

## **APCM Sunday 10th May 2026**

### **Churchwardens' Report**

This past year has been very exciting; Rev. Eugene has nearly completed his second year with us and has been heavily involved in every major service and festival. We have seen the introduction of regular Evensong services, a growing congregation in both churches and growth in regular hall users.

It is also very important to mention the support of Rev Anthony Giles and Rev Don Dowling helping the parish and Eugene during his illness and helping with his recovery through 2025 and into 2026. They have been instrumental in supporting the parish and its needs through-out this period, and our thanks and gratitude go out to them both.

### **St. George's Church Roof**

We still have a couple of leaks in church from the roof, and this will need to be investigated but it only happens on days with heavy rainfall and high winds so is difficult to pinpoint.

### **Parish Centre**

The parish centre has had some works done to it over the past year, unblocking of the drains (Clulow Room toilets), replacing the shelving in the hall cupboard (to allow a new gas meter to be fitted). However, more work is required, the repair of the garden shed roof, painting of the hall wall where some of the paint has flaked away (due to damp from the leaking garden shed roof).

We are seeing an increase in regular and ad-hoc bookings which is great news as this is necessary to help replace the lost earnings due to closure of the regular nursery group last year, but the centre is still well utilised and continues to be a valuable asset for the parish and the community.

### **2 Common View**

The property it still being rented however, the property has needed quite a lot of work over the past 12 months, new floorboards in the dining room due to woodworm, new carpet and underlay, new dishwasher, new washing machine, roof tile repairs, chimney cowl replacement and issues with taps and radiator valves. This work has needed to be done but has lost us over 3 months of rental income, but it has continued to be let and is currently a good revenue stream. The property is let via a management company that looks after it and the tenancies, this is expected to continue for the remainder of 2026 and hopefully well into 2027.

### **Telephones and Wi Fi**

The telephone solution is working well, however there is an issue with the Parish centre Wi-Fi, but the church Wi-Fi signal is more than adequate to offer coverage to the church and parish centre whilst this issue is still being investigated.

### **St. George's Garden**

The garden is one of the first things that people see when they come to our church and we are looking for some additional volunteers to help maintain the beds, shrubs and keep the lawn tidy, the repair of the driveway walls was not carried out and will need to be repaired locally this year to prevent any further damage. A gardening group will be meeting at St Georges on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month (May – Oct) to try and keep our church looking loved and welcoming, if you are able to help please speak to a churchwarden for more information.

### **Parish Administrator**

Our office administrator is doing a fantastic job of supporting the vicar, wardens, parish and wider community with the role encompassing day to day admin, hall lettings, emails and general support for clergy, PCC buildings and wider parish.

### **St Nicholas Church**

Remarkably we have not experienced any serious issues with St. Nicholas Church. We must also acknowledge the work of the Friends of St. Nicholas and the preservation Trust in maintaining the integrity of the church and to the volunteers for ensuring the graveyard grass is cut throughout the summer, if you could give an hour of your time each week during the summer please speak with a churchwarden for more details.

### **Church Wardens**

The Church wardens are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the Sunday Wardens who help ensure the smooth running of services and other tasks around church. We are very keen for more people to volunteer as Sunday wardens and even step up as a Deputy or Assistant Wardens. These are not onerous roles and if you feel called to join the 'Warden's Team' please speak with one of the team.

### **Clergy**

As we enter another year, we thank Rev. Eugene for his steadfast commitment to this parish and for the partnership with us as churchwardens. We would like to especially thank him for his spiritual guidance, teaching, and presence in the community and his continued encouragement of the partnership between lay and ordained leadership.

Neil Greatorex & Ros Pratt