

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Church, Potters Bar

Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 17th May 2026

St Mary's Community Reports

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Electoral Roll Officer's Report

On 4th May 2025, ahead of the APCM on 18th May 2025, it was reported that there were **153** persons on the Electoral Roll.

Since then, **2** persons have moved and **4** persons have sadly died reducing the number to **147**. **10** persons have been added to the Roll, including **7** during the recent Revision period.

The number of persons now on the Electoral Roll is therefore **157**, of which 88 are resident within the parish and 69 are non-resident.

Sue Grey
Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Secretary's Report

In the year since the last APCM the PCC has had five regular meetings at the church, four in person and one over Zoom.

During this period the usual business of the PCC took place including the following:-

- The election of PCC Officers took place at the first meeting after the 2025 APCM.
- Sue Grey was appointed as the new Electoral Roll Officer.
- A new Quinquennial Inspection Architect was appointed, who acts as a professional adviser for St Mary's.
- A meeting with the Diocesan Inspector took place to discuss his energy audit report.
- A meeting with the Ecclesiastical Insurers took place to discuss their requirements.
- A new PA system with live streaming was researched and quotes were obtained, also factoring in a new broadband installation including phone. A solution was selected from the quotes received and it was proposed that it go forward.
- Organisation of social events took place including Harvest Festival with a Bring & Share lunch, All Souls Sunday with tea and cake to follow, Quiz Night organised by Chris & Kathryn Ellis, Pre-Lent lunch donated by Graham & Aoy Jones.
- MAP – Work progressed on the Mission Action Plan resulting in a new plan being agreed and published.
- Ministry experience for Archie Hadfield was discussed, and he has accepted a year's full-time position at St John's, Hatfield.
- A date for Commitment Sunday was agreed.
- New donations co-ordination software was put in place.
- Maintenance of the fabric of the church – please see Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church.
- Church Finances - please see Treasurer's Report for details.
- Safeguarding Policy. The new Safeguarding Officer, Tor Mudd, is in post and has undertaken training. Some other members of the PCC have had their training refreshed when due.
- Church Policies have been reviewed and accepted.
- The charities to be supported by St Mary's in the coming year were decided.
- St Mary's churchyard – meeting and discussion took place with the Council's Cemetery Officer regarding the enhancement and maintenance of the ashes area.
- A successful Parish Retreat to Worth Abbey took place in October 2025 following the success of the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Retreats.

As ever, I am grateful for the support I receive from Fr Stefan and PCC members and my thanks also to Canon Richard Osborn for his advice.

Shirley Baker
PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding continues to be a high priority for all parishes in the Diocese of St Albans and the PCC takes seriously its responsibility to promote a safe environment and culture in our parish community. This involves responding to any safeguarding concerns or allegations raised; ensuring those in paid and voluntary roles are recruited safely; and caring for those who are in any way affected, both victims of abuse and those who may have been accused.

All PCC members and our Junior Church leaders have completed the e-learning modules requested by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. All DBS checks of PCC members, church officers and Junior Church leaders are up to date.

There have been no new safeguarding issues during the past year.

Victoria Goulding-Mudd
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Sidesmen

At present we have a total of 17 sidesmen/sides-persons, namely:

Beverley Ashdown	Washington Mhangami	David Smith
Derrick Chisholm	Anne Mitcheson	Carol Summerhayes
Jean Cotton	David Neal	Sue Vallance
Christine Daneski	Janice Neal	Pat Vince
Anne Holt	Terry Newton	Abed Waweru
Faith Mhangami	Jenny Pearce	

During the past twelve months Millicent Burks, Ciaran Burks, Kathryn Ellis and Chris Ellis stepped down for personal reasons, and I am pleased to confirm Faith Mhangami, Washington Mhangami and Sue Vallance have joined the rota.

Please let me know if you would like to become a sides-person and I will add your name to the list.

Many thanks to everyone who has assisted during the past year - your contribution is appreciated.

