

**HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT PREPARED FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH OLD
SODBURY APCM MEETING TO BE HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2026.**

This report covers the period from 1st Jan 2025 to 31st Dec 2025.

- We had an incident where one of our church members was reading the notice board in the entrance lobby to the church and stepped back and caught her foot in the mat at the entrance to the church causing her to fall backwards with the result that in falling she broke her hip. The PCC have asked that we get quotations to replace the mat in the entrance lobby to avoid any recurrence of this unfortunate incident.

This was the only reportable incident that occurred during the year.

As the Acting Health and Safety Officer I have carried out an inspection of the building and whilst there are area's where consideration should be given to looking at the possibilities of improvements to these areas. The areas in question are the steps leading up to the Chancel. As these are integral with the building there is no easy way to adjust these.

- It has been suggested that the plinth at the bottom of the font be removed when the repairs to the font are carried out. The PCC have applied for a faculty to repairs the font and to remove the plinth at the time that the repairs are being carried out. The plinth is a serious trip hazard and needs to be removed.
- The cover to the steps that go down to the boiler room has rotted in a couple of places and needs to be repaired. This roof is hinged at the top and is very heavy to lift up and secure for safe entry to the boiler room. The reason it is so heavy is the fact that the roof has to be waterproof to avoid flooding to the basement area where the boiler is located and it currently has a lead covering. Some thought must be given as to how this structure can be made lighter and retain it's of being waterproof.

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