

**St Mary, Ketley
District Church Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 19th April 2026, after 11.00am Service

AGENDA

Please note that items of Any Other Business should be given to the Chair (Revd Jo Farnworth) prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Minutes of last District Church AGM and any matters arising
4. Reports for the AGM, including the Electoral Roll report, for 2025
6. Treasurer's Report for St Mary, Ketley for 2025
7. Safeguarding
8. Elections:-
 - District church wardens (up to 2)
 - Nominated PCC reps (2 including at least one District Warden)
 - DCC members (max 8 in total including 2 district wardens + 1 PCC rep (if not a warden))
 - 1 Deanery Synod rep
9. AOB
10. Closing Prayer

Note: The election of the DCC Treasurer and Secretary can take place at either the next DCC meeting, or at a short DCC meeting held after the AGM (note, only DCC members vote on these posts)

Minutes of St Mary, Ketley District Church Annual Meeting

Sunday 23RD March 2025

1. Scott opened the Meeting with prayer
2. Attendance and Apologies: There were 10 members present
Apologies: Revd Jo Farnworth Kevin and Janet Evans Helen Vellacott
3. Minutes of the last District Church AGM, and any matters arising: The minutes were read and signed as a true record Proposed: Doreen Dyson Seconded: Ann Broadhurst All in favour There were no matters arising
4. Reports for the AGM, including Electoral Roll report, for 2024: (Reports Attached)
Scott thanked those who had contributed to the reports and to every member for giving 100% and to those who do more than one job. Thank You
Electoral Roll: There are 18 members on the roll, sadly we have lost 2 of our members during the past year
5. Treasurer's Report for St Mary, Ketley for 2024: (Accounts attached) Brian's comments, going very well, fund raising very good, feeling more positive for this year.
Thank You Brian
6. Safeguarding: Scott read out the Safeguarding Policy. He said that safeguarding was of paramount importance and the responsibility of every church member. There have been no incidents reported.
7. Elections:-
 - * District Church Wardens We have 2 nominations: Doreen Dyson Mary Richards
Doreen and Mary were duly elected to serve as District Wardens for the next year All in favour
Thank you to Ann for her work as District Warden over the past years and as our PCC rep Thank You
 - * DCC members We have 3 nominations Ann Broadhurst, Anne Bailey and Margaret Southall
Ann, Anne and Margaret were elected to serve on the DCC for the next 12 months All in favour
It was proposed we co-opt Brian Richards on to the DCC
All in favour
 - * Nominated PCC reps Doreen Dyson was nominated to serve as PCC rep All in favour
8. AOB: None
9. Closing Prayer: Scott closed the meeting with prayer

Note: The election of DCC Treasure and Secretary to take place at the next DCC meeting

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Team Rector's report (for the whole parish)

also continues to be a blessing, as does that of Revd Sue Symons, a retired priest who joined us in 2025 and is mostly based at Holy Trinity. I am grateful for all that they bring to the parish.

We continue to be blessed with lay worship leaders who lead some Sunday morning services, Evensong at Holy Trinity, Messy Church, and other occasional services. It was also a delight to receive Joe Cheetham-Wilkinson as our Ordinand in Training later in the year. He is mostly based at St John's and will be with us while he trains for full-time ministry.

I am grateful to all those who volunteer in so many different ways – some in very public roles and others who quietly do important work behind the scenes. It is a great blessing to our churches and our wider communities that so many are willing to serve God in such a variety of ways. It is wonderful to be part of a parish where it is not expected that the Team Rector or the Team Vicar will do everything.

While we have said goodbye to some members of our congregations, we have also welcomed new people into our church families. We have been able to pay our Common Fund in full and have worked hard to exercise good stewardship of our finances, which is beginning to move us onto a more secure footing. In the autumn, we held a giving campaign, asking people to consider increasing their financial giving to the church, as well as offering their skills and time.

A great deal of work has also been done over the year to ensure that our churches are safe places. This includes safeguarding, caring for buildings and churchyards, and working towards having all the necessary policies and procedures in place.

It has been particularly encouraging to see links with our local communities continuing to grow. The Friends of St James Church,

Stirchley, continues to flourish as it cares for the churchyard and promotes the building. We held two Carol Services there on 14 December, knowing that we would not be able to fit everyone into a single service, and welcomed around 200 local residents.

St Leonard's was approached to become part of a project in Malinslee, working with the council and other agencies to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents, and a new project, 'Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies', will begin in early 2026. New links have also been established between the Methodist Church and St John's, Lawley, and a Lantern Parade around the local streets took place at Christmas, ending at St John's Church. All Friends Together at Holy Trinity continues to welcome members of the local community into a place of friendship and hospitality.

