

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
MIDSOMER NORTON**

**ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

for the year ending 31st December 2025

Incumbent: Rev Guy C Scott

Bank: NatWest

Independent Examiner: Mr M Maidment

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Background

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Guy Scott, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC are either *ex officio* or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	Rev Guy Scott	Chairman
Associate Priest:	Rev Philip Hopper	
Churchwardens: up to APCM 2025	Mrs Hilary Denning Mrs Pat Clynes	Vice-chairman Vice-chairman
Churchwardens: after APCM 2025	Mrs Hilary Denning Mrs Pat Clynes	Vice-chairman Vice-chairman
Deanery Synod Representatives: up to APCM 2025	Hilary Denning, Carol Moore	
Deanery Synod Representatives: after APCM 2025	Hilary Denning, Carol Moore	
Elected members: up to APCM 2025	Linda Broadhurst, Robert Broughton, Sally Curtis Lesley Garvey, Kay Harvey, Heather Hill, Margaret Marshall, Ann Munton, Kaj Scarsbrook	
Elected members: after APCM 2025	Linda Broadhurst, Robert Broughton, Sally Curtis, Lesley Garvey, Kay Harvey, Heather Hill, Margaret Marshall, Ann Munton, Kaj Scarsbrook	
Treasurer	Kay Harvey	
Secretary	Margaret Marshall	
Safeguarding Officer	Ann Munton	

The PCC is in the process of adopting the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England

Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. There has to be a minimum of five members, the incumbent and church wardens being *ex officio*. It is usual to have the PCC treasurer and secretary on the Standing Committee. The committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Standing Committee members
up to APCM 2025

Rev Guy Scott,
Pat Clynes, Hilary Denning,
Kay Harvey, Margaret Marshall

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Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

2025 was the year in which a new Electoral Roll had to be compiled. There are 78 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 19 are not resident in the parish.

The Churchwardens are asked to count their congregations annually and also assess the number of regular attenders. In 2025 the number of regular churchgoers was assessed at 98. These figures partially establish the Parish Share to the Diocesan Common Fund. The other factor is self-assessed ability to pay. It was agreed that we should be in Category D. (Evenly placed – mid point)

Safeguarding

A review of safeguarding activity at St John's in 2025.

DBS Checks

DBS checks carried out in 2025	2 (1 enhanced, 1 basic)
DBS checks due but not yet carried out	0

Safeguarding Training

Training Course	No. of people completed training 2025
Safeguarding Basic Awareness	5
Safeguarding Foundation	8
Safeguarding Leadership	0
Domestic Abuse	3
Safer Recruitment and People Management	0

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Review of the Year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year and there was also 1 extraordinary meeting. The average attendance was 80%. The Standing Committee met on 5 occasions between PCC meetings. Minutes of these meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Business matters covered, Finance, Parish Share, Church Hall, Open & Closed Churchyards, the Parish Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety, St John's School, Parish Office, Parish Giving Scheme, Church Clock Repair and the Launchpad Initiative.

The work on the church clock was completed in January. The hour change for BST in March and back to GMT in October is now done automatically rather than manually as previously.

Social events arranged during the year included, Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea for Patronal Festival, Gift Day, Monuments and Memories and tower tours on Heritage Day and a Christmas stall in church when the building was open during December

The bells were rung to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE day.

A plant stall was again held at Midsomer Norton Town Fayre

Father Guy was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the East Mendip Trinity Benefice

Financial Statements (see separate sheets)

Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Churchwardens)

Last year we completed our usual maintenance tasks to ensure that we are safe and legal.

Fire extinguishers were found to be satisfactory and PAT testing has been completed.

A few small repairs have been made in Church i.e. the wobbly shelf in the Tower room has been removed and cupboard doors in the Sanctuary have been eased.

The gutters on the roof have been regularly cleared of fallen leaves and debris and held up reasonably well despite heavier than normal rainfall this spring.

The boilers in the church, vestry and church hall were serviced in the summer and found to be in good order. Now that the clock is clean and in good working order an annual service has been established to maintain its good condition.

The fluorescent lighting in the Tower room has been replaced with more efficient LED lighting making it much brighter.

The Church hall has had a makeover. The floor has been stripped, cleaned and re-varnished professionally, the walls and ceiling have been re-taped and freshly painted. Some electrics have been updated and the boiler thermostat replaced too. A faulty fire door has also been repaired and now is fully functional and secure.

We have been very grateful to the payback team who have cleared an unsightly spoil heap in the centre of the open Churchyard and tidied the car park of invasive shrubs. They have cleared slippery algae and moss from the paths on the north and east sides of the church, making entering and leaving the church via the vestry much safer.

The Churchyard gardening team continue to make steady progress in clearing very overgrown areas in the open churchyard and are uncovering many graves which were hitherto unreachable. This work will continue.

All else is in good order, pending the Quinquennial report.

Deanery Synod Report

There were three Deanery Synod meetings during the year.

An act of worship takes place at each meeting. This is led in turn by each benefice in the Deanery. We then learn of any events in which they are participating. An update is given regarding our finances.

We hear of good news stories throughout the Deanery.

These might include the success of the Deanery Alpha course; what is happening at the Radstock site of Bath College; the Deanery deployment plan; the Somer Valley Foodbank; growing our churches by net one a year a report from Diocesan Synod and the Parish Share

The 2025 Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Rev G C Scott

Date

