



St John the Baptist

serving the communities of Bodicote,
Cherwell Heights and Longford Park

Reports for APCM Sunday 12 April 2026

Church wardens report (Lynne Philpot and Rob Kirk) – April to November 2025

We have to say, the period covered by this report was demanding but at the same time very rewarding. The Parish Profile, mentioned in last year's report, was submitted to the diocese and approved. An advertisement was placed in the Church Times and we sat back and waited for the flood of applications. Unfortunately, much to our surprise, there were none!

The Parish Profile was then revisited, reorganised and submitted for approval once again. Fortunately, the PCC had decided to opt for the slightly more expensive advertising package, with the Church Times, hence when the advertisement was placed again, there was no additional cost involved. On this occasion we received six applications, of which four were shortlisted.

Thursday 10th July, the day of the interviews, dawned sunny and bright. The interview panel met in Church House and now had three applicants to interview, one of the original four having dropped out. The interview and selection process took most of the day, fortunately the PCC had provided and also served lunch. Much to the Bishop's and Rob's delight, sausage rolls were included on the menu! Lunch gave all members of the PCC present the opportunity to meet the applicants and have a chat with them. When all the talking had finished, a unanimous vote decided who was going to be our new vicar. Guess who...

You would think that would be the end of all the hard work but unfortunately that wasn't the case. Now the PCC had to plan and arrange the service of Institution, Induction and Installation of our new vicar. Meetings were held, caterers and printers booked and yet once again the midnight oil was burnt but this time to prepare the order of service, a task and a half in itself. Finally the big night arrived and on Wednesday 12th November, Emily was installed as our new vicar.

In addition to the above, the day to day life of the parish has continued with afternoon teas, bingo, Church Fete and the Christmas Bazaar. We are pleased we have managed to maintain a small connection with the primary schools but unfortunately, we haven't been able to provide cover for the monthly services at Fairholme House.

Finding clergy to take our services week by week has always been an issue. However, we have been helped immensely using the contacts Sarah provided for us. Lynne has spent many hours ensuring our services are covered, no mean feat. Visiting clergy, including the Bishop and Archdeacons have helped us immensely and we were delighted they were willing to continue to visit throughout the vacancy. On a few occasions we cannot justify asking clergy to lead our services, so we are very grateful for the members of the PCC who have assisted us in planning and leading our All Souls service.

We are very pleased that the numbers attending the weekly services have continued to be maintained and, on occasion, even increased. Obviously the visiting clergy who provided cover had a lot to do with this outcome. It does help though that we have established a reputation as being a welcoming and friendly church, so many thanks to everyone for ensuring that this occurs.

Once again our grateful thanks must go to the congregation and the PCC for their unwavering support with special thanks to Graham Osgood, for playing the organ on many Sundays; to Peter and Mike for operating the tablet on those Sundays that Graham isn't playing; and to Ann for her unwavering administrative support and keeping us on the straight and narrow. We apologise if we have left anyone out but rest assured that the life of the parish couldn't be maintained without everyone's help and support. In a nutshell, we couldn't have done it without you!

Vicar's report (Emily Hockliffe Essex) – November 2025 to April 2026

It has been a real joy to have joined you in this parish and this church and to have been made so welcome so quickly. In the space of the past five months, I have come to feel very connected to the life of the church and the local community, and among the very many things to be thankful for I am especially grateful for the care and welcome you have all shown me and my family.

I also want to sound a note of gratitude to all of you, and most especially to our wonderful church wardens: Lynne and Rob (and to their endlessly patient and supportive spouses) for all they have done during the vacancy and during my first months in post to support and grow the life of this church. It is a wonderful thing to come into a church in such a state of health and to get to join in with what God is already doing in this place amongst you all.

The Christmas season came upon us very quickly but was filled with joy and offered a wonderful opportunity to come together with people in a number of different parts of parish life. Services were well attended, including by an encouraging number of children and young people, and events such as the Christmas bazaar and craft afternoon were very well-received. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to connect with some of our local schools and look forward to continuing to develop links with them and to forming new links with other local community groups, including a hope for re-kindling the close relationship with Fairholme House.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter have likewise been filled with opportunities for reflection and very moving services. In addition to the various special services, around twenty of us met for a weekly Lent course exploring the landscape of prayer and how we can deepen our relationships with God. These were such wonderful occasions, filled with insight, interesting conversations, and a healthy dose of laughter too. It is a real privilege to be part of a church community so invested in deepening their spiritual lives and so warm in their relationships.