Mark Jones
Churchwarden

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

Here is a summary of the work undertaken during the period March 2025 to March 2026:

CHURCH

2025

March	Jet washing of church forecourt
April	Contractor cleared blockage in drain between hall and church Balcony doors re-sealed Repairs to boundary wall Service of intruder alarm and CCTV
June	Four new CCTV cameras fitted
July	Replacement mirror fitted in toilet Carpets and toilet floors cleaned by professional contractor Repairs to church notice board
August	Re-stained black wooden fencing on car park boundary Installed padding around bin shelter roof Church red floor repainted

	Openreach visited to check faulty telephone line
	Exterior stone repairs and repointing carried out above vestries
	Insurance survey by Ecclesiastical Insurance
	Service of fire protection equipment in church and hall
September	Service of intruder alarm and CCTV
October	Testing of portable electrical equipment in church and hall
	Loose wood blocks re-set in choir vestry floor
November	Basement water pump electrics repaired
	Pendant alarms installed for use by watchers
	Church energy audit carried out by Diocesan appointed contractor
2026	
January	Service and upgrade of intruder alarm and service of CCTV
	Both toilet lights replaced with movement operated LED lights
February	Mixer tap in Dick's Vestry dismantled, cleaned and lubricated to ease operation
	Rebuilding of damaged boundary wall
March	Installation of two new oak half-barrel planters to protect newly rebuilt wall

HALL

2025

March	Replacement water heater fitted in kitchen
	Two new oak half-barrel planters installed outside hall.
May	Repairs to north door entrance lobby including filling cracks & repainting of walls
June	New batteries fitted to emergency lights and new security light fitted
	Five yearly test and inspection of electrical installation
July	Remedial works following electrical testing
	Faulty emergency light replaced
August	Hall exterior kitchen door repainted and gallery door re-stained
September	Six new gopak folding tables & one trolley delivered, unpacked and assembled
December	New tap fitted in men's toilet
	Test of fire alarm and emergency lighting

2026

January	Two emergency light units replaced
	Kitchen socket repaired
	Exterior light outside main entrance replaced
February	Faulty security light replaced
	New heater fitted in small hall entrance lobby

Once again, we wish to record our thanks to Geoff Foster for providing this helpful summary and for all the work he continues to undertake in connection with our buildings. This includes meeting and liaising with various contractors, organising regular testing of equipment such as the heating and electrical installation and undertaking many practical tasks himself. We are also very grateful to David Rance and his colleagues for the work they have undertaken during this period.

The PCC agreed to appoint Mr Michael Garber of Hanslip and Company Ltd as our new inspecting architect and this appointment was approved by the diocese.

We have explored options for upgrading our sound system and installing permanent cameras for the livestreaming of services, rather than using a mobile phone on a tripod. We hope to move this forward in the next few months.

The issues related to the tree with a protection order at the back of the hall which is overhanging into the car park of Goodacre Court next door remain unresolved. The Council refused permission to prune the tree, but it is likely that we will need to ask them to reconsider this decision.

Hertsmere Council has agreed to fund some minor works to enhance the ashes area in St Mary's Churchyard in Mutton Lane, installing new paving and gravel. This work is due to take place very soon. We are also grateful to Hertsmere, particularly Cllr Sarah Hodgson-Jones, for a grant towards the purchase of new folding tables for the church and hall.

Following a survey by a representative from our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance, it has been recommended that we install a roof alarm on the roof of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where there is a quantity of lead. Application of SmartWater forensic marking technology is also advised and these tasks will be moved forward in the summer.

The Assistant Area Dean of Barnet, Fr Tristan Chapman, undertook the annual inspection in August and he was pleased with all that he saw and heard.

We wish to thank Mandy Parsons, our weekly church and hall cleaner, and the monthly cleaning teams who make sure our building is clean, tidy and welcoming. Our thanks also go to those who care for the church grass during the summer months.

Richard Osborn and Mark Jones
Churchwardens

Deanery Synod Representatives' Report

Three meetings of the Deanery Synod have been held since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting. In May, our visiting speaker was Richard Jackson who works on a part-time basis as the Local Church Income Generation Support Officer for the diocese. That is a long job title, but basically Richard supports parishes in making better use of their assets and facilities such as their church buildings, halls and car parking spaces. At St Mary's, we have implemented many of the ideas he presented, but there were a few others which are worthy of our consideration.

At our October meeting, we had an interesting presentation from the Revd Dr Alec Corio, Rector of East Barnet, who has recently been appointed Interfaith Adviser for the diocese. He provided several examples of interfaith initiatives which are taking place across the diocese, including in some local areas such as Barnet, Borehamwood and Radlett.

