



**St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Committee Reports**

# **St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield**

## **APCM Report**

### **SUNDAY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

We are in London House every Sunday (except Christmas Day), during the 10.15am Parish Eucharist, where our sessions are friendly, fun and suitable for children to understand. If a child is nervous about staying without their parents the parents are welcome to stay in with us too until their youngster is happy to stay without them. For a child of 3 years or under we do ask a parent to stay with them. We go into church during the Peace and 3rd hymn.

Fr Michael welcomes the members of Sunday Club at the end of the hymn. We are then altogether for the Eucharistic Prayer, Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion/Blessing. Children join their parents at this stage.

We have around 10 children on our register who come at various times during the year but very rarely all at the same time! Due to sports activities, families living further apart which means more travelling and sometimes homework it all has a knock-on effect. The children are always welcome whenever they come. We had 12 youngsters on Easter Sunday last year which was the most since 2019. I have been told how lucky we are to get any children as some churches do not get any. There are always 2 adults on duty and all of us are DBS checked.

We continue to follow the readings for the week but at a level that younger members can understand. This is followed by a talk/discussion, craft, game, Godly Play, prayers, puzzles and anything that helps the children to understand the reading and the lesson. A variety of books and websites are used to find the most suitable way of teaching. When we go into church anything that is said will be familiar to the youngsters either in prayers or hymns.

Since last year we have one child who is confident enough to stand at the front to tell the adults what we have been doing. This can be quite entertaining sometimes! Thanks to Rory some of the other children are happy to go up as long as they don't have to say anything. As adults we all enjoy Sunday Club too. Preparing the lessons can be interesting, enjoyable and educational as no matter what your age you still learn something.

Youngsters from the age of 8 are encouraged to have a few meetings with Fr Michael before receiving First Communion which Rory and Edward did a few months ago. Some of the older ones will go into the choir or be happy being in church for the whole service with their parents.

Each week Julia puts a bit about Sunday Club on the e-news saying the time, what we are doing that week, a relevant picture and a prayer.

Thanks to Julia for the above, the sides people for coming to tell us when it is time to go into church: to Alison, Karen and Geoff for all your help and support: to Fr Michael for his support and to Rachel and Julia for the times when we have needed them to stand in.

**Margaret Neve**

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**ST DUNSTAN'S BELL RINGERS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

The Bell Ringers ended 2024 with an increased total squad of 19 member ringers being 14 (up from 13 - 2023) qualified 'CO' or above (as per Sussex County Association of Change Ringers tabulations) and with three training members plus 2 honore members being D Whitall and R Boxall.

Besides normal St Dunstan's Church service ringing, the bells were rung for 9 weddings during the year and 2 funerals in addition to supporting ringing for such activities as Remembrance Sunday and the Mayfield Festival.

The ringing room and bells were utilised by several visiting ringing teams and groups throughout the year for which, in most cases, donations were received.

The bell ringers funds remain positive after certain repairs and maintenance charges with a small positive sum added to reserves.

During their recent AGM the post of Tower Captain changed with Mandy Savage replacing Vanessa Kolberg. All other positions and posts were unchanged for 2025.

**James D Morgan**  
**Secretary**

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**HOLY DUSTERS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

A team of 12, we meet every six weeks to scrub, sweep and polish every part of St. Dunstan's up to a height of about 6ft 6"! It is quite a daunting task made possible by our teamwork and good humour. We also do top up cleans before Christmas and Easter to ensure that the church is looking at its best before these great Festivals.

To contribute to St. Dunstan's eco programme, all our materials are now eco friendly and we try to be kind to all the spiders and their many cobwebs. We even have a dedicated cobweb expert and woe betide any spider that comes between her and the cobweb brush.

My personal thanks to you all for your enthusiasm and thoroughness which enables St. Dunstan's to be welcoming to all who visit.

Do come and join us ... the more the merrier and the more time we have at the end for coffee, cake and chat.

