

St John the Baptist Church, Old Sodbury

Annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2024-2025

The PCC currently comprises two members of clergy licensed in the Benefice and seven lay members, of which one is Secretary and three hold ex-officio roles as first and second Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representative. We also have a Treasurer and Safeguarding officer as seconded members.

The prime purposes of the PCC are to cooperate with the Rector in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, considering matters of religious or public interest and acting as a link between the parish and the deanery and diocesan synods. The PCC also maintains the church building in good order and apportions funds in a responsible manner.

In addition to a short meeting following the annual meeting on the 23rd April 2024, the PCC has had five regular meetings since the previous APCM at which it received reports from the Deanery Synod and reports and proposals from those holding roles within the PCC. There has also been one Emergency PCC meeting held on Zoom. The dates for these meetings were:-

11th June 2024	6th August 2024	27th August 2024 (Emergency on Zoom)
5th November 2024	7th January 2025	4th March 2025

The council has complied with the duty under the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 Section 5 pertaining to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Some of the matters on which the PCC has focused over the past year have included:

- Maintaining operations of the church including the church building and graveyard
- Repair of the Lychgate roof following theft of tiles
- Repair and maintenance of the organ
- Ongoing repair and refurbishment of the tower clock
- Improvements to the church tower ladder to enable safe access for clock winding
- Installation of an energy efficient spotlight for the tower
- Quotations and plans for the repair of the font
- Installation of a Digital Giving machine by the door and WiFi in the church
- Discussions regarding mission of the church and modernisation for the future
- Fundraising events including Summer Teas, Camers concert, and Stir Up Sunday
- Charitable giving
- Safeguarding training
- Approval of financial accounts January to December 2024

Further details on the above can be found in APCM reports produced by those responsible for these matters by clicking on this link <https://svbcofe.org.uk/os/apcm/> or by requesting a printed version.

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Approved by PCC



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4th March 2025