Our regular worship pattern continues much as it did during the vacancy, with a regular weekly format of an 8am Holy Communion in traditional language (based on the BCP) and a 9.45am Parish Communion. On special occasions throughout the year we have agreed to the 9.45am service as an All-Age Communion, making an effort to be accessible and to involve young and older alike. So far, we have held all-age services for Christmas morning, Candlemas, Mothering Sunday, and Easter Day, and it has been a particular joy to have some of our young people involved in leading readings and prayers.

In addition to Sunday mornings, we have also committed to holding at least one evening service a month. So far, these have included our Christmas Carol Service, Epiphany Evensong, an Ash Wednesday evening service, a service of Music and Readings for Lent, and our various Holy Week

services. More special evening services, including Pentecost Praise, a Taizé service, and a Thanksgiving for ministries will be forthcoming.

Thanks are owed to all who contribute to the smooth running of our worship services: those who welcome, those who prepare the altar linen and supplies, those who sing and lead our music, those who offer refreshments and hospitality, and so many more who help in often small and unseen ways. It has been a great joy to step into a community so committed to beautiful and heartfelt worship, and to offer a warm welcome to new members of our worshipping community.

There is still much to build on, particularly in our work with children and families and in reconnecting with parts of our community that I haven't yet reached, but I am surrounded and supported by such a wonderful team that I am excited to continue this work in the coming months and years. It is a privilege to share in this work with you, and I look forward to all that God will continue to grow among us in the coming year.

Afternoon teas (Marian Kirk)

The afternoon teas have continued on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of each month. They are still proving popular with an average of 20 people attending. If you want an afternoon of quizzing, chatting and enjoying the delicious savouries and cakes along with as much tea as you can manage please come and join us. Competition to see who can answer the most quiz questions is strong! Why not come and join us and enjoy the company.

Our band of hosts is getting a bit depleted and could do with a few more people to boost the ranks! If you feel you can offer help in any way please contact either the church wardens or vicar and you will be welcomed with open arms!

Bell tower (Martin Saunders)

Bellringing continues at Bodicote tower, we ring Sunday mornings for the 9.45am service and for occasional Sunday evening services when requested. We also ring for weddings but there are not many these days.

Our Monday evening practices continue to be well supported by not only our ringers but by others from neighbouring towers. This is good for ringer's development, and it also creates a convivial evening. Sadly, our

membership has dropped in recent times, and we number nine in total now so new ringers would be very welcome.

I took the opportunity at last year's church fete to open the bell ringing chamber to all who might be interested. We had quite a number of visitors including young families and I explained some basic principles about change ringing and aided by other ringers gave some demonstrations. Sadly, this did not bring forth any new potential ringers, but I propose to do the same again this year and hope for positive results.

Bishop Loveday Governance (Libby Knox)

Bishop Loveday is part of the Warriner MAT. Mrs Dee Loader continues to be head of school with Jane Ridley as the executive head of school as a member of the WMAT staff. The school vision is: 'Be Kind, be honest and have courage to live life in all its fullness' John 10:10. This is the header on the regular newsletter home too.

The governing body works closely with the headteacher, staff and local authority. The current foundation governors are: Helen Hall, Marian Kirk, Libby Knox, Andrew Mawle and Natalie Nowell with Emily recently joining the foundation governors. There are still foundation governor vacancies so an advert was recently placed in the church magazine.

Christmas and Easter services have been held in Church, lead by Emily and well attended, with parents invited. Libby is the lead for SIAMS, RE and worship (as well as Well School) and will now work with Emily to share elements of this role. Due to the departure of the long serving RE lead teacher a replacement is due later this year. Emily has led her first in school assembly and is arranging a worship timetable and monitoring with the school worship lead.

The school staff work hard, supported by the governors, to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, enabling 'life in all its fullness' - regular updates are produced for the parish newsletter. All children are encouraged to achieve their full potential with children's wellbeing at the heart of the school; the Christian values reflected in the children. As foundation governors we aim to uphold the Christian ethos of the school and the close links with St John the Baptist Church.