**Emma Ryder Richardson**

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Responsibility for Health and Safety had diminished somewhat as a result of the pandemic and changes in personnel previously involved. The Parish Administrator has ensured that the various annual checks have been undertaken and has all the records on file but the policy in particular needed updating to keep in line with current practise and regulations.

Nicky Higgins and I reviewed all the paperwork on file and with the help of Robin Holliday, Denise Packham and Mike Hand-Bowman a new policy has been written and signed off by the PCC.

My grateful thanks go to all those who responded to my request to carry out Health and Safety Assessment forms in 13 different areas of the Church, churchyard and London House. Not an easy thing to do but I congratulate you all on your efficient and thorough response. The policy and assessments will have to be reviewed annually but now that the initial assessments have taken place these should require very little work under normal circumstances.

Health and Safety is a very important administrative responsibility and it is vital that we are all aware of keeping ourselves and others safe, which includes staff, casual and regular visitors to the church and the worshipping congregation.

**Emma Ryder Richardson**  
**Health and Safety Co-Ordinator**

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**ST. DUNSTAN'S FLOWER GUILD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

I would like to thank everyone in the guild for their hard work during the year and for those doing the 'Sanctuary Vase' / the 'Pedestal'.

We have 15 members, two of whom are new. They are Angela Chrusciel and Amanda Sanderson. Jenny Bigger, our Secretary, resigned at the beginning of April this year. She had been secretary for the guild for 13 years.

We had Mothering Sunday in March providing 50 bunches made into posies for the ladies on Sunday. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter followed. There was the usual tradition of collecting Lily money – lilies bought with donations. Envelopes are provided and the names of loved ones or those departed are on the outside and a list is put on the altar on Easter Sunday.

Harvest followed with Andrew Firrell providing some maize and Bet providing hops.

Remembrance Sunday with the arch and church decorated with poppies, Advent had the five candles and ivy on the pedestal. Carol Concerts followed, end of terms for both Five Ashes and Mayfield Primary and Skippers children. The arch outside looked splendid.

We had two Markets; Summer and Winter. The summer one, on 8th June, we made just over £100 and the winter one, December 7th, £192.

We did flowers for four weddings in 2024 and there are three definite for 2025; 28th June, (Friday) 1st August and 30th August.

**Nina Sanderson**  
**Chairman**

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### ST DUNSTAN'S ORGAN TRUST ANNUAL REPORT : 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Last year we put on three concerts in order to try and raise more money for the Fund. The first was a silent movie with accompaniment from the Organ, played by Darius Battiwalla, organist at Leeds Town Hall. Because another concert featuring a well know artiste, Emma Kirkby, was booked for the week before by another group and unbeknown to us, the proximity of two concerts over two weekends, was a little too much for the residents of Mayfield and we lost money.

The second concert was an Organ Plus concert. This is a concert featuring the organ but accompanied by an instrumental soloist. In this case the organist was Gerard Brooks, renowned organist at the Central Hall Westminster, and the soloist was the well known saxophonist Patsy Gamble, who has played all over the world in many musical genres with some of the best musicians around.

The third concert was again an Organ Plus with Gerard Brooks, but this time the instrumental soloist was renowned Trumpeter Richard Deacon.

Both of these concerts brought in a modest profit.

When Gerard first came to play, he discovered that there were some issues with the organ malfunctioning which he drew our attention to. In order for him to play a piece which he had composed, he had to re-register the piece so that it could be played on our organ!

We try to keep the organ in good repair at all times, and Rick Sheppard our tuner/maintainer is regularly to be found making adjustments or repairing elements of the organ.

We had been aware that there was a humidity problem in the church for some while and had been advised that this particular church suffered from extremely high levels of damp, unlike many similar churches. To combat this two damp chasers have been installed to see if they will help to prevent some of the recurring problems.

We sought advice from three sources, the first being our regular tuner, Rick Sheppard. At this point an interim report was drawn up (November 2024) and submitted to PCC. It clearly stated that the situation was becoming serious. Thereafter Harrison & Harrison inspected the organ noting various issues with dampness some of which is disfiguring the American white oak woodwork of the console. The Diocesan Organ advisor recommended a visit from an independent and highly respected organ advisor in the form of William McVicker.