Our most recent meeting in February included a consultation exercise on the new Diocesan ministry strategy led by the Revd Canon Tim Lomax, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry. Tim stressed that the definition of ministry was as wide as it could possibly be, encompassing ordained ministry and all forms of lay ministry, such as Readers, churchwardens, pastoral assistants, children's workers, musicians etc..

Another Deanery Walsingham Day was held at Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown in January at which St Mary's was well represented. The proposed Deanery Quiet Day had to be deferred to a later date and we hope to arrange this for later in the year.

Richard Osborn
on behalf of our Deanery Synod Representatives

Eco Church Report

We recognise and teach that creation care and action to address the climate and nature crises are integral to Christian faith, life and worship. We are committed to responding to this by participating in the A Rocha UK Eco Church award scheme.

Buildings and Energy: This year a net zero carbon survey was carried out on the church and hall, the results of which are being looked at by the PCC. This advice will inform our future decisions regarding improvements to the church and hall buildings, refurbishing and repairs, with the aim of working towards net zero carbon status where practical and affordable.

It is now over a year since the installation of the improved eco-friendlier lighting in church. Lighting is our major use of electricity. We are pleased to report that our electricity usage has

fallen by over 14%. It is worth noting that the consumption of gas in church went up by 3.5%, presumably due to higher usage of the church. If the church was used more there should have been a corresponding increase of electricity. However, there is a marked reduction in electricity use. So, it is reasonable to conclude that our energy saving on electricity is wholly due to the new lighting system rather than simply less or smarter usage.

Land and Nature: We are continuing with noMowMay. We are following the latest RSPB advice and only feeding the birds between October and April. To encourage bird and wildlife we intend to plant some of our outdoor space with bird-friendly plants whilst leaving part of the existing ivy and nettle patch to flourish, thereby helping to provide natural food sources for birds and other wildlife.

Lifestyle and community: We use fairtrade, rainforest alliance or other ethical products where practical and possible. We are continuing with our policies of reduce, recycle, and reuse and we encourage our congregation and hall users to follow these principles and practices.

Liz Nethercott
Eco Church co-ordinator

Charitable Giving

We have supported various charities during the year.

The amounts sent up to 31st December 2025 have been listed in the Notes of the Financial Statements. Below are some further reports and explanations concerning individual charities.

The Children's Society

Once again, St Mary's Church has supported the Children's Society very generously. In July 2025, the House Box collection raised £163.14 and in January 2026, £290.16 was raised. Thank you to everyone who collects small change for the Children's Society. As many people do not use cash these days, it is good that we are still able to support their excellent work in this way.

Our annual Crib and Christingle service was held on Christmas Eve 2025, and once again was a great success with many families attending who do not regularly come to church. There were approximately 200 present including over 60 children. We were able to bank £787.32 which included £117.63 from the Brownies who collect their small change at their meetings throughout the year and bring the boxes to this service. Thank you, Brownies! I would also like to thank Sainsbury's, Potters Bar, for their generous donation of 100 oranges.

It is with regret that I have decided to stand down from the role of St Mary's Church Children's Society representative. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me over the last few years, especially Richard Osborn and Christine Daneski, and everyone who has helped in any way with the Christingles and the service. At the time of writing, I do not know who is going to be the new representative, but I do know that whoever it is can rely on your support.

Anne Holt

USPG

We will continue to support the USPG. The donation for 2025 being £1,500. This will be used to support various projects with USPG.

We continue to receive our regular Prayer Diaries.

Christine Daneski

Junior Church

As Junior Church leaders at St Mary's, we feel that it is extremely important to offer the youngest members of our congregation the opportunity to worship and develop their faith in an age appropriate setting whilst their parents and carers participate in the main service.

This year our volunteer leaders and helpers have continued to follow a clear and consistent pattern of worship, beginning at the altar, where they are invited to join Father Stefan for the Collect. Every week a different child is selected to carry our special Junior Church cross to St Michael's chapel and after greeting each other we light candles to remind us all that Jesus is the "light of the world". The children then listen to a simpler rendering of the same gospel reading heard in church, followed by a group discussion, a chance to ask questions and an activity based on the story they have just heard. Worksheets with themed pictures to colour and puzzles such as word searches are always available for the older children but sometimes the younger ones like to draw their own pictures of the story and perhaps write a simple sentence or two, with help, to accompany it. Quick and simple activities like card making, collage and paper cutting and folding are a popular way to enhance the meaning in the story and can be adapted to suit different age groups. We close the session with a prayer, and the children enjoy helping to blow out the candles.

Since Christmas, numbers at Junior Church have fluctuated. Sometimes we might have six children, then just one the following week. However, more recently we have seen some new children returning after Easter, which is encouraging. All our children continue to be a delight to work with. They listen attentively, share resources thoughtfully and have maintained supportive relationships with each other throughout the year.

We also continue to be very grateful indeed to all our parent helpers and other members of the congregation. Without their assistance we could not offer this service to our children. However, so that we can continue to grow, it would be wonderful to welcome new helpers, especially those prepared to undertake the necessary training in safeguarding.

Jayne Niblett

St Mary's Pastoral Care Group Report

The Pastoral Care Group meets approximately every three months and comprises 7 members, namely Father Stefan, Richard, Geoff Foster, Pat Vince, Pearl Shepherd, Chris Ruge-Cope and Jenny Pearce. A copy of the full Statement of Purpose and a list of members is attached to the notice board in the Narthex.

In brief, we exist to benefit all members of the congregation and to offer practical or emotional support where necessary, e.g. to those who are experiencing illness, bereavement, anxiety or loneliness etc.

Members of the group keep in touch with church members who are housebound and who cannot take part in online worship through the internet. We visit or telephone those we haven't seen or heard from for a while to check on their well-being. We arrange transport to services and church events for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Coffee and tea served in the church hall after the 10am service on Sundays is a perfect opportunity for members of the congregation to get to know each other better and to welcome newcomers. The numbers attending reflect the sense of community within the congregation and people look forward to socialising in a relaxed and friendly setting. Many thanks to those who devote time each week to the provision of refreshments.

The Friendship Group continues to thrive and usually meets once a month for morning coffee or tea in the Oakmere Tea Rooms on the High Street. Numbers attending vary but are usually between 12 and 24. The dates for monthly meetings are published in the weekly News Sheet. We enjoyed Christmas lunch together at Judges restaurant, Northaw in December 2025. If you would like more details about the group, please speak to either Beverley Ashdown or Jenny Pearce.

If you are new to our congregation and would like to join any of our volunteer groups or know more about our activities, please do get in touch with one of us for more details, e.g. flower arranging, helping to serve refreshments or lunches, singing in the choir, watching and welcoming when the church is open during the week, church cleaning, etc.

We hope we maintain contact with all our church members in one way or another but would be pleased to hear from anybody who feels that more could be done.

Jenny Pearce

Website statistics for 1st March 2025 to 1st March 2026 (last year in brackets)

This report covers only the website hosted at www.stmaryspb.org.uk and our entry on the national 'A Church Near You' website at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7813/. It does not include either Facebook (641 followers) or Twitter (307 followers) – unfortunately neither platform has meaningful statistics which cover a full year.

A Church Near You: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7813/

Number of page views: 13,823 (9,869)

Church website: www.stmaryspb.org.uk

Number of visitors: 4,920 (4,807)

Number of page views: 14,218 (13,315)

Breakdown by country:

82% (70%) UK

12% (13%) USA

6% (14%) other countries

- (3%) South Korea

Breakdown by device:

60% (50%) mobile

20% (45%) PC (desktop, laptop)

20% (5%) tablet

Popular pages:

68% (70%) Home page (<http://stmaryspb.org.uk>)

9% (13%) Hall and church rooms (<http://stmaryspb.org.uk/hall.html>)

3% (7%) Who's who (<http://stmaryspb.org.uk/whosWho.html>)

3% (7%) Who and where we are (<http://stmaryspb.org.uk/whoAndWhereWeAre.html>)

17% (31%) Other pages

Dave Miller

Webmaster

Choir Report

The choir's repertoire has continued to widen, and we have revived certain pieces which we had not performed for ten or more years.

