

REIGATE PARISH CHURCH WITH THE HEATH CHURCH Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 28th April 2026 in the Church

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO APPOINT CHURCHWARDENS

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Election of Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Introduction to those standing for Deanery Synod and PCC
3. Elections to Deanery Synod and to the PCC
4. Minutes of APCM 2025 (taken as read)
5. Matters Arising
6. Vicar's Report – Richard Wilson
7. Treasurer's Report & presentation of audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025 – Peter Wilson
8. Questions / Discussion
9. Churchwardens' Report – Leslie Jackson / Nick Rayner
10. Update on 'Taking Part'
11. Closing time of prayer

YEAR IN REVIEW 2026

VICAR'S REPORT APCM 2026

It's now just under eight years since Tory and I arrived in Reigate and moved into the vicarage on Church Street.

It's a great house and I can still remember what it was like when we first arrived. Everything was freshly painted, and clean, and ready. The garden had been cut back, the lawn neatly mowed. It felt like a new beginning, and we remain deeply thankful for the warmth of the welcome we received.

But homes that are lived in don't stay pristine for long. Eight years on, things are inevitably a little different. Outside, we've reshaped parts of the garden, planted new borders, and created spaces to enjoy being outdoors. Inside, we've updated colours, opened up rooms to improve the flow of the house, and – like most families – seem to move furniture around more often than we expected.

It's not a house we own – we are just stewards of it – but we've sought to adapt it for each new season: making space for family life, for hospitality, for celebration – like Hebe's wedding – and for all that life has brought.

At the same time everything is now eight years older. The garage needs clearing. The shed needs fixing. The side gate has a panel missing. Some rooms are a little too full of things we no longer use. There are signs of wear – areas that need attention, renewal, and care. I have a long to-do list.

And of course, it's not just the house that has changed – our lives have too.

When we first arrived, both our children were still at home. Now they've left – to Hastings and Bristol. Hebe is married, and now a mother – and we've become grandparents.

The shape of life changes. The needs of life shift over time.

We don't talk about it quite so much anymore but there was also the way that COVID impacted life for us all – our habits, our rhythms, our sense of connection. And if we're honest, it seems it has taken time to rebuild, to recover energy, to rediscover a sense of momentum that was lost during these challenging years.

And as I've reflected on it, it's struck me that this story about our home is actually a pretty good picture of our church life together these past eight years.

I arrived a few years after the most significant renovation and reordering that the church had experienced for decades, perhaps even longer. And since then we have lived through a mixture of seasons – times of significant **innovation and development** – creating new opportunities and ways of doing things; and there have also been times that have needed to be more **about care and renewal** – revisiting what we already do, strengthening what already exists, ensuring it remains healthy and fit for each season we are in. And of course there was COVID and the post-COVID years too.

There has been planting, and sowing and reaping, and there has been weeding, feeding and watering.

Through it all, it has been deeply encouraging to see how we have grown – not just in activity, but in maturity. We have been developing a clearer sense of who we are and why we are here: **to make disciples in anticipation of the coming Kingdom**. And across all the complexity of church life – innovation, pastoral care,

safeguarding, administration – there has been a steady, faithful work of God among us.

And I look back with so much thanks – especially over the last year. **We have been seeing God at work among us** and there is so much to be grateful for in 2025. Again and again, we have seen that our vision – to see God change lives, families, and churches – is not just words on paper or something we long for, but something we are seeing happen in real time and tangible ways, right in front of our eyes. Here in Reigate, here in our own young people, and from here to Merstham – where the team we sent are seeing wonderful things open up – God has been at work.

At St Mary's and the Heath it is such a joy to be able to welcome new people – some from other churches, many with little or no church background. We have seen the numbers at our 8.30 service grow steadily this last year. We've seen young people growing in faith, asking deep questions, stepping forward with courage. We've shared in baptisms, in reaffirmations, in significant moments of prayer, and in the steady, faithful work of discipleship in our small groups and life groups.

And behind all of this is you – the people of this church – the body of Jesus doing its thing. I am so thankful.

Thank you to those who lead and serve on the PCC and committees, giving time, wisdom, and care to guide the life of the church. A special thank you to the Churchwarden team, and particularly to **Leslie Jackson** who has served as Churchwarden over the last 6 years so fantastically.

- Thank you to our staff team, who give themselves so generously week by week. We especially remember Josh on Sabbatical and pray for him tonight as we give thanks for his beautiful, humble service – but I give thanks for them all.
- Thank you to our children's and youth leaders, who are helping raise a generation in faith – both midweek and on Sundays – from the tiniest of our little children to the tallest of the teenagers.
- Thank you to life group leaders, pastoral carers, prayer leaders, cooks, welcomers, musicians, tech teams, hospitality teams, cleaners, gardeners, administrators, and everyone who wonderfully keeps things going, swaps on rotas, goes the extra mile and shares the load, often invisibly behind the scenes.
- Thank you to every one of you who takes part financially, sacrificially, and faithfully.
- And thank you to all of you who simply show up – who pray, who love, who belong.

This is not just an organisation. **This is family. And I am so thankful.**

But here is the question I find myself asking: Are we simply going to continue maintaining what we already have... or are we ready to step into even more of what God is now opening before us?

Over the last six months or so, Tory and I have been sensing a shift. It no longer feels that we are rebuilding after covid disruption. We are no longer simply

strengthening what already exists. It feels that we are being invited into a new season of growth, mission, and responsibility.

And if this is true then the question is not only mine – it is ours: Are we simply going to continue maintaining what we already have... or are we ready to step into even more of what God is now opening before us?

Do you sense the shift? The sense of unity and community, of growth, of depth, of enjoyment? It no longer feels like we are rebuilding. It no longer feels like we are simply maintaining. It feels like we are at the beginning of a new season – not starting from scratch – but building on what is already good and strong. Yes, renewing what is tired, or anything that needs a refresh and a lick of paint perhaps, but intentionally stepping forward into something that is beginning to take shape.

There is growing depth it seems. There is increasing openness – within the church, and even in our wider culture. A quiet but real spiritual hunger – and every week we have new people turning up.

And when you bring those things together – a strengthening church, and a searching culture – that is not something to ignore. It is an opportunity.

But with opportunity comes responsibility.

There are always real challenges that face us. Some things need attention. Some patterns need strengthening. But if we are not intentional, it would be easy to drift – to stay busy but not actually move forward.

So, the question before us is not whether God is at work. The question is how we will respond. And it's from that perspective that I want to reflect briefly on last year and look ahead together to coming year (and a bit beyond).

LOOKING BACK OVER 2025 SEEING GOD AT WORK

One of the clearest themes of the past year has been **growth** – not just in numbers, but in **depth of connection and relationship**.

In a culture that is increasingly polarised and individualistic we should not underestimate the experience we have enjoyed of **relationship** and community – even if there is yet more to grow into. On **Sundays**, from the start of the year we traced the story of Jesus – the Messiah – and what it means to follow him. Not as an abstract idea, but as a living, demanding, joyful reality. Together we spent time learning what it means to live in the 'present age' in light of the kingdom that is still to come. We explored our vulnerabilities and we sought to deepen a ministry of prayer and encounter. It's been fantastic to see how small groups and life group membership has been steadily growing and to see leaders meeting for encouragement and support.

Among our **children and young people**, I think it has been another remarkable year. Here we are seeing a beautiful work of God. Here there is a hunger for God, a curiosity, a willingness to engage – and it's been deeply encouraging to see more young people stepping into Communion, into worship, into the life of the church. The average age of our 6.30 service is probably in the 30s, even with old people like me there. Our Sunday groups continue to thrive and flourish, and I know how grateful we all are for all that **Mandy Childs** has brought us over the last three and half years since she started overseeing the work with our 6–11year-olds. I am so

thankful for the way she has embraced the work, led the teams, and helped us develop our All Together services. As we look forward to welcoming **Jess Worsley** to be our Children's and Families' Minister, we are so grateful all that Mandy (and Mark) have and will continue to bring to our church life.

Another specific and joyful highlight was our **Big Weekend Away** in October with Rachel Turner as our visiting speaker. It was wonderful that 200 of us took the risk to celebrate and learn together, across generations, growing not just as individuals but as a *people*. I don't know anyone who didn't feel the benefit from it. It felt like something shifted – that sense that we are not just attending church but of *becoming the church together*. It is wonderful to be able to announce that we have booked the same hotel for 18th – 19th March 2028.

But of course, being church is not special occasions, it is more weekly and annual rhythms of commitment and care and prayer and worship. And I sense that something good is going on. Across the year, through life groups, prayer gatherings, social spaces, and pastoral care, we've seen something deepen: **a growing sense of belonging** – caring for each other through illness, grief and challenge. Encouraging each other to participate and cheering each other on.

Outwardly, while there is so much more to anticipate and grow into, we've continued to look beyond ourselves – supporting mission partners, investing in new initiatives like **the CAP debt centre**, and working alongside other churches and local social projects as individuals and small groups – such as the Night Shelter, Renewed Hope, Sparkfish, Street Pastors, Stripey Stork, prison work and more.

Behind the scenes, underpinning all our work are our fantastic administration, facilities, and finance teams. **Catherine Farrow**, who has been at the centre of it all for many years has moved on to a new role and we are so grateful for her dedication and commitment supporting us all.

WHO WE ARE BECOMING

Given all this, perhaps we could rightly say that God is forming us into a people marked by presence, belonging, participation, and growth.

- A people who dwell in God's presence – increasingly asking to be filled by his Spirit
- A people who belong to one another as family – committed through the deep challenges of life and caring for one another in beautiful ways.
- A people who participate, not spectate – a people who feel they belong and act as if they do – taking part as fully as they can.
- A people who are growing into maturity in Christ – looking for ways to grow in faith and deepen faith.

Of course, as I reflect I long for more growth in each of these areas and I am eagerly praying for it week in and week out, but I am encouraged in what I see, and I want to cheer it on even more. And that leads us to where we're going.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT FEW YEARS

If this is the moment we are in – not rebuilding, but being invited forward – then the question becomes: How will we step into it? Moments like this matter. They are easy to miss. Easy to half-embrace. But if we are attentive, these are the moments God uses to shape the future of a church.

Perhaps what we need is not simply more activity – but greater clarity. Not just enthusiasm – but direction. Not just a few people responding – but all of us discerning our part to play.

And as I have prayed and reflected, **four priorities** have emerged – not as new ideas, but as the natural next step of what God is already doing among us as we seek to continue to build intentionally on all that's happening.

1. DEEPENING COMMUNITY AND FAMILY

Continuing to lean into the call to fellowship and commitment, I am convinced that we want to carry on seeking to be a church where no one slips through the cracks, where all people are known, loved, and supported, and where all the generations are not separated, or clumped, but woven together into one large fabric.

That means continuing to grow **life groups**, leaning into more **inter-generational events** and creating more spaces of connection, supporting families facing the challenge of special needs, and further strengthening our **pastoral care** – Why? So that we truly *love one another as family*.

2. STRENGTHENING DISCIPLESHIP

This is not new, but it remains vital. Church is the plural of disciple. And our calling, until Jesus returns, is to make and grow apprentices of the master. A church that grows numerically but not spiritually and relationally with Jesus will not last. Only a church that makes mature disciples, mature in faith, will bear fruit for generations.

And so, as new people come – especially those new to faith – we need to be ready. Not just to welcome, but to **form**.

With this in mind, this autumn, Simon Russell is looking to launch a year-long programme to help establish people in the foundations of Christian faith and life. This is all part of us developing a clearer, more **intentional pathway of discipleship** – a way of helping people move from first encounter with Jesus into a life of deep, rooted, lasting faith.

In addition, as Jess Worsley joins the Children's and Youth Team, we will be looking to support parents further, for example through a new Parenting for Faith course and running marriage and relationship courses supporting family life.

Further strengthening our 'culture of discipleship' we will once again be supporting some of our young people through a **New Wine discipleship year** and we are actively developing plans to become a **New Wine Discipleship Hub** in 2027 hosting young people from St Mary's and from the Southeast and offering teaching and mentoring.

3. GROWING IN MISSION AND OUTREACH

As I look ahead an area of specific focus for the next season is **mission and outreach**. Across the church, across different stages and ages, activities and groups, I think we can sense that God is opening doors in our community as he is across the nation. It seems that there is a renewed spiritual hunger in our culture. Given this we want to be ready.

As we move beyond Pentecost this coming year and look ahead to the years ahead let's join together to pray for us to grow significantly as a church on mission.