In the recent Ofsted inspection 3 governors (including 2 foundation governors) met with the inspectors to talk about the role and how the governors monitor and support the school. The inspectors praised the governors, alongside many aspects of the school - the official report and grading is anticipated in the next few weeks (at the time of writing).

Charity Giving (Ann Sansom)

This year we have raised money for various charities - local, national and international - from specific collections and as part of our fundraising efforts.

Christian Aid week donations were received both through the envelopes and a dedicated online page. Unfortunately, the timing didn't work out again for us to put the envelopes out with our parish magazines, but we are able to share the link for online giving, which is often the preferred method with less cash in circulation nowadays! Gilly Taylor Allen is our Christian Aid representative, if anyone wishes to find out more.

As the school held their own fete last year and we weren't involved, we decided to host a community-based event instead in May. Some of our local community organisations and charities were involved, all raising awareness and funds for their particular groups. We were able to offer them free stalls at this event, and it was a very enjoyable occasion as well as a fundraiser.

September's annual Ride and Stride Event, in aid of both Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and the church was well supported as usual. Thank you to Rob and Marian Kirk who organised our church's participation. Half the money we raise as a church comes back to us. *We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate this for the coming September - please speak to either of them if this is something you could do.*

We continue to have a group of people using the Children's Society boxes for their loose change throughout the year, and the collection from our Christingle Service goes to this charity too. If anyone would like a collection box, please speak to Sue Hollies.

The collection taken at Emily's Installation service was for the Bishop's Outreach Fund and at the World Day of Prayer service on the first Friday of March, a collection was taken for their work.

Our 2026 Lent lunch took place on a Sunday lunchtime this year, having been quite poorly supported last year and raised funds for 3 charities: Mother's Union, Girls Education Mission International, and Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse.

Working with Children and Families (Ann Sansom & Marian Kirk)

Despite being low in numbers, together with Emily, we have made the decision to continue our monthly Sunday Club. With thoughts of longer-term plans for our work with children and families, we feel it is worthwhile and may be one way of encouraging more young families to "brave" church! When suitable, we link our theme to the lectionary but, more often than not, we choose a Bible story and work from there. The children love being able to show everyone what they have been doing when we come back into church towards the end of the service. This is brilliant, as we all want them to feel comfortable and included in our church.

Our afternoon family crafts continue to be popular. We held one in the autumn and another before Christmas. We decided it would be lovely to make something collaboratively to have in church and were thrilled to see our nativity bunting in pride of place at the front of the church. At the time of writing, we are days away from our Easter themed one and are hoping to be able to welcome some of our local families along. And, again, there will be a "work of art" in church for you to admire shortly afterwards!

You may have seen in the last parish magazine that plans are afoot for some sort of weekday toddler service – hopefully we will be able to report on its progress soon!

A huge thank you to those who have helped us run these activities. So far, they have not translated to more families in church, but they now know we are really quite "normal" and friendly people and hopefully we are starting to sow seeds for the future.

Please do take a look at the board in the children's corner to see what we have been doing.

Choir report (Mavis & Roger Moon)

As a choir we have 7 regular members. We do miss singing with the organ, as the tablet is sometimes difficult to follow. Emily is introducing some new hymns for us which is quite a challenge but

enjoyable. As a group we do miss having regular choir practices to rehearse these new hymns. We are a very friendly group and would welcome any new members.

Particular thanks are due to Graham Osgood for his commitment to the musical life of our church in recent years. We hope to be in a position to recruit a new Director of Music soon.

Church grounds & Churchyard working party (Tony Jarrett)

We are a small, friendly group who meet once a month on the **first Saturday of each month** (except January and February) from **9:30am to 11:30am**.

Our tasks include **cutting back bushes where needed, weeding around the churchyard, and tidying the grounds**. In the **autumn**, we also sweep up leaves, which can be quite a big job with the number of trees we have.

At the end of each working party, we enjoy **refreshments and snacks together**, giving everyone a chance to relax and have a chat.

We are **always happy to welcome new volunteers**. Even if you can only spare **30 minutes**, your help would be greatly appreciated.

We often receive many compliments about how lovely the churchyard looks as people pass by, and we would love your help to keep it looking this way.

Church House (forthcoming)

Deddington Deanery Synod (Lynne Philpot)

The members of Deanery Synod from our parish are Tricia Campbell, Sue Standley and Lynne Philpot. The Area Dean is the Rev'd Alicia Baker, Rector of the Ironstone Benefice and the Lay Chair is Mrs Marigold Short from St Paul's Banbury, although she has indicated that she will shortly be standing down. Synods were held in May, September and November 2025 and March 2026 at various locations around the Deanery.