Among the pieces newly introduced, "Bow down Thine ear, O Lord" by the Russian 19th century composer Antony Arensky was performed on 1st March, the Second Sunday of Lent. The choir particularly liked this anthem and picked it up very well indeed. Another new item, "What Child is this?", a carol to the famous "Greensleeves" tune, in an arrangement by David Willcocks, was originally intended for the 2025 Carol Service, but subsequently deferred to the 2026 Advent Procession.

One of the revivals, "For the beauty of the earth", by the late Andrew Carter, was sung at the 2025 Harvest Festival, both at our Morning Eucharist and that evening, at a Harvest Choral Evensong arranged jointly with King Charles the Martyr Church though hosted by us. This piece had its complexities but was picked up well, especially considering that it was new to some of our choir and to all the KCM choristers who joined us that evening. Also worthy of special note, probably the longest revival, was "This little babe" (William Byrd), revived from 2011 for the 2025 Carol Service. Also at this service, we sang "Away in a manger" in an arrangement by a former Director of Music, Martin Moxham, previously sung in 2015. Both these charming pieces made atmospheric contributions to this service.

We are sad to announce the death of Sylvia Pope on 13th February 2026. She was a soprano in our choir in the 1990s and early 2000s and will be fondly remembered by those who knew her. An interment service took place on 20th April 2026 at St Mary's, North Mymms, officiated by the Rev. Ruth Barr (their vicar) and Richard Osborn. Heather Hawkes, Chris and Dan Ruge-Cope and Julian Zerfahs attended to represent her friends and former colleagues in our choir.

A particularly noteworthy occasion was the Induction Service of the Rev. Emma-Jane Wilkinson, the new vicar of King Charles the Martyr Church, on 6th September 2025. Several of our choristers went along and reinforced their choir. It was a landmark event and we are glad to have a good collaboration with KCM whereby members of each choir reinforce at one another's special occasions.

The Royal College of Organists dedicated 2025 as "Play the Organ Year", the object being to raise awareness and appreciation of the organ and its versatility as an instrument and encourage more people to try their hands at it and even learn it in earnest. This was a national initiative, which churches throughout the country were invited to take up. The Patron was the renowned organist, choral director and broadcaster Anna Lapwood MBE. The RCO reported "record-breaking participation across this year-long initiative", with over 10,000 people attending 149 UK-based events. What excellent news! Among these activities, our Organist, Dave Miller, put together an excellent event here at St. Mary's on 27th September 2025. He gave a most interesting and informative presentation, with slides, about the working of the organ and how it developed, and answered questions from attendees. He and Oliver Matley (Assistant Organist) played some pieces, too. Finally, attendees were given the opportunity to try their hands on both our wonderful main organ, and on our small chamber organ kindly donated by Dan Ruge-Cope (a bass in our choir and former employee of Noel Mander Organs). Dave remained on hand for guidance as required, and refreshments were provided. All-in-all, this was a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon which was well supported.

As always, the choir's commitment and responsiveness are very much appreciated, as is the versatility of Dave Miller, Oliver Matley and Keith Wiseman, in their dual roles of organist and singer. Julian has also been glad for Keith to direct certain items at services and to take rehearsals in Julian's occasional absence. Special thanks are also due to Heather Hawkes, Lyn Galbraith and Gillian Hilton, our three soprano soloists. We also remain most grateful to Richard Osborn whenever he is able to join us in services for choir items, and to him, Dave, Oliver, and also Julia Jones for their roles as cantors. Last but not least, we are most grateful to Julia's uncle, Kevin Jones, whenever he is visiting her and is able to sing with us. He is a valuable addition to the tenors on such occasions.

We look forward to another enjoyable and rewarding year of music-making.

Julian Zerfahs
Director of Music

Knit and Natter Group

The group continues to flourish, having met nine times, averaging seven attendees each time. We also have several people who are unable to attend but knit from home. New members are always welcome as are donations of surplus wool of double weight yarn. Meetings are held in the choir vestry on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) from 12 – 1.30 pm.

Completed items are donated to various charities accepting knitted goods. We donate hats to the Whitechapel Mission which supports homeless people, but most items go to Knit for Peace, who distribute abroad to countries i.e. Ukraine and Sudan, but also where there is a need in the UK, notably Glasgow and Bradford. On four occasions this year group members took suitcases full of blankets, baby clothes, hats and scarves to Knit for Peace in Hampstead. The group continues to look for other local charities with a need for hand knitted goods.