His report was handed to the PCC in February 2025 and outlines the extremely serious state that the organ is now in.

The organ is almost 30 years old and is about due for a major overhaul and clean. However the extent of the damp is greater than we had imagined and it now needs urgent work carried out to free sticking sliders as well as the removal of pipes for cleaning and, in some cases, repair.

The Organ Trust is about to obtain quotes for the work with the proviso that some of the repairs might only become apparent when dismantling of the organ takes place, a fact that will have implications for the final price tag.

**Mike Hand Bowman**

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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

The Social Committee has had another very successful year during 2024.

Our first event was on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 when it was St. Dunstan's turn to host the World Day of Prayer and we served afternoon tea after the Service.

The Lent lunches were well supported as usual, raising money for 5 different charities. The Social Committee hosted the lunch in aid of Hospice in the Weald on 13th March, with the other named charities responsible for hosting their own lunches.

The Summer Fair was held on 8th June. This event took a great deal of organisation and we are immensely grateful for all Nicky's help. The takings were down on previous years and increasingly we are relying on the same people for help, both with financial support and 'hands on' support on the day. Although it was a pleasant occasion, we have decided to give it a miss in 2025, and we have some fresh ideas for a couple of new events.

The parish walk on 6<sup>th</sup> October was damp and drizzly! However, we served tea and cakes in church after the short service and it was enjoyed by all.

The village late night shopping event is always fun and, as usual, we sold mulled wine in church. There was steady stream of customers as the church tower was open and that attracted people into the building,

The Christmas Fair on 7th December was a very happy occasion. We had plenty of outside stall holders as well as our usual favourites run by members of the congregation, so we shall be running this again in 2025.

**Maggie Holliday and Renee Bryant**



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### **ROTHERFIELD DEANERY SYNOD**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

The Rotherfield Deanery Synod met three times during the year: Thursday 20 June 2024; Tuesday 22 October; and Wednesday 12 March 2025. In addition, an Autumn Deanery Meeting was held on Thursday 13 November 2024.

#### **Deanery News**

During the year, the Deanery welcomed Revd Stephen Hill to Cowden. Archdeacon Edward Dowler moved on to become Dean of Chichester. Rotherfield with Mark Cross, Ticehurst and Flimwell, and St John's Crowborough remain in vacancy after several rounds of advertising.

Within the Deanery Standing Committee, Stephen Dennison was elected Lay Chair, Ian Macdowell Deanery Treasurer and Revd Brendan Martin a Clergy member.

#### **Deanery Finance**

Each year Diocesan Finance Officers together with the Archdeacon request a meeting with Clergy, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurers and Deanery Representatives to explain the Diocesan Budget for the coming year and the Parish Share allocations. A meeting was held, together with Uckfield Deanery, on 13th November at All Saints', Crowborough. The Diocese continues to appeal to all Parishes to meet the full Parish Ministry Costs as per their schedule – this allows for any surplus to fund impoverished parishes within the Diocese.

St Dunstan's has pledged £72,785 Parish Share for 2025.

#### **Speakers**

The June Meeting was held at All Saint's Crowborough. Speaker, Catherine Allen (Director of Music at All Saints'), gave a presentation and led discussion on the topic 'What is Worship?'. The October Meeting was held at St Mary's, Hartfield, and focussed on 'Good News updates from each Parish'. The March Meeting took place at All Saints' Crowborough with Melissa Davies, Diocesan Executive Coordinator, speaking on 'The Diocesan Investment Programme'.

2025 is designated 'The Year of Faith' celebrating the anniversary of 1700 years of the Council of Nicaea and 950 years of Christian mission in the Diocese based in Chichester. A celebratory service for the Rotherfield Deanery was held at St Mary's Hartfield on Tuesday 21 January with Bishops Martin and Will in attendance.

#### **Deanery Reps**

We currently have our full complement of Deanery Reps: Phyllida de Salis, Emma Ryder-Richardson, Karen Mack and Sue Smith. We thank them for serving St Dunstan's in this role.