In May the speakers were the Rt. Rev'd Gavin Collins and Archdeacon David Tyler who presented their personal views about the Living in Love and Faith initiative together with Prayers of Love and Faith. Their views

were from a different perspective and it was interesting to hear their theological insights as to why they held these views.

In September the speaker was Jane Hemmings , Area Director of Ordinands (Dorchester and Oxford) who gave an encouraging talk about both lay and ordained vocations.

In November the Rev'd Andy Angel gave a lively talk about the Oxford Diocese Learning Hub and we also debated the GAFCON statement which had been issued in October.

In March Hannah Mann talked about Creation Care. The Deanery Mission Action Plan, which is due for a major revision, was discussed. Safeguarding and Finance are always included on the agenda. It was noted that there had been a data breach within the company who arranged the DBS certificates, resulting in a move to a different company.

The annual accounts for 2025 were approved in March and it was noted that, despite five parishes not paying their full share, the Deanery Parish Share for 2025 was paid in full, although the use of reserves had to be employed.

With the forthcoming resignation of the Lay Chair and the failure to appoint a Deanery Secretary, the Deanery is struggling. It should be noted that the Deanery Secretary is a paid appointment, which may appeal to someone with administrative skills who can spare a few hours.

Electoral Roll (Lynne Philpot)

With effect from 1 April 2026 there are 85 people on our Electoral Roll.

Flower Arranging (Rachel Whitrow)

I started taking the lead on the Church Flowers last Easter. I hope all the attendees at Church have enjoyed my floral displays. I'm very much on a learning curve, having had excellent instructions from previous more experienced arrangers and also have had some great feedback.

I am always very grateful for any help in the future as I solely do the flowers on a regular basis. I do have some volunteers who help out at the Christian Festival times and I'm very keen to recruit more help.

Volunteers are very welcome to join me and need no experience. Just a willingness to try and have some fun and make new friends. You can contact me at whitrow465@btinternet.com or on 07860207321.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated towards the cost of flowers especially at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Especially those who would like to give in memory for a loved one.

Health and Safety (Robert Kirk)

Not a bad year overall. We do still have problems with dilapidated graves in the churchyard, unfortunately it's not an easy or inexpensive issue to solve. As reported previously, the PCC have investigated getting repairs carried out but this is likely to be an ongoing issue due to the cost. Tony Jarrett heads a small group who keep the churchyard tidy, if you can help once a month on a Saturday morning, please let Tony know. Many thanks to Tony and his team for the work you do. I continue to hear comments from people about how nice the churchyard looks.

Fabric and finance are investigating the installation of a fall arrest system in the bell tower. Climbing up to change flags, etc., needs to be made safer. We are at present waiting for a survey of the ladders and access route to be undertaken. For the foreseeable future, the flag has been lowered and we are not planning to hoist a replacement.

We are having problems with the radiant heaters in the church and three have failed. We are looking into getting these repaired/replaced. Unfortunately, due to the height at which they are mounted (especially those in the chancel above the choir), we are having problems finding a contractor to carry out the work.

Problems have been reported concerning the external door in the chancel. It was repaired last year but, probably due to the amount of rain we had earlier in the year, it is sticking again. We are trying to obtain the services of a competent joiner.

As usual, regular visual checks of the church electrical installation continue to be carried out every three months.

The church fire extinguishers are checked annually and are replaced/recharged as necessary. As specified in the health and safety policy, Bob Campbell and Roger Philpot examine/maintain the

extinguishers and emergency lighting periodically. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for completing this task.

As in the past, Sue Standley continues to keep an eye on the contents of the First Aid boxes. If you use anything from one of the boxes or notice anything missing, please let Sue or myself know so the item can be replaced. Thank you, Sue.

The observant among you will have noticed the certificate displayed on the wall in the kitchen. Marian Kirk oversees the kitchen in Church House, not exactly straightforward due to the number of different users and functions. If you notice something that is likely to cause a problem, please let Marian know. Thank you, Marian.

I say this every year, please, if you notice a hazard whilst on the premises, no matter how minor, let me or a member of the PCC know. If an accident can happen, eventually it will.

