

Churchwarden's and Church Life Report

Firstly, it is vital to give thanks for all the activity undertaken by volunteers through 2025. Without whom managing the churches and all the activities would not be possible and would make our roles as CWs even more challenging.

It is also impossible not to mention Rev Sandra who in her short time with us made a significant impact and contribution to church life. We are grateful to the local PTOs who took services during Sandra's absences.

There have been bi-monthly meetings of the PCC. Every meeting has been quorate. We have now established a pattern of a CW report to every PCC meeting and a welcome article each month in the Bridge magazine.

There were

1 Baptism

1 Wedding plus 1 renewal of vows

6 Funeral services held at Church plus 1 at the Crematorium, and 1 burial of ashes across both churches in 2025.

There were several plurality wide services held during the year in addition to our normal service pattern. These were:

Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day in St Edmund's and Good Friday and Fifth Sunday services at St Mark's.

The wardens from each of the parishes met with the Rector on a regular basis, both parish-based and as a plurality. This collaboration ensures services across the plurality do not clash and enables us to develop the joint services on the fifth Sunday of the month. There have also been regular finance and worship planning meetings throughout the year.

Several returns and surveys have been completed on behalf of the Parish. These include:

Annual Mission Return

Diocesan safeguarding review

Energy Footprint

Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon

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