

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Sunday 19th April 2026**

5 (iv) Report on fabric, goods and ornaments of the church 2025

1. Work to the church fabric continues to be on a 'needs must' basis, i.e. responding to issues as they arise. We do not have the funds to address any substantial works. Many of the urgent recommendations contained in the last Quinquennial Inspection (May 2021) have been attended to, but most are of a recurring nature (roofing, slates, guttering, gullies, plant growth around the building, climbing plants and weed growth). Others which were slightly longer terms (1-2 years) (timber work, copings to external walls, verge pointing, improved gullies below each down pipe, external paintwork) have not been attended to. The next inspection is due in 2026.
2. Work to the church building and grounds that has been undertaken this year has included:
 - Installation of new rear entrance ramp, railings on the external wall and handrail, was completed in May 2025 – this work cost £4510 plus VAT and was carried out by Crofter Construction Ltd. A grant of 60% was provided by the Diocese under the Minor Repairs and Improvement Scheme (MRI). The work included an inspection hatch, to provide access to the foul drain below
 - Installation of new railings to North Door, completed in April 2025 - this work cost £1325 plus VAT, and again was grant aided at 60% by the Diocese
 - Clearing of all guttering, and some repair where required
 - Reaffixing of slipped slates
 - Removal of loose plaster and flaking paintwork in many parts of the church
 - Work to some lead flashings
 - Jet washing of rear entrance area and cellar steps
 - Replacement of nave floodlighting in October at a cost of £857
 - Rebuilding of boundary wall at the junction of Church Street and Cross Street
3. Outstanding works include:
 - Internal painting, starting with the Choir Vestry; there is still some sign of damp here
 - Repair to floorboards and joists in northwest corner (where the fridge was previously located)
 - The main doorway
 - The back doors
 - The four dormer windows and the bell tower (which will require scaffolding)
 - Attention to the boundary walls, including removal of ivy, and some repointing
 - Clearance of the garden
4. Working parties, which are organised by Ann Lucas, have been meeting monthly (third Saturday) and have been very effective, dealing with, amongst many other things, plaster, Choir Vestry clearance, flaking paintwork, the kitchen, clearing undergrowth and trees on north side, general garden and landscaping maintenance.

Simon Hurrell
10th April 2026

Additional items

1. Installation of the defibrillator at no cost to the church except for power, which I understand is minimal.
2. The gas boilers were serviced and subsequently repaired. The main gas boiler in the church is coming to the end of its life and will need replacing soon. However, we cannot replace like for like. The Fabric Committee and PCC have been looking at the alternatives which unfortunately are all much more expensive than just a new boiler.
3. The fire extinguishers were checked and where necessary updated.

4. PAT testing and electrical supply testing is **still** outstanding due to a reluctance of contractors to take up the work, despite extensive searching locally.
5. During the summer Archdeacon Nicky Fenton and I met to discuss/check on the building, ecclesiastical contents as well as hopes and plans for the future (called Archdeacon's Visitation), through logs and records kept by the Wardens, Treasurer and PCC. Nicky was happy with how things were going.

Many thanks to all those who clean the church week by week and keep the wardens aware of issues they find. Many thanks too, to everyone who has attended the monthly working parties - a great deal has been achieved and I hope those attending have enjoyed fellowship as well.

Ann Lucas
18th April 2026

5 (v) Report on proceedings of the Peak Deanery Synod 2025

Dates of meetings held at Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, Wednesday 2nd July 2025, Wednesday 12th November 2025

Area Dean – Rev'd Dr David Mundy (retired 31st July 2025)

Assistant Area Deans – Rev'd Mark Griffin; Rev'd Louise Petheram; Rev'd Fiona Kouble (from 2025)

Lay Chair – Canon Nikki Goodhew

2025 Peak Deanery Synod

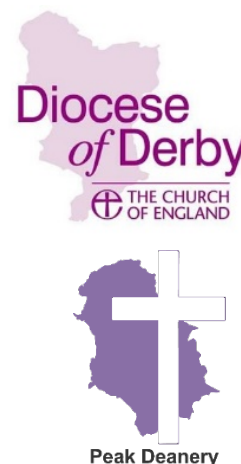
House of Laity

Number of Representatives as per Diocesan Formula – 76

Number of elected Representatives – 45

House of Clergy

Number of clergy: 19



Synod 2nd April 2025

At our April meeting Nikki invited us to consider questions of pastoral care, including what is distinctive about Christian pastoral care, how it is organised in our parishes, and where the boundaries are between what we do as friends and what we do as church members. A lively discussion ensued! We also said goodbye to Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven prior to his retirement, and David spoke warmly about the many ways that Tony had provided leadership and support to parishes, the Deanery and the Archdeaconry over many years.

Synod 2nd July 2025

For this Synod meeting we were joined by Mandy Cornwall, Headteacher of St Andrew's C of E Junior School in Hadfield, and Liz Seymour, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education. Mandy led our opening worship and then talked about the difference being a church school makes, and about the MACAWS project in St Andrew's School which supports pupil wellbeing and mental health. Liz asked us to think about our church's mission with schools, and how churches and schools can work together in partnership. Later in the meeting we agreed the Deanery accounts for 2024 and the budget for 2026. We also welcomed Fiona as an Assistant Area Dean, and although David was unable to be with us we thanked him for his contributions to the Deanery over many years and wished him well for his retirement, which Nikki conveyed to him after the meeting.

Synod 12th November 2025

We welcomed Alison Fletcher from Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy to our November meeting to talk about the work of the chaplaincy, and some of the issues facing the agricultural sector in our diocese and how we can support it. We then split into small groups to discuss our parish's links with the farming community, and these discussions were then shared together. Mark also congratulated Nikki on her appointment as a lay canon of Derby Cathedral, and we heard a cautionary tale from one parish urging us to check our electrical systems are suitable before installing new appliances or heating systems!

At the end of 2025 we were still waiting for the appointment of a new Area Dean, and in February 2026 it was announced that Rev'd Fiona Kouble would be taking on this role. We look forward to welcoming Fiona as Area Dean at our next Deanery Synod meeting.

Canon Nikki Goodhew, Lay Chair
February 2026