MU Bodicote Branch (Claire Roberts)

It has been a good year there were a few subtle changes to the programme and events but with plenty of opportunities for fellowship and the chance to hear some good speakers.

AGM in January 2025 the current Committee members all agreed to stand again - Lynne Philpot; Tricia Campbell; Gill Whitrow; Claire Roberts and Chris Danks. Members were again asked to consider joining the committee but at the time there were no volunteers! However, we start 2026 with the good news that Sue Standley has agreed to join the Committee.

The Committee is involved in the general organization of the Branch, the planning of the annual programme, arranging speakers and generally being responsible for our members. The Committee are supported by two non-committee members - Pauline Edes who administers our monthly Raffles and Majorie Davies, whose major contribution has been making and selling her 'marvelous marmalade' to boost our funds and also contributes many of the raffle prizes.

The new theme for 2025 was 'Join Us and Join In' with the strapline 'MU is changing Lives'. We discussed this theme at our AGM and many useful suggestions regarding events and speakers were made.

We currently have 25 members in our branch. Sadly, Pam Hobday, a faithful member for 17 years of our Branch died 25th September but our newest member, Sue Hanwell, was enrolled into the Mothers' Union at our March meeting this year (2026). The average attendance at our meetings was 17 members.

During 2025 we had two speakers: Mike Chapman from the Commonwealth Graves Commission who gave a very interesting talk about the work of the CGC. Thinking this would be a subject that would interest people from the parish it was advertised as an Open Meeting and we were delighted at the response.

The other speaker was Rev Steve Short, Assoc. Minister from St Paul's Church, Banbury who talked to us about his work on the Bretch Hill Estate.

This year there were two very enjoyable outings: - one in February to Wyatts Garden Centre, Bloxham, for Coffee and Chat and the other in June to visit Rev'd Sarah Sharp, who had kindly invited us for Tea and Cake in her garden. It was lovely to see her, and to enjoy an afternoon, in the sunshine, eating the homemade cakes that Sarah is famous for. At our July meeting, we had an Introduction to Flower Arranging under the guidance of one of our members, Chris Danks. In March members took part in the Ash Wednesday Service and the World Day of Prayer.

The Wave of Prayer for the Oxford Diocese takes place between the 20th and 22nd April and was celebrated by us on April 22nd. We prepared and led the MU Celebration Service for Mary Sumner in Church in August. Our annual Harvest Service and Supper were held in October. Rev'd Hazel Scarr led the service for the second year running and joined us for the supper accompanied by John, her husband.

To end the year, we had our Christmas Social! This was different from previous years, as we did not have a Bring and Share but enjoyed an afternoon tea with a Christmas theme and made this a fundraiser by charging for tickets, enabling us to make a donation to the Diocesan Charity 'Away From It All' (AFIA).

On the refreshment scene, after the disappointing experience at the Bishop Loveday School Sports Day in 2024, we did not approach the school to see if they wanted our help, but this wasn't asked for so we

must accept that our help is no longer needed. However, we can have many happy memories of truly successful sports days between 2012 and 2024. Likewise, we didn't help at the school fete as this was no longer a joint church/school event, but we did prepare the refreshments at the Church May Fete.

Other mission-led activities included making the posies for the Mothering Sunday service at the end of March, providing much-needed items for Ronald MacDonald House at the JR Hospital, writing Christmas cards for prisoners, and making the Christingles for the annual service in Advent.

Further afield, we weren't very good at mustering members to attend the various Diocesan or Deanery events, with only four people attending the Deanery Gathering in Bicester in May and three members attending the AGM and Autumn meeting in Benson in October. Hopefully more members will feel inspired to attend events in 2026, our 150th anniversary year.

We started 2026 with the AGM in January. Then in February we had a talk from two members of the Townhouse Wellbeing Clinic entitled 'The Art of Ageing Well' with useful general lifestyle advice. The speaker at the March meeting our own Rev'd Emily Hockliffe-Essex who gave a very interesting and insightful talk under headings her Early Faith; Discovering her Vocation; Moments that Confirmed the Calling and What Ministry has taught her. She enrolled our newest member at the meeting.

Overall, the Branch can reflect on another enjoyable year, thanks to all members for their valued input - leading the intercessions, making the refreshments, setting up and tidying away the room - and for attending month by month.

