



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH YELVERTOFT

All for Jesus



ANNUAL REPORTS

2025 - 2026

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PCC SECRETARY

The PCC continues to meet regularly. Each meeting is preceded by a prayer for God's guidance in the work that we do. The PCC will continue to meet regularly over the coming year.

Meetings follow a regular agenda with members of the PCC giving updates, detailing the activities required to keep the Church open for the whole community. Any major initiatives or repair work requires the approval of the PCC. In addition to overseeing the Church finances and looking after the fabric of the building, the PCC supports the wider work and outreach of our Church.

Regular agenda items include:

- Church Wardens' Report – church management
- General correspondence
- Treasurer's Report – church finances
- Church fund raising and events
- Services and Choir
- Children's Work – including blessing our school
- Safeguarding
- Reports from the Deanery Synod

The PCC worked with our other churches in the Benefice to approve an updated Benefice Statement to advertise for a new Rector following Rev. Graeme's retirement on 31 March 2025. Members of the PCC will join the selection panel for a new Rector in 2026.

PCC members have been actively involved in maintaining regular Sunday services during the interregnum, often led by our Reader or church wardens. The church has been opened every day by the church wardens.

Fundraising in 2026 included a successful Ladies' Fashion Show, a coffee morning in the Reading Room and the Village Fete in September, which were all well supported.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has supported the Church and its events over the past year, contributing their time and money to make them a success.

We believe that our Church is an important part of our community and encourage everyone to join us in fellowship as we strengthen our faith.

Sandra Odell
PCC Secretary

April 2026

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ANNUAL CHURCH WARDEN'S AND FABRIC REPORT 2025/26

- We have this year seen No weddings this year, 1 baptism and very sadly 5 funerals, with 1 internment of ashes for the Helliwell Family.
 - Figures for attendance at Services are difficult to correlate from the point that Services change now and again but I have listed these below April – April these will be slightly different to what appears in the Statistics for Mission returns which run from December - December.
 - Sung Holy Communion average 20.37
 - Songs of Praise 15.91
 - Sung Morning Prayer 15.58
 - All Age Service 13.22
 - UB 81
 - Remembrance 54
 - Carol Service 66
 - Crib Service 18
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- The variety of Services held in the Church continue to be well supported even though illnesses have presented themselves for certain periods of time and are at times reducing our numbers.
 - Our joint Benefice services have been well supported, links with Jim and Jan at the Chapel continues to grow and offers joint Services for both congregations together with outdoor worship events.
 - Our extended links with the School and Barbara Brazier attending and leading school activities which continue to grow through services after school clubs and support to the staff through generous giving of baked and other food goodies on a regular monthly basis.
 - Aileen and I will be attending the Churchwardens licensing service later this year. Statistics for Mission 2025 and Articles of Enquiry 2025 have been completed and returned.
 - Small items in the last Quinquennial inspection have been dealt with using local businesses. Regular inspections of the organ have been carried out by Peter Spencer all electrical repairs and fire inspections have been undertaken.
 - Sadly, we have at the moment appeared to have lost the help and assistance of the West Northamptonshire Community Payback Scheme in our churchyard maintenance. I have been advised that this is still due to a lack of resources and funding issues.

- Finally, I would like to thank not only Aileen and David but all team Yelvertoft for their support in the last 12 months, and to all who contribute to the smooth running of our Church. We have a dedicated team that always seem to pull together, we are indebted to Rev Alison our Rural Dean, John Rogers and Lynda Collins for their support in ensuring that we have had Clergy cover for our Communion Services during the Interregnum, our lay readers, choir, organists, bellringers, readers, intercessors, caterers, flower arrangers, John Parker for mowing a large area of the Churchyard, Andrew Hutley for his constant support with our sound system and his organ advice, and those who I may have missed.
- Please let us pray for the applicant for the vacancy, who will be touring the Benefice on the 20th April and be interviewed on the 21st, and hope that they are successful and lead us forward in our Worship

Michael Larder

Church Warden

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH YELVERTOFT BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2025

The bellringers have kept the bells turning over regular on Friday practice and most important Sunday Service

Practice nights have been supported well from visitors from various villages and appreciate the help from those who attend.

Sunday Services are rung for every week from our benefice band sometimes help from others if we are short.

The clock is wound regular by me every week and a big thank you to Colin Sim from Lutterworth for keeping it serviced for no charge.

Various quarter peals were rung over the year either from locals or visiting bands.

Thank you to you the congregation and village for your support very much appreciated.

On a personal note, a big thank you for your thoughts and prayers for Dorothy who is very much missed in the Church and Belfry but always asks after everyone. God Bless.

David Westerman Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH YELVERTOFT
PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Safeguarding
is Everyone's Responsibility**

Safeguarding is discussed at every PCC meeting. The Role of Safeguarding Officer will pass from Lorna Taylor to Sandra Odell following the APCM.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH YELVERTOFT CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES MINISTRY

Barbara Brazier

Barbara Brazier is due to finish her DipHE in Theology, mission, and ministry with a specialism in children's and family's ministry in July 2026. During her placement she has grown in her ministry and her own faith. Since Rev Jo left us, she has taken on the leadership of Shepherds delight and joined the assemblies' team at Yelvertoft Primary School. She has taken on roles as the need has arisen to continue family engagement and school relationships. Thank you to the benefice for supporting her in her placement.

Shepherds delight

Shepherds delight is an after-school group in Yelvertoft primary school and has 25 children on the register with a regular attendance of 20. We have a snack, short bible story, and craft. We use stories from children's bibles or use a theme such as love. We are grateful for the use of Yelvertoft school. Mrs Servent the headteacher is retiring in August and we are grateful for her support and wish her the best moving forward. We have four team members who we couldn't run the group without. Many thanks for their support.

School assemblies

We are lucky that both Crick and Yelvertoft primary schools invite us to school to carry out assemblies. Ray leads the team in Crick and Barbara works with the independent Chapel to provide assemblies in Yelvertoft. This helps us have good relationships with both schools and we are grateful for their invitation. Thank you to those on both teams.