

St Mary's Church, Launton

Report to the Parish Meeting Thursday April 17th. 2025

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for supporting the Rev'd Sarah Mortimer our Team Vicar at St Mary's in the running and management of the parish of St Mary's Launton.

We have 7 lay members on the PCC along with our two churchwardens Celia Manderson and Joan Packer.

There are many different tasks that happen during the year and here is just a sample from 2024-25; we have been investigating having streaming services from the Church, we have organised Family fun mornings during the school holidays such as Our Three Kings café in January as well as the Community Café which has been open in term time with sessions for mothers and toddlers and others during Tuesday mornings. Necessary electrical repairs have been carried out and after the December storm a tree branch needed to be removed. We have also had regular churchyard clear ups and our thanks to all who have helped on those days. Also a big thank you must go Launton Parish Council for the grant which went towards the cost of paying for the mowing of the grass throughout the year. St Mary's links with Launton Church of England School are strong and the children have services during the school year in the Church such as Harvest and a Leavers' service

We held the St Mary's Fayre and Flower pot Festival in September and this proved to be a very successful event with a great atmosphere. Teas were served and people browsed the various stalls in the garden of the Old Rectory, many thanks to Tom and Becky Sowler for hosting us. In December the Community Choir held a Christmas Concert in the Church and this was once again a lovely occasion, our thanks to Nicky Roberts for leading this.

On March 7th. 2024 we joined together with Friends of Launton Parish Hall to organise the Tythe Barn Quiz and this was a very successful evening, many thanks to Will and Emma Deeley for hosting us and to Chris Frost for the questions and Jon Spinage for technical support.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on April 30th 2024 in the Church and we were pleased to say our PCC members all remained in post. The PCC has continued to look at policies and procedures and updated our A Church Near You webpage as well as keeping the St Mary's Facebook page up to date.

Throughout the year we have held our normal pattern of services from BCP Holy Communion, Common Worship Holy Communion, Evensong, Morning Prayer and our Family Service.

Lastly thank you to many people, including Rev'd Sarah and our two Church wardens who do so much, all the PCC members and everyone who has helped with the day to day running of St Mary's, made donations or helped with our events. We are very lucky to have support from the PCC members and also from the church family as well as the wider community.

Celia Evans (Secretary St Mary's Church PCC) 01/04/2025