Request for Help

The Diocesan Mothers' Union has joined forces with the National Needlework Archive to list all the MU banners, past and present, so that a permanent record can be kept. The present Bodicote MU banner, made by members in 1990, has been recorded but we are having difficulty in finding any information about the former banner which is displayed above the present one on the south wall of church.

If anyone can shed light on who made it, and when, this information would be very gratefully received.

Safeguarding (Lynn Wilson, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

The Diocese now has a new DBS provider, Verifile, which was available to use from the end of January onwards. They were chosen for their security assurances and the contract will be reviewed annually. Parishes will contact them directly. Free to use for volunteers, as with APCS.

The Oxford Diocese has been given some funding from the National Safeguarding Team to look at how they might better support our Parish Safeguarding Officers in their roles. I attended an online focus group session to share the key challenges in the role and ideas about what support might look like in the future. The increasing complexities, responsibilities and liabilities of the role were a common concern.

Thirtyone:eight update

From April 1st, Thirtyone:eight who provide a safeguarding helpline, will be launching a new suite of online safeguarding support. They are as follows:

- Knowledge Hub
- Knowledge Finder
- FAQs.

They are available for anyone to view.

The Parish dashboard is in a healthy state now that several ongoing questions on Safer Working Practices etc have been answered. Safeguarding training is ongoing and everyone seems happy doing this on their own.

In all, a quieter, more positive year than last.

Communications (Ann Sansom)

The parish has continued to grow over the past year, and we now deliver our parish magazines to over 3,200 homes. I am very grateful for the volunteers who deliver these for us in all weathers. It continues to be a valuable tool for outreach and publicising our services and events, particularly to those who don't use social media. We have recently made the decision to switch to a quarterly publication and are looking at being able to bring the design of it in-house, due to rising costs.

The move to use A Church Near You to host our website has proved very positive. We regularly receive enquiries about baptisms through it as well as other things. It is often the first option for people moving to a new

area and looking at what the local churches have to offer, so we try to keep it up to date with our services and events. The statistics continue to show many page views across the year. Do take a look if you haven't yet managed to!

Website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5406/>

We continue to use Facebook, sharing the daily prayer from the Church of England and posting a selection of thoughts, images, hymns, prayers and music along with details of our services and activities. I would like to thank Nicola Standley for her continued support in scheduling the evening prayers and various other items for the page, leaving me to concentrate on morning posts and sharing events within the local community. We have a good number of followers, interestingly mainly women and in the 35-44 years age group, followed closely by those aged 65+. <https://www.facebook.com/BodicoteParishChurch>

During the vacancy, we started to use Mailchimp to send out our weekly newsletters. This means we are GDPR compliant and it gives subscribers the option to unsubscribe easily and without any embarrassment. I feel the content has been improved since the arrival of Revd Emily due to links to her most recent sermon(s) being included. It currently goes to 70 people each week, not all of whom are members of our congregation or even live locally! If you would like to receive a newsletter each week, please speak to Revd Emily or myself or use the following link to sign up: <https://mailchi.mp/54d70da8f8a9/sign-up>

Trust Funds (Derek Sansom)

Nelson Pittam Fund

The Nelson bequest started in 1961 with £100 and the Nelson Pittam Welfare fund was established with a capital of 9 shares contributed by the Pittam charity. The income can be used for charitable purposes within the parish of Bodicote.

Funds allocated within the parish from the Nelson Pittam Fund during 2025

Four students	£800
A Duke of Edinburgh Gold award participant	£300
Total	£1100

There is £580 carried over into this year

Bodicote Church Bounty Fund

The Fund was established in 1977 to mark the 25th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, to assist any eleemosynary, educational or ecclesiastical charitable purpose outside the ecclesiastical parish of Bodicote.

Funds allocated from Bodicote Church Bounty Fund during 2025

Two Students	£400
Referral from a trustee	£600
Homestart	£650
BYHP	£500
Banbury Larder	£500
Lourdes pilgrimage student	£300
Total	£2950

There is £2710 carried over into this year.

We continue to try to add Alison Bell as a trustee/signatory in addition to Gillian Barrow and myself and a complaint is ongoing with NatWest and a complaint may yet be made about the Complaints department!

No requests from BL School or any other organisation or school within the parish this year. The trustees would very much welcome suggestions on a strictly confidential basis on the use of the income from both funds.