This might mean the following:

<i>What</i>	<i>How</i>
Being more intentional in evangelism and becoming better equipped in sharing our faith.	Planning a mission-oriented season of teaching and encouragement from September
Reinvesting in our families work and the opportunities for engagement and faith sharing.	Making more of our Toddler Café and Tots' Praise and to explore re-launching a holiday club in the extended October holiday
Creating clearer ways for more people to explore faith not just through Alpha.	Trialling 'The Word One to One' and '321 course' as fresh tools for faith sharing
Develop our use of social media and our website	Making better use of online communication to help share our story
Increasing our investment in local outreach	Being involved in the new CAP debt centre, hosting a 'local engagement' Sunday each Autumn, and developing a regular 'Local Bulletin'
Partnering with London City Mission to inspire and energise our own local mission	Inviting a speaker one Sunday and exploring a more formal partnership to help us learn from their experience
Continuing to participate in God's mission through our existing global partners	Reviewing key partnerships and maintaining our programme of communication and learning

As we all know the church was created to carry the message of Jesus' resurrection, ascension and return to the end of the earth and to call all nations into discipleship to Jesus as Lord. As we pray for the Spirit to fill us again, we seek his power to equip us to share this beautiful gospel with love and to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within us.

As William Temple famously said, "The church is the one organisation that doesn't exist for themselves. It exists for those who are not yet part of the family."

4. CALLING EVERYONE TO TAKE PART

Lastly, we will continue to deepen the theme of participation – in Christ, in his body, and in his mission. This vision is not for a few – it's for all of us.

We know that the future of this church will not be built by a handful of leaders, but by a whole people responding to God together.

Given this, building on the 'Take Part' campaign launched in early 2026, in the coming year, we'll continue to be encouraging one another to consider how we can *take part* – in serving, in giving, in praying, in stepping into the life and mission of the church.

Concluding summary

The question is not whether God is at work. The question is whether we will recognise the moment and take our place in it.

So, as we stand at this moment, let's be encouraged. God is indeed at work among us and through us. Lives are being changed. Something is growing among us.

And as we look ahead, let us remind ourselves that our calling remains the same: to be a community, a family of brothers and sisters, formed around Jesus, growing across generations, and giving ourselves away for the sake of others.

Let's step into this next season together.

With gratitude for all that has been. With clarity about what lies ahead. And with confidence that God will continue to lead us.

And in this way, we pray, God will continue to use us to change lives, families, and churches, again and again. Amen.

Rev Richard Wilson | Vicar

TREASURER'S REPORT

The finance team at St Marys remains on a firm footing, a well-established team, with the addition of a new Treasurer. **Peter Wilson** joined as Treasurer in March 2025. We are very appreciative that **Mark Randall** (our previous Treasurer) has continued to provide invaluable support with the year-end accounts and audit. We are extremely grateful for **Laura Juden-Wills**, who is our part-time finance assistant in the church office and handles all day-to-day finance activity. We remain grateful for **Ian Capper** for his extensive contributions across a range of finance activities including both day to day payment run approvals as well as support in the annual budgeting, accounts and audit processes. **Deirdre**

Hucklebridge continues to give her time so generously to support the Heath Church finances. **Alastair Rubie** oversees the investment reviews for our investable balance sheet assets.

The finance team administer the day to day running of the Church accounts. They also provide information to the PCC in the form of management accounts, the annual budget and updated forecasts to ensure the PCC can fulfil its governance obligations as Trustees of the Charity.

The annual accounts for 2025 have been audited and will be presented at the APCM. A copy is posted on the Church website called 'Annual Accounts 2025'.

A summary of the financial position can be found in the Annual Report on pages 8-9 under the title 'Financial Review of the year' and is summarised as follows:

- In our budget projections for 2025 we anticipated that our expenditure would exceed income by £73k (unrestricted funds) therefore creating a budget deficit. Due to a combination of lower than anticipated staffing costs, a 3% increase in giving (having budgeted for a 5% reduction), an increase in lettings income and some facilities related reimbursement we finished the year in surplus by c£30k (unrestricted funds), a significant improvement against the budget.
- At the end of the year our general reserve was at a healthy £272k representing approximately 4 months of running costs.
- Our total income for the year was £798k compared to £735k in 2024.
- Our largest expense continues to be the Diocesan Share to which we contributed £242k or 32% of total expenditure (2024 39%). Total staff costs were £220k, £7.5k more than in 2024, this is a modest increase, and we expect this to increase further in 2026 in line with the growth strategy of our children's ministry.
- Payments to mission partners, missional organisations and other donations amounted to £72k (2024, £71K).
- The Investment Funds, largely the Peggy Caffyn-Tees legacy, continue to be invested with CCLA. Their market value on 31st December stood at £360k, down from £368k at the end of 2024. We also hold reserves for fabric work on the church and centre of £86.5k, having transferred £15k out of our general account this year.