My prayer is that in 2026 we continue to recognise God's blessing among us, enabling us to be a parish where prayer and worship are at the heart of our life together, where we care for one another, where we see growth both in numbers and in faith, where all have confidence to use their God-given gifts, where all are welcome, and where the good news of Jesus Christ and the love of God are encountered in all that we do.

Revd Prebendary Jo Farnworth

St Mary's wardens' report:

The year 2025 has been encouraging. Our congregation has slowly been increasing, some of which have been children. This is very exciting. We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Nick Watson our new Archdeacon in May of this year. We at St. Mary's had the pleasure of him taking our service for the first time. Members of St. Mary's attended an Ascension Day service which took place at Christ Church Wellington. As usual Ride and Stride took place in September. Sadly no one called at the church this year.

In September we celebrated Harvest by having lunch after the service. All donations of tinned food were taken to the food bank at Dawley.

Remembrance Service took place, we as usual started at the remembrance memorial outside. The Parish Councillors and local parishioners laid wreaths. Some passersby stopped and joined in, the service continued back in church.

We are happy to say we were able to have the children from our local school, The Meadows. For Easter and Christmas Experience. It goes without saying as always their behaviour is wonderful. Always eager to answer any questions asked. They are a credit to their school. Our carol service was well attended. Our thanks to Kevin Hood for playing for us, always a pleasure to have him. Our Christmas eve service was well attended. The change of time for {9.30pm} seems to suit everyone in the current circumstances.

Ann Broadhurst retired in March as Church Warden. We at St. Mary's wish to thank her for her work as Church Warden. She is such a devoted person to her duties she is amazing. She can't do enough for anyone who needs help. Thank you, Ann. Our thanks go to all who do all the jobs behind the scenes.

Fund raising events: Judy's open house x 2; Hadley Orpheus Mate Voice Choir; Fish & Chips/bingo x5; Doreen's open garden; Easter Raffle

Doreen Dyson and Mary Richards

Fabric Report:

It has been a very stressful time in regards to the condition of the church roof. Rain water has been leaking through the lead Vally and loose tiles. Buckets in church catching the water has been a common sight for most of the year. Sadly a war memorial Plaque was damaged as a result of the leaks.

We are happy to report the roof has been repaired now thanks to Rev. Jo for obtaining a Grant to help with the cost of the repairs.

We had an electrical failure the beginning of November, the electric was tripping. The electrician could not find any reason why it

was tripping out, other than the gas heating cutting in. The heating engineer was called in and found that a solenoid valve had almost melted. Valved replaced, problem solved.

There is still outstanding work from the quinquennial inspection to be done.

Towards the end of the year, the sewage pump failed which meant that our toilets could only be used in case of emergency! The replacement of pump will be done in early 2026, and grant applications are being made to cover the cost of this.

At a risk of repeating ourselves, it would be great to have the vestry plastered and re-painted.

Church yard: The boundary wall on the right hand side as you enter the gate is in our opinion in need of attention. Tree roots are pushing the wall away on to the path. Council still assuring us it is still safe. The community payback team have worked hard during the summer months and kept the church yard in good order. Many thanks for their hard work.

Doreen Dyson and Mary Richards

DCC Report

The DCC met three times in 2025 and discussed the following matters:

- Finances
- Safeguarding
- Building, including Quinquennial Report, roof repair, sewage pump
- Social events and services
- Policies
- replacing the monthly St Mary's emailed newsletter with the monthly parish newsletter

Electoral Roll

The newly revised electoral roll currently has 21 members

Services

In 2025, attendances at services were:

Average Sunday	18 (15)
Easter Eve/Day	31 (24)
Christmas Eve/Day	40 (27)
Carol Services	134 (96)

(Figures in brackets are 2024 attendances)

The following baptisms, wedding and funerals took place:

Baptisms	4 (6)
Weddings	3 (1)
Funerals*	18(9)
Interments	0 (1)

(Figures in brackets are 2024 statistics)

*Includes funerals at crematorium for people living in the district

Safeguarding

There have been no safeguarding incidents reported in 2025.

The Diocese has produced an online Dashboard to help keep track of training and DBS checks, and our Parish Safeguarding Officer (Hannah Yapp) and Revd Jo have been working to transfer the information over. Once everything has been moved over it will help with reminders about policy review, training dates and DBS checks. After the awful attack in Southport we looked at its own security in order to be able to secure parts of the building if necessary. Thank you to everyone who has completed or renewed their safeguarding training this year.

Finance Report 2025

As ever, we are blessed at St Mary's by the generosity of our church family and wider circle of friends. We rely on the income from regular giving, occasional gifts and fundraising to enable us to pay our Common Fund (to cover ministry costs), maintain and run the building, and support the various activities that take place. In 2025, our total income was £24,429 (compared to £14,869 in 2024). This was due to an increase in giving, and £8000 in grants for building work

Our total expenditure in 2024 was £19,282 which was higher than 2024 (£12,542). This was due to around £8000 of building work.

