

St John the Baptist Church, Old Sodbury

Annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2025-2026

The PCC currently comprises two members of clergy licensed in the Benefice and nine 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 co-opted members and one other member co-opted during the year.

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 4th May 2025, the PCC has had three regular and one short meeting since the previous APCM at which it received reports from the Deanery Synod and reports and proposals from those holding roles within the PCC. The dates for these meetings were:-

1st July 2025 14th October 2025 10th February 2026
15th March 2026 (short meeting to approve repair work on the Font)


The council has fully 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 and refurbishment of the tower clock specifically the southerly clock face
- Maintenance and repair of the organ
- Installation of a remote control Hive thermostat so as to be more energy efficient
- Maintenance and repair of the heating system following a serious wiring failure
- Discussions regarding mission of the church and modernisation for the future
- Updating quotations and the Faculty application for the repair of the font
- Discussion of safety improvements in the porch following a serious incident
- Clearing and maintenance of guttering and gullies to minimise water damage
- Maintenance of the churchyard trees and ongoing discussion regarding ownership
- Support to the school in terms of the Ethos Committee and Foundation Governor
- Ongoing Pastoral Support and care within the Parish including Home Communion
- Fundraising events including Summer Teas, Camers concert, and Stir Up Sunday
- Charitable giving
- Support to Weddings and Funerals throughout the year
- A continuing trial keeping the toilet open despite minor vandalism and theft
- A survey of the rare wooden effigy which is in the wall niche in the North Transept
- Approval of financial accounts January to December 2025

Further details on the above can be found in APCM reports produced by those responsible and by viewing them in the SVB Old Sodbury web page or by requesting a printed version.

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PCC Secretary


14th April 2026