Just now, there is a demand for baby clothes, socks, gloves and single/double knitted blankets so if you think you could make some of these please let me know.

Heather Hawkes

Watchers and Welcomers Report

We welcomed two new members this year, Sue Grey in June and Anne Mitcheson in September and said good-bye to Thelma Sillis in December after 14 years' unremitting dedication on the rota. There are 22 active members, but please let me know if you are interested in joining us as there is always space for one or two more on the rota.

Panic alarm pendants were introduced in December and one should be worn while on duty. They are located on a wall in the office/kitchen but it may need the help of your Watching and Welcoming partner to release same from its housing.

Since January, visiting numbers approximated 50. Many came to light candles, some to look around or make an enquiry and others to sit in contemplation while absorbing the peacefulness of our beautiful church. Thank you, Watchers and Welcomers, for making this possible.

Heather Hawkes

Easyfundraising

Over the four quarters since the last APCM on 18th May 2025 we have been paid £104.78 with about £20 due to be paid early in May 2026, so I would like to thank our 10 active supporters for their continued support.

Since we joined easyfundraising a total of £1,654.75 has been received with £18.30 ready for payment and a further £67.72 not yet approved for payment at the middle of April 2026.

The good news is it has not cost our supporters a penny!

Currently payments are supporting the Lighting Fund for the recently installed lighting system which enhances our worship and has cut our costs and carbon footprint.

Donations raised by our on-line shoppers continue to be an important contribution, so please keep up the great work! We have lost two active supporters this year, so, if you shop on the internet, please join us and encourage family and friends to do the same.

easyfundraising has over 6,000 shops and retail sites which will donate a percentage of your spend to us at no extra cost to yourself.

To support us go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryspottersbar> and click on "Support this cause".

Then add the "Donation Reminder" to your browser, to be reminded to collect the donation.

Elizabeth Liney



2nd Potters Bar (St Mary's) Brownies – 2025 Report

We started the year with a Brownie trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage to see the pantomime, Peter Pan. We had a packed lunch before the show and we even got a mention during the show!

During the year we have worked on a variety of our themed skills builders and unit meeting activities across all 6 of the Girlguiding themes set out below. Activities during 2025 included:

- Express myself: communication skills through acting, drawing, speech and expression and communication through the use of emojis – creating our own emojis, and how to beat the nerves when presenting or speaking in public.
- Space themed activities: learning about the planets, looking at the star formations, learning how astronauts train and designing our own astronaut suit – gaining our Space badge
- Visit to Bayfordbury observatory: to view the moon and stars through the university telescopes. Students talked to us about the solar system and had time in the planetarium.
- World Thinking Day: learning about Guiding history and doing some traditional Girlguiding activities
- Easter games and activities
- Grow your own badge: planning/growing sunflower plants, decorating plant pots, designing their dream garden and making miniature gardens in a box lid
- Feel good: activities on the importance of sleep and how to keep calm before bed, what to eat and drink and what not to eat and drink; importance of water – made a measured water bottle showing how much we should drink each hour, organs in our body and what they do and exercising muscles
- Made bottle mansions for insects and learned about the different insects
- Sport: Brownies talked about the sports they love and invented their own games/sports, finishing the summer term with our own sports day
- Budgeting exercise which involved a visit to Tesco with a small budget for purchasing items for the Harvest Festival collection at St Mary's
- Celebrations: we talked about the events we celebrate and celebrated Diwali with some Diwali crafts
- Bead art: made pictures out of beads but the colours were determined by the things they loved to do at Brownies – rating the activities: such as pantomime, badges, brownie holidays, games etc.
- Animals: learning about endangered animals and what more could be done
- Food art: made pictures out of fruit and veg
- Christmas games and activities.

In addition to the above, we have taken part in District and Community events: St Georges' Day parade, silent disco, carnival, Remembrance Day Parade, Harvest Festival and other Parade services at St Mary's,. We welcomed a further 7 new Brownies during 2025, saw 4 move up to Guides and celebrated 5 Brownies achieving their Brownie Bronze Award.

Wendy Hardy

2nd Potters Bar (St Mary's) Brownie Guider

6 Themes of the Guiding programme

Know myself



Express myself



Be Well



Have Adventures



Take Action



Skills for my
Future