At the year end, we had a surplus of £5147 (compared with a surplus of £2327 in 2024) giving a total amount of £10,914 in our bank account (compared with £5767 in 2024) at the year end. £2303 of this amount is restricted and can only be spent on specific items related to repairs to the building and organ. We were successful in applying for several grants for the building work that has been done. Our financial situation continues to improve, but we are aware that we have various items of building work to be done in the coming year and beyond following receipt of our Quinquennial Inspection and so we will need to continue to be prudent.

Thank you to Brian Richards for all his work over the year as Treasurer, to Mary Richards who ensures that we receive the Gift Aid repayments we are due, and to all who have generously given to St Mary's this year.

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Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65
	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65
Total assets less current liabilities	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	8,611.22	-	-	-	8,611.22	4,975.40
Designated						
Restricted						
Restricted - Organ Restricted Fund - St Mary	-	-	592.25	-	592.25	592.25
Restricted - LDBF Church Bldg Fund	-	-	400.00	-	400.00	200.00
Restricted - Roof Repair Restricted Fund	-	-	851.60	-	851.60	-
Restricted - Sewage Pump Repair	-	-	459.42	-	459.42	-
Fund Totals	8,611.22	-	2,303.27	-	10,914.49	5,767.65

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Envelopes/Donations	5,389.33	-	-	-	5,389.33	4,030.78
0110 - Direct Giving Envelopes - non gift aid	1,143.20	-	-	-	1,143.20	3,223.57
0150 - Payments received from other CTP accts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0301 - Plate Collections	1,661.01	-	-	-	1,661.01	-
0303 - Sundry Donations	1,214.00	-	-	-	1,214.00	1,876.47
0305 - Contactless Donations	917.42	-	-	-	917.42	-
0601 - Recoverable Income Tax	1,937.28	-	500.00	-	2,437.28	2,094.95
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	8,111.63	-	8,111.63	500.00
Donations and legacies Totals	12,262.24	-	8,611.63	-	20,873.87	11,725.77
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees Received	-	-	-	-	-	-
1210 - Gross income from fund raising	2,334.80	-	-	-	2,334.80	3,143.34
1211 - Special Appeals gross fundraising income	150.00	-	1,062.52	-	1,212.52	-
1240 - Church Hall lettings and rent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	2,484.80	-	1,062.52	-	3,547.32	3,143.34
Other trading activities						
1206 - Sale of items	7.90	-	-	-	7.90	-
Other trading activities Totals	7.90	-	-	-	7.90	-
Investments						
1020 - Bank/Building Society Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
1040 - Dividends & Trust Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income						
1401 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1402 - VAT and other refunds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts Grand totals	14,754.94	-	9,674.15	-	24,429.09	14,869.11

Payments

Raising funds

2202 - Bank Charges

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Raising funds Totals

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Expenditure on charitable activities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
1910 - Common Fund	2,611.75	-	-	-	2,611.75	3,831.25
2100 - Donations/Gifts	145.00	-	-	-	145.00	170.00
2150 - Payments made to other CTP accts	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
2205 - Costs of contactless giving	48.81	-	-	-	48.81	-
2210 - Telford Christian Council	-	-	-	-	-	-
2211 - Telephones	-	-	-	-	-	-
2302 - Fees paid to the Diocese	-	-	-	-	-	-
2303 - Housing Costs / Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-
2304 - Clergy/Working Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2312 - Quinquennial inspections	-	-	-	-	-	-
2330 - Running costs (inc Gas, Water, Electric)	3,184.28	-	-	-	3,184.28	4,530.08
2331 - minor repairs and routine maintenance	2,317.48	-	669.00	-	2,986.48	1,499.00
2333 - Major repairs/replacements of installation	-	-	7,694.13	-	7,694.13	-
2334 - New items	-	-	-	-	-	-
2340 - Church Hall costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2350 - Salaries/Wages/Honoraria	-	-	-	-	-	-
2355 - Insurance	2,405.42	-	-	-	2,405.42	2,353.15
2360 - Bookstall/magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2365 - Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
2370 - Children and Young People	-	-	-	-	-	25.60
2371 - Occasional offices costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2372 - Mission project costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2380 - Upkeep of services	98.48	-	-	-	98.48	-
2401 - Costs of fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
2411 - Printing, stationery, postage	7.90	-	-	-	7.90	35.99
2535 - Licence Fees	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	97.00
2630 - Other Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	10,919.12	-	8,363.13	-	19,282.25	12,542.07
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments Grand totals	10,919.12	-	8,363.13	-	19,282.25	12,542.07