#### **Julia Lawrence**

#### **Deanery Secretary**

**on behalf of the Deanery Synod Representatives**

#### **March 2025**

#### **Annual Eco-Church Report 2025**

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### ECO-CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

*"Living sustainably is part of our calling to love our neighbour and care for God's world." – Church of England Environment Programme*

Last year, we were awarded Bronze in the Eco Church scheme. Since then, the criteria have changed to focus more on cutting carbon emissions and protecting nature. This means all award levels are being reassessed, and we are now checking if we still meet the Bronze requirements.

The scheme looks at five areas:

- Worship and Teaching
- Buildings and Energy
- Land and Nature
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

The good news is that we've already reached Silver in Worship and Teaching and Land and Nature. But to keep our Bronze award, we need to meet at least Bronze level in all five areas, so that's what we're working on now.

- **Worship and Teaching:** We've brought more focus on caring for the earth and tackling climate change into our services. We produce "Eco Tips" every week in E News
- **Buildings and Energy:** A consultant is helping us explore switching to electric heating, as part of our goal to lower the church's carbon footprint. We want to ensure everyone is warm while reducing our environmental impact at the same time.
- **Land and Nature:** Our churchyard is thriving and open to all. It includes a Prayer Labyrinth, community composting, wildflower area, a bug hotel, bee tower, slow-worm shelter, frog pond and a frog shelter going in next week. In July / August a wildflower survey identified 54 flowering plants. This was helpful in considering our options for encouraging further native flowering plants. Kate Chessels has dedicated her time to keeping the labyrinth in order which has not been an easy task and she has begun removing many of the non- native plants. We are also very grateful to Mike and Stephen and their fellow toilers in the churchyard working parties who have had the unenviable task of keeping the church yard in good order throughout the year.

We've made great progress this year, but there's always more to do. All offers of practical help are warmly welcomed in this project for the whole community.

The members of our committee are: Deacon Di, Stephen Blurton, Lindy James, Jane Urban, Sally Lyte & Kate Chessells

**Tessa Younger**

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**SIDESMEN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

There have been many changes in sidesmen since the report of 2024. Falling numbers (only 14 now not 18 as previously) has required a different approach to how the rota is set out but one that is hopefully easier to understand. I've also incorporated all special services rather than seek volunteers from among the sidesmen –so we all know who is doing what well ahead. Finally, we've tried to align production of the rota with both service and coffee rotas to avoid clashes.

The team of sidesmen we have are very good at what they do. Usually it's straightforward: unlock the third fire escape – the Lady chapel; hand out the right selection of books and sheets whilst counting adults and children coming in; warn Margret when the children need to come in; take up the collection; guide people to communion and take the books in making sure all is tidy and secure. And then there are days when it is not – high altar communion, someone new who is unsure and nervous, a last-minute change of mass setting; disappearance of the music copies! The team do a great job in offering all a warm welcome whilst not getting too embroiled in catching up on news so as not to slow the inbound flow of worshippers. I find them all easy to work with and so willing to deal with change as well as happy to jump in to cover absence. We are very lucky to have them and yes, we could do with more (let me know if you want to join)! I applaud their wonderful efforts and commend them for re-selection for the coming year as follows:

Steve and Julia Lawrence; Caroline and Ian Barbour; Maggie and Robin Holliday; Miles and Sue Smith; Liz Kittermaster; David Whittall; Emma Ryder Richardson; Denise Packham; Gillie and Jeremy Smither; Monica Aitken; Philip James.

Having served as head sidesman for at least 5 years, I am happy to step aside if someone else would like to take it on.

I have commented elsewhere on risk assessments for services and especially on the need to urgently replace the 'green men' fire exit signs with a better and safer alternative.

I would like to make a special mention of Stephen Blurton for his encouragement and support over the year and his willingness to jump in at very short notice when unexpected gaps have arisen.

**Philip James**

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#### **SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT**

**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Karen Dines (our previous Safeguarding Officer) resigned from this role in 2024.

I agreed to take the role on in February 2025. I am currently undertaking the training prescribed for Parish Safeguarding Officers by the Diocese and we have applied to the Diocese for me to be appointed DBS administrator for the Parish and admitted to the online system that the Diocese use for making and updating DBS checks.

When this is granted, I shall review the status of the DBS checks relating to those members of the Church community who the Diocese require to have current checks in place. I shall also review whether those individuals have completed all required training modules.

I intend to bring an early report to the PCC confirming that this work has been done and identifying any issues to which it gives rise.

Based on the information that I have received, and the enquiries that I have made, I confirm that there have not been any safeguarding incidents reported in the last year.

**Miles Smith**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer.**

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**FABRIC COMMITTEE AND LONDON HOUSE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

The fabric Committee met once during 2024 to review ongoing projects and consider a proposal for the installation of glass doors at the entrance to the Church.

Our Architect is John Bailey of Thomas Ford and Partners.

**London House**

The building is in a good state of repair.

MAYFACS continue to rent the ground floor rooms for their offices whilst the new Village Hall is developed. The arrangement works well for all parties, and it is good to see the facility busy once more.

**St Dunstan's Church**

The 2025 Quinquennial Report was completed in January 2025. Whilst this reported the building to be in good order; it did identify several key maintenance projects for us to undertake. These will be reviewed and action plans put in place by the Fabric Committee for consideration by the PCC.

The Friends of St Dunstan's agreed to fund the restoration Aynsombe Memorial on the South Aisle by the main entrance doors. Whilst we had hoped to secure a faculty to undertake this work in 2024, this was not possible. We hope to secure the necessary approvals in 2025.

An additional handrail on the South side of the Church matching the one already in situ is planned as soon as a faculty can be secured.

The PCC explored the possibility for the installation of glass doors at the main entrance of the Church. Whilst we are attracted to the project, the cost is not insignificant. With regular giving income in decline, it was agreed to defer further consideration of the project for twelve months.

**Stephen Blurton  
March 2025**

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### ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH CHOIR/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

St Dunstan's musical reputation precedes it, and I was delighted to be invited to interview and then to be offered the post of Director of Music and start in April 2024. My audition choir rehearsal was confirmation of this reputation, with a strong group of singers on each part and a clear tradition of hard work.

One of the duties of Director is to provide music lists for each month, including weekly communion motets, a mass setting for the third Sunday of each month and, for the fourth Sunday, a selection for evensong, comprising an introit, versicles & responses, a setting of the Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis and an anthem. Singing evensong is clearly a high point for the choir, musically speaking, and perhaps we might look at a way to broadcast the event more regularly amongst the local community. A consideration has also been to hold 'come and sing' evensongs, the discussion point being whether this should be part of a regular fourth Sunday evensong or be an addition.

One of my first events with the choir was to lead May Carols from the Paris Tower, an event that was well supported from the streets below. We are looking forward to doing the same this May, although perhaps now from the Tower : access is precarious.

I am glad now to have experienced my first St Dunstan's Advent and Christmas period, with highlights being the Advent Service on 1 December and the Carol Service on 17 December. This Lent and Easter period promise to be at least as full, and, at Father Michael's suggestion, the choir will be performing the Faure Requiem on Good Friday as a liturgical piece.

A challenge that we, the choir, face, is to maintain not only the quality of sound but also a steady flow of interest in singing with us. We need to be mindful of potentially dwindling numbers, especially amongst the younger generation of choir members. Perhaps we need to advertise locally, and I hope that the new focus on bringing in younger singers with 'Mission Through Music' will, in time, bring us fresh voices. 'Come & Sing' evensongs would certainly attract attention, and we have many events coming up in 2025 that are planned with this in mind - as well, of course, as for the enjoyment and musical challenge for the choir.

We held an AGM on January 15th, with reflections on the previous year and particularly the larger services, and discussion on issues ranging from the maintenance of robes & music to how we all felt the future should look. I feel it is important to maintain dialogue and a feeling of 'belonging'. I held informal chats and auditions with each choir member over January and February, which I hope were mutually valuable.

