

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Ideford

Annual Report for year ending 31 December 2025

Aim and Purpose

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Vicar in promoting the Church - which includes mission, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to encourage and enable as many people as possible to worship at our Church. Although our congregations are small in number, our Services continue to put faith in practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Church is open 7 days a week for use of anyone and everyone. There are two services per month, Evening Worship and Holy Communion, with a consistent average attendance of about ten. The number of worshippers increase significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. In the absence of clergy availability we have a lay led service on Christmas morning, Remembrance Sunday, Good Friday and sometimes Mothering Sunday.

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits on the Kenn Deanery Synod.

Church Fabric

The Church is a Grade II listed building and thanks to Teignbridge District Council the Churchyard continues to be well looked after. They cut sympathetically the areas roped off for wild flower growth. The Church Tower and Clock repairs have been on the PCC Agenda during 2025 and these repairs will take place in 2026. Regular Church cleaning takes place monthly. We also have an external maintenance company who check the gutters and roof on an annual basis and carry out urgent maintenance jobs.

Mission and Evangelism and other Activities

Ideford has a thriving Messy Church which usually meