Three visiting bands came to ring at Tideswell during 2024.

Six weddings and one blessing were rung for at Tideswell during 2024, and none at Wormhill.

Very little ringing was done at Wormhill during 2024 due to ongoing bell rope problems. One funeral was tolled for. New ropes were ordered for delivery in 2025, which will be made from artificial rope fibres to provide much greater resistance to the damp conditions experienced in the church.

Tideswell ringers took part in the Peak District striking competition held at Hathersage, coming second in both the method ringing category and the call change ringing category. The method ringing band went on to take part in the Horsley cup at Horsley for the whole Derby Diocesan Association coming fourth in the method ringing category.

Recruitment is an ongoing focus, there are now only 7 Tideswell bellringers, so we are always reliant on others from local towers to be able to ring all 8 bells, and we are fortunate to be very well supported in that respect, which is reciprocated when possible.

We are thankful to Mike Burrell for the electrical works undertaken in the tower, which weren't part of the main church rewiring/lighting project, but necessary none the less.

The year ended with our customary ringing out the old and ringing in 2025.

JE, Tower Captain

### **Ministry to Visitors Report 2024**

May 4th Makers Market.

Free drinks served throughout the day to stall holders and visitors.

Donations received.

June 21st / 22nd 'Little Saturday' beginning of Wakes Week.

Refreshments served throughout both days.

December 15th Church Carol Service

Mulled wine and seasonal refreshments served after the service.

Wine and food donated by the Churchwardens.

Tea and coffee continued to be served in church after the 9.30am Sunday services.

Café Church continued to be held in the Institute on the first Sunday of the month.

JR

### **Bookstall**

The bookstall continues to raise funds for the general running of the church and is a popular augmentation of our Ministry to Visitors. Our thanks to JW for all her efforts during the course of the year. Since the commencement of the Lighting works the bookstall has been moved to the De Bower Chapel. Income has been affected by the reduced number of visitors.

JR

### **Flowers**

TIDESWELL CHURCH FLOWERS 2024

March 10th Mothering Sunday posies.

Easter:

Cross made from trunk of Christmas tree.

Easter garden in church porch.

Easter lilies display on tomb in chancel and other floral arrangements. These paid for through ' memorial' donations.

May 2nd. Floral arrangements for funeral of Mrs Thorpe.

May 10th Wedding flowers for Joseph and Lauren Rooke.

May 25th Flower arches decorated for Thanksgiving Service.

September 21st Wedding flowers for Sid and Niamh Sherborne.

Christmas:

Three trees decorated and various seasonal arrangements around the church.

The fortnightly flower rota was put on hold during the work on the electrical/ lighting

JR

## **Churches Together in Tideswell & District Annual report for 2024:**

### **Joint Services**

Joint services took place throughout the year: friends from Fountain Square Church joined us at Café Church with members from St John's attending Fountain Square on the third Sunday of the month during the interregnum. Special services ranged from the Good Friday walk of witness and service to a Café Church 'make your own Christingle' and carol singing at Nicholson Court with Tideswell Band. We would particularly like to record our gratitude that the Rev. GW led the Armistice Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on 10th November despite her very recent bereavement.

### **Tideswell Tea Club**

Under the banner of Churches Together Tideswell Tea Club offers a monthly Afternoon Tea for those over 65 living in the Parish

### **Lent Group**

Discussions followed by a soup lunch were held weekly during Lent, with members of both Churches in attendance. Rev. CM led discussion with depictions of the Easter story in art used as a starting point.

### **Posada**

The Posada figures progressed around all our villages again in November and December organised by TB and her team. Groups of figures were hosted by families from local schools, villagers and local businesses.

### **Open the book**

The Open the Book team continued to visit BPS and Litton School throughout the year. There are approximately four visits each term to each school and form part of morning assemblies.

### **Nicholson Court**

Monthly services were held at Nicholson Court during most of the year.

### **General**

Progress has been made with updating bank details, but is still ongoing... Costs have remained constant as the insurance premium has not increased, and that is the biggest ongoing cost.

We look forward to the new leadership at both St John's and FSC in 2025 and hope that we will continue to enjoy our covenant and fellowship, and jointly working for the coming of God's Kingdom both locally and in the wider world

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## **Administrative Information**

Tideswell Parish has two Parish Churches: St John the Baptist, Tideswell and St Margaret of Antioch, Wormhill.

There are three daughter churches: Christ Church Litton, St John the Evangelist Cressbrook and St Anne Millers Dale

Tideswell Parish is part of the Peak Deanery, Diocese of Derby within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 6 Pursglove Drive, Tideswell, Buxton SK17 8PA

### **Membership of the PCC Notes:**

- Churchwardens are elected annually by the Annual Parish Meeting
- Each Parish Church has provision for two Church Wardens
- The daughter churches have provision for one deputy church warden who is co-opted onto the PCC
- Deanery Synod Representatives are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM] for a period of three years [next election 2026], we have three positions.
- Vacancies mid-term may be filled by the PCC
- PCC Members are elected each year for a one year period.

### **Membership of the PCC in 2024:**

Name	Church	Notes
Peter Robinson	Tideswell	Church Warden
Gillian Richards	Tideswell	Church Warden
Barry Peirson	Wormhill	Church Warden Deanery Synod
Ruth Taylor	Wormhill	Church Warden
Christine McDermott	Tideswell	Deanery Synod PCC Secretary
James Payne	Wormhill	Deanery Synod

Peter Grimshaw (Treasurer)	Tideswell	Treasurer
Mike Burrell	Litton	Deputy Church Warden
Pam Wilkson	Miller's Dale	Deputy Church Warden
Anna Crease	Cressbrook	Deputy Church Warden
Kathryn Black	Tideswell	PCC
Thelma Burrell	Litton	PCC
Diane Flint	Tideswell	PCC
Sonia Rigg	Tideswell	PCC
Beryl Robinson	Tideswell	PCC
Janice Robinson	Tideswell	PCC
Sid Sherborne	Tideswell	co-opted on to the PCC from 3 September 2024
Ken Munns	Cressbrook	Deputy Church Warden until January 2024
Carol Harland	Cressbrook	Deputy Church Warden until October 2024

## **Tideswell Benefice, Treasurer's Report for 2024**

### St John the Baptist Tideswell

The finances of the Tideswell Benefice show a surplus for the year of £26,028 before taking account of the Lighting Appeal. Including the Appeal there was a deficit of £5,733. Whilst on the surface this looks good the following must be borne in mind:

1. The contribution to the Common Fund was only £5,000 when the requested contribution from the Diocese was some £43,000. Therefore, our contribution was some £38,000 less than requested.

2. The lower than requested contribution to the Common Fund is in principle due to wanting to maintain the financial integrity of the Benefice and therefore:

a. The unknown cost of installing and operating a new heating system in St John's Tideswell following the failure of the gas boilers in October 2023. The Diocese in support of the carbon neutral agenda of the Church of England has not allowed the replacement of the gas boilers with gas boilers preferring a greener alternative. Until the solution is determined and costs known it is considered sadly prudent to contribute a lower than requested sum to the Common Fund. As otherwise a replacement heating system could be further delayed due to a lack of funds.

b. The lack of heating in the church is also having an adverse effect upon:

i. Attendance at services and visitors.

ii. The fabric of the building and items within.

iii. Contributions to the upkeep of the church and ministry to the parish, which are some £20,000 lower than the previous year (this is a year with no covid).

iv. Events held in the church including: weddings, funerals and concerts etc.

3. The poor heating in the St John's has had a negative impact on the amount that has collected and donated to charities having fallen from nearly £1500 in 2023 to £805 in 2024.

4. The lack of heating means that the gas bill is around £9000 less than in previous years.

5. £10,800 has been repaid to the Restoration Fund for a loan given (interest free) for works required to Pursglove Lodge. The balance outstanding is £18,000. This should be repaid in 2026. Once this loan is repaid a further loan of £8,200 to the Lighting Appeal will need to be repaid.

6. We have been able during the vacancy to reclaim visiting clergy fees etc from the Diocese. There has been no claim of any of the £2405 fees and expenses incurred thereby offsetting to some extent our lower than requested common fund contribution. Many of the clergy claimed no fee only wanting expenses for which I am very grateful.

Given the above the financial position would have been some £47,000 worse had we contributed £43,000 (and not £5,000) to the common fund (as in previous years) and incurred £9,000 in heating costs. Though income could have been greater had there been adequate heating.

## Appeal Fund

The Appeal Fund over the last two years has allowed for the lighting in the church to be greatly improved and for it to be more energy efficient. For this I wish to give thanks to Peter Robinson and Mike Burrell; without their efforts (including fund raising) and knowledge this would have been a greater challenge and for more costly. Over the last two years over £230,000 has been spent on the project and the Fund still holds over £5,200 towards future works.

Other churches in the Benefice

### St Margaret of Antioch Wormhill

The finances of Wormhill currently are robust but this can easily change if any major expenditure is required.

### Christ Church Litton

Litton Church incurred a financial deficit in the year of some £1400; this represents 23% of its income in the year. This shows that the financial position needs to be carefully monitored.