For 2026, we are budgeting for a deficit of £44k. This mainly reflects increased staffing costs for our children's ministry, together with inflationary rises in staff costs and our contribution to the Diocesan Share, partially offset by an expected 5% increase in regular planned giving. I'm pleased to report that in Q1 2026 our regular giving has increased almost 5% reflecting an encouraging response to our "26 in 26" giving campaign.

Everything we do at St Mary's is made possible by those who are part of our church family. We are deeply grateful for the generosity towards the mission and work of St Mary's in 2025.

Peter Wilson | Treasurer

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

It's been wonderful to reflect back on 2025 with huge gratitude for all that God continues to be doing among us and through us as a church family. He has called us to be His disciples and to live out our lives of faith in service of our neighbours and community in Reigate. It is fantastic to be able to celebrate how we are doing that together through all the diversity of conversations, groups and activities. And in doing so, we see God at work, we are empowered by His Spirit and we become more like Jesus.

As churchwardens, we are so grateful to the PCC for the wisdom, insight and perspective they bring to the governance of St Mary's and the Heath. This includes PCC members, the Deanery Synod team, our treasurer, clergy and Standing Committee, and with particular thanks to Sally Bertlin as PCC Secretary. It is wonderful to serve alongside Deputy Wardens Becky Beggs and Esther Lyth with their particular passions, and together to support the clergy team in church leadership.

The life of St Mary's and the Heath is full and active with a huge breadth of ministry and service that goes on, seen and unseen, week after week. This happens because Jesus has transformed our lives and we want to show to others the love He has shown to us. This is displayed through everything that happens on Sundays in and around our church services; in mid-week church groups, sessions and activities; and together with local and global mission partners into our community, diocese and the world. We give thanks for everyone who brings their sacrifice of time, energy, passion and vision to bring these things about and glorify God through all that we do.

It was a privilege to walk through the whole of Mark's Gospel together in 2025, and to reflect on the Good News of Jesus in services and life groups each week. We had the Big Weekend away together in October where we were led by Rachel Turner in considering all aspects of what it means to be Church. We are so grateful to Ben and the team who organised that weekend, and to all those involved in leading and serving during our time away. Particular thanks to Josh in his worship leadership through the year and at that weekend. We pray for rest, insight, vision and inspiration during his sabbatical period.

There are so many involved in practical ways to enable and facilitate all that we do as a church. We are thankful for those in the staff team and those who volunteer alongside them. Their attention to detail keeps us all on our toes, and everything running smoothly. Our particular thanks to Catherine Farrow who has led our Operations so diligently.

Thank you to all who volunteer to lead and support our children and young people's groups on Sunday and mid-week – especially the Satellites team, and those working with Simon among the groups of younger children. It's fantastic to see children and young people growing in their faith under Mandy and Emily's leadership. We had Eva Komba join as our first New Wine Discipleship Year student and grateful for her support in these ministries, as well as the fantastic 24/7 prayer room. We are excited about the appointment of Jess Worsley as our new Children's and families' minister. We pray for her as she prepares to head up this team. We are so grateful to Mandy in all that she has brought to children's ministry – more on this later in the summer.

Finally, we give thanks to God for the extraordinary clergy and ministry team He has provided here at St Mary's and the Heath. Thank you Danielle, Kate, Mike,

Helen, Simon, Ben and Richard. We are blessed by each of you in the different perspectives and passions that you bring. You teach us and lead us and point us towards Jesus every time you speak. Thank you so much for serving us with your gifts and for all that you bring in your ministry here.

Leslie Jackson and Nick Rayner Churchwardens

PS Leslie would also like to say:

As I think back over the six years being one of your church wardens; I remember this meeting back in 2020 when Lynwen passed over this guide to the role of Churchwarden and today I'm passing this on to Andy along with a symbolic candle snuffer which I'm sure he'll find useful! I have loved serving alongside Lynwen, Tom and now Nick and I want to thank you all for your trust in me as and for being open to share your views. St Mary's and The Heath are a wonderful and loving congregation, it has been a privilege to worship alongside you.

I've enjoyed the role and especially the friendship we share as a team of stewards and helpers every Sunday. I wonder if I should share with Andy the:

The steward who is always last to arrive?

The service leader who always insists on arranging the chairs 'just so'?

The person who is always last to leave?

Who fails to put enough wine out for communion

Who always gets there an hour before the service to help set up?

Most dedicated welcomer who insists on cleaning the glass doors before the service?

We are so blessed to have so many people coming to worship with us every week, when we add up the total attendance every service the numbers are amazing, we are a full and lively church. When I tell people in the Southwark Diocese that we have approximately 500 at Easter and double that at Christmas they are amazed, our church is a living, growing and vibrant church one that I'm proud to be a member of. As a mathematician, I'll miss the game that Debbie and I play after services where she estimates the number in the congregation, amazingly she is nearly always spot on, so much so that sometimes if we've forgotten to count, we just ask Debbie!

I've learnt so much from you all, how to be welcoming, how to accept everyone for who they are no matter how awkward they're being! How to be generous with my time and be more like Jesus in my servitude; how to care and support the vulnerable. I'm a better person for having been your warden and I'm truly grateful, now I'm looking forward to my day of Sabbath REST which is just as it should be! Thank you.

Leslie Jackson and Nick Rayner | Churchwardens

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

This year was a revision of the current roll and there are 395 names on the Electoral Roll, with 60 new names added and 3 names removed; 36% of people on the roll live within the parish and 64% outside it.

If you are considering standing for election onto next year's PCC, please make sure your name is on the electoral roll by the end of September 2026.

Hannah Burton | Electoral Roll Officer

PCC REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025/6

The PCC met six times from May 2025 to April 2026.

There are several sub-groups which have continued to meet as appropriate. These are:

- Finance
- Heath Church
- Fabric and facilities
- St Mary's Global
- St Mary's Local
- Deanery/Diocesan Synod
- Standing Committee
- Eco Church
- Safeguarding

Regular PCC subgroup updates were discussed at PCC meetings. St Mary's finances are always a key component as the PCC discussed the Giving Campaigns, the contribution to the diocesan Parish Support Fund, the reserves policy, the annual budget and the finance reports. Peter Wilson was co-opted as Treasurer, at the PCC meeting on 12th May 2025. Peter presented to the PCC a giving strategy for St Mary's at the July meeting which was adopted. Becky Beggs and Esther Lyth were appointed as Assistant Wardens.

Updating the Risk Register was a substantial piece of work and was undertaken by Andrew Prestwood, Becky Beggs and Simon Russell and finalised by the PCC.

Planning throughout the year for the weekend away culminated with the very successful 'Big Weekend' held at Wokefield Place near Reading, in October, with about 200 including children attending. Feedback from the weekend was both positive and encouraging, therefore the PCC was enthusiastically in favour of another taking place in 2028.

Staffing updates focussed on the need to recruit a Children's and Families' Minister and the work to refine the job description and then successfully appoint someone to the role. The PCC also agreed to a six-week sabbatical for Josh Brown, as a non-clergy minister. The proposal to participate in the New Wine Discipleship Hub was endorsed and this year we have had one student engaged in this programme and hope to have more next year.

Time was also spent looking at the Church of England's proposal for Prayers of Love and Faith and our own response to the Bishop of Southwark.

Safeguarding is regularly considered at meetings. Leslie Jackson, Vicky Hildreth and Lorraine Martin are our Safeguarding Officers and comprise the team along with Ben Forbes, our clergy safeguarding lead and Hannah Burton who does the administration.

The approved minutes of PCC meetings are available for all to read in the folder in the chancel in church and at the back of the Heath Church, and they are available on request to the office.