#### **Events for 2025**

The choir is hosting a Quiz Night on Saturday 26 April in St Dunstan's, the intention being something of a thank you to choir members for their continued support and also to raise money for musical ventures within the church.

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**ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH CHOIR/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Continued**

On Saturday 24 May, the choir is performing 'A Season to Sing', Joanna Forbes L'Estrange's choral re-imagining of Vivaldi's Four Seasons. As co-commissioners - thanks to Father Michael's support - we are one of 50 choirs able to perform the piece in 2025, the 300th anniversary of publication. Joanna will conduct and we will be joined by our new Mayfield Youth Choir and Saint Ronan's Prep School Choir. The latter will be invaluable support for the Mayfield choristers in their first public event, and will also bring in an audience.

Joanna has asked St Dunstan's Choir to be the choir to record the album with Signum Records, and so St Dunstan's will be transformed after the morning service on 25 May into a recording studio! This is obviously a very exciting venture for the choir, and the album will be available on all the usual social media platforms.

For the last week of August, the choir is going to Romsey and performing a morning and evening service in Romsey Abbey. We will be staying in Romsey on the Saturday and Sunday nights.

I am delighted to say that St Paul's Cathedral has asked us to sing evensong, and we are planning to do that on Monday 13 October, a 5pm service.

**Thanks**

Jenny and Hazel have been hugely helpful over the year, organising folders and bringing music down from the Parvis Tower whenever is required, for which my thanks. Performance-wise, I have been indebted to David Force and Chris Harris, both of whom have always been willing to come and play when needed - especially useful for evensong when a conductor and organist are required simultaneously - and David also to conduct. George Clifford's support has also been invaluable: as a professional musician, George is often unable to attend but always comes when he can (from East Grinstead!) and is happy to conduct when required. Jack Gonzalez-Harding has also been willing to come back and play, gratis, and it was particularly special to have him playing for Midnight Mass.

Particular thanks to the members of the PCC who have been spear heading the Mission Through Music project. Stephen Blurton, Emma Ryder-Richardson and Stephen Laurence have all been such support and I am hugely grateful. Nicky in the office has also been wonderful at photocopying music, website additions, marketing etc.

Most of all, I would like to thank Father Michael, without whose constant personal support, willingness to listen and talk whenever it is needed and also support with musical projects, I most certainly would have struggled. Father Michael has also been persuaded to come and sing the Vivaldi with the choir, and everyone is delighted!

**Lucy Piercy**  
**Director of Music**

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### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Thanks to the generous support of Parishioners past and present we enjoy a rich and unique programme of Anglican Worship in Mayfield and Five Ashes.

This generosity ensures:

1. We enjoy leadership and guidance of our own dedicated ecclesiastical team comprising Father Michael Asquith and Deacon Di Blackden.
2. We support their ministry via our Parish Administrator Nicky Higgins (working three mornings per week).
3. Our worship was enhanced by the musical work of our Choir under the leadership of our Director of Music – Lucy Piercy.
4. We maintain our Grade 1 listed church and Parish Rooms in London House to ensure they remain relevant and dynamic venues to support our worship and community life both now and in the future.

Because we value these things, we work hard to ensure we have the financial resources to pay for them. We all have our part to play in achieving these goals whether it be through the giving of our time or our money.

Monthly giving via the Parish Giving Scheme PGS is most important source of regular income. Despite the fact most givers have a cost-of-living increase factored into their monthly contributions, we have lost several regular gifts as donors have left the Parish.

Given the importance of regular planned giving, the PCC plan to focus on this area for 2025.

The PCC is keen:

1. That all members of the congregation are aware of the Churches financial position
2. To seek additional support either by way of:
  - a. Regular Giving ([Parish Giving Scheme](#))
  - b. One off support
  - c. Legacy giving

It is our plan to keep all members of the Electoral Roll fully appraised of our financial position in order we remain well placed to deliver our Mission in Mayfield.

**Stephen Blurton**  
**Stewardship Officer – March 2025**