### St John the Evangelist Cressbrook

Cressbrook like Litton incurred a financial deficit in the year. The £151 deficit of representing 7% of income. Going forward Cressbrook has received in 2025 a not inconsiderable bequest which should help ensure the financial viability of the church going forward.

### St Anne's Millers Dale

Millers Dale church which is closed incurred a loss during the year of £527 representing 80% of its income and there is no prospect of any considerable income in 2025. Expenditure for Millers Dale has been paid for by Tideswell putting a further strain on the finances of Tideswell.

## Looking Forward

When the situation of heating St John's Tideswell is resolved and costs of a new heating system known we should be able to look to the future with greater financial surety. This in turn should enable us to significantly increase our contribution to the common fund going forward to a level it has been in previous years of around £43,000 and be able to increase our charitable donations.

PG, Treasurer Tideswell PCC

<b>St John the Baptist, Tideswell, Parochial Church Council</b>		
<b>Statement of Accounts for Year 1st Jan to 31st December 2024</b>		
<b>CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS for:</b>		
<b>Tideswell Benefice</b>		
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>2024</b>
		£
<b>Institute</b>		
Room Lettings		1473.00
Library Rental		2199.96
Rental from Businesses		1579.00
Other income		437.76
<b>Institute total Income</b>		<b>5689.72</b>
<b>Pursglove Lodge</b>		
Rental		10891.00
<b>Pursglove Lodge Total Income</b>		<b>10891.00</b>
<b>Old Grammar School</b>		
Rentals from Top Floor (Tideswell Band)		2040.00
Energy Contribution		165.84
<b>OGS Total Income</b>		<b>2205.84</b>
<b>Ministry to Visitors</b>		
Donations (including donation box. GA envelopes & GoodBox)		9177.22
Bookstall Income		2376.00
Donations & Fund Raising for Church Building		11452.08
Other		1235.00
<b>Ministry to Visitors Total Income</b>		<b>24240.30</b>
<b>Ministry to Parish</b>		
Refunds HMRC re gift aid		5986.69
Congregation Giving		21233.51
Collections at Services		5201.49
Donations & Fund Raising for Church Ministry		1330.61
Fees (Weddings & Funerals) for PCC Funds Net		17062.70
Magazine		0.00
Coffee at (Sunday) Services		105.00
Flowers & Votive Candles		658.00
Daughter Churches contribution to common fund		1400.00
Sundry income		10.00



<b>2023</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>£</b>			<b>£</b>
		<b>Auxiliary Buildings</b>	
		<b>Institute:</b>	
1612.00		Insurance	1122.00
2199.96		Utilities	3784.16
1600.00		Major Surveys & Repairs	0.00
409.96		Cleaning & cleaning materials	1657.25
		Maintennce & Repairs	423.11
		Other	
<b>5821.92</b>		<b>Institute Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6986.52</b>
		<b>Pursglove Lodge</b>	
8490.00		Loan Repayments	11180.00
		Water	0.00
		Maintenance	380.00
<b>8490.00</b>		<b>Pursglove Lodge Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11560.00</b>
		<b>Old Grammar School</b>	
		Insurance	683.66
2287.17		Utilities	2073.06
200.00		Surveys & Repairs	4147.80
<b>2487.17</b>		<b>OGS Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6904.52</b>
		<b>Mission to Visitors</b>	
10129.03		Insurance	10308.55
3953.00		Utilities	7860.44
16792.63		Fundraising	239.35
0.00		Major Surveys & Repairs	8503.46
		Equipment	724.00
		Churchyard Maint & Mowing	2570.46
		General maintenance	4131.02
		Other	1150.00
<b>25995.22</b>		<b>Mission to Visitors Total Expenditure</b>	<b>35487.28</b>
		<b>Ministry to Parish</b>	
11119.61		Minor Maintenance & Equipment	1213.89
24241.18		Common Fund Contribution : Tideswell	5000.00
5939.04		Fees	6107.10
8753.27		Clergy Expenses inc visiting clergy	2405.45
17823.00		Service Costs - Materials & Flowers	616.52
35.00		Music & Organ & Piano	547.20
65.00		Magazine	0.00
849.11		Outreach Costs	250.00
6709.00		Cost of Church Socials	0.00
11.85		Administration	130.47



<b>2023</b>
<b>£</b>
927.00
3447.52
0.00
1673.25
982.64
<b>7030.41</b>
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587.87



## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Tideswell Benefice, Derby Diocese**

We report on the accounts of the Tideswell benefice for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner**

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance of the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011Act; and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met:  
or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name : Alan Brignell

Signed :

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025