PCC Members 2024/2025:

Clergy	Richard Wilson Kate Capper Ben Forbes Helen Fraser Simon Russell	Elected	Becky Beggs James Bunch Ian Capper Heather Chesterton Tim Collins Zach Downie Debbie Jackson Esther Lyth Lorraine Martin James Norman
Churchwardens	Leslie Jackson Nick Rayner		
Deanery Synod	Sally Bertlin Vron Booth Gareth Evans Philippa Parry Nicola Peck Andrew Prestwood	Treasurer	Peter Wilson
		Diocesan and Deanery Synod	Leslie Jackson

Sally Bertlin | PCC Secretary

HEATH CHURCH REPORT

The Heath Church in Flanchford Road in the parish of St Mary's, was originally built in 1907. It was one of the prefabricated ecclesiastical buildings known as an Iron Building or a "Tin Tabernacle" built between 1855 and the start of World War 1, of which few now remain. An article about these churches described them as "cheap, temporary and easily assembled, often serving the needs of working-class communities", which links in with a suggestion once made that the Heath Church served the needs of the servants of wealthy homeowners locally.

The Heath Church remains an active community that is committed to worship and fellowship. Weekly services continue to rotate through the Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, and Service of the Word, and our monthly 'Cuppa Club' on the fourth Thursday of each month. In the past year we have been very pleased to install acoustic panels in the Heath Church Annex (thanks to a generous legacy gift) which has dramatically improved the sound quality in this space. We have continued to support our 10 mission partners through our monthly 'mission giving' Sundays and we continue to enjoy great variety and

quality in preaching. Although Richard, Simon or Ben join us to preach and preside on the first Sunday of each month, we have also been pleased to receive the ministry of Kate, Helen, Mike and others throughout that year.

In the past year the Heath Church has also hosted staff away days for the St Mary's ministry team and song writing days for the worship team.

Freda Handley | Ben Forbes

BUILDING AND FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee continues to look after all the buildings for the PCC, working through a planned maintenance programme for church, The Heath Church and Church Centre as well as the four clergy and ministry team houses. In 2025 we have been able to move ahead with a number of areas of work, particularly at The Heath Church and in the St Mary's church building.

The church office team together with Graeme Golightly's work play a huge role in managing and administrating all of the tasks and projects. We are hugely grateful to Tim Hyde in heading up the Building and Fabric team with his hands-on approach to completing projects.

We all express enormous gratitude to Catherine Farrow who has led in the Operations role until February 2026. She has brought structure and organisation to the huge range of processes and procedures and particularly in managing and recording the works to our buildings. Thank you for all that you brought to this role.

Nick Rayner

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025/6

The Deanery Synod met twice during the year in-person and once on zoom. The Area Dean is the Rev Martin Colton (St Mark's Reigate) and the Lay Chair is Leslie Jackson (St Mary's Reigate). The Rev Hannah Gordon was appointed Assistant Area Dean. The Venerable Moira Astin, who had been Archdeacon of Reigate for nearly nine years was consecrated as Bishop of Crediton last year and the Venerable Dr Geoff Dumbreck was licenced as Archdeacon of Reigate in January this year.

Regular reports are received at the meetings outlining the work of Welcare in East Surrey and RASJF (Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus). Deanery Synod members represent their congregations in making and voting on plans within the Reigate Deanery and Southwark Diocese.

The meeting in June 2025 took place at St Peter's Woodmansterne. The focus of the meeting was the role churches play in the support of local schools, particularly church schools, with the engaging title 'School Days – the best days of your life'. Speakers included Frances Davis, Headteacher of Reigate Parish

School, Debbie Jackson with her extensive experience as a teacher across various age groups and Ali Foulkes the Anglican Chaplain at St Bede's School, Redhill.

The meeting in October 2026 took place at St Bartholomew's Horley, which also gave opportunity for the clergy there to give an overview of their ministry in Horley sharing the joys, challenges and opportunities for outreach within Horley and the surrounding area. The Rev Sue Lepp also shared of her work with the Gatwick Airport chaplaincy.

The March 2026 meeting was on zoom and chaired by Leslie Jackson and the Rev Hannah Gordon, as the Rev Martin Colton was on sabbatical. The theme was 'How can our churches welcome members of our congregations with memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's? The speakers were Dr Rachel Sanderson, a local GP, Lucia Sullivan, from SAGE (Southwark and AGEing) a Southwark diocesan working group and a member of St John's Blackheath, and Fiona Sterry who runs the Dementia Café monthly at St Mary's.

On 28th March the Deanery hosted a Quiet Day at St Margaret's Chipstead. Debbie Jackson led us in times of sung worship and the Dean of Southwark, the Very Reverend Dr Mark Oakley was our guest speaker. Mark led us in some beautiful reflections and shared some moving poems based on the scriptures.

This year we had 41 people attend which was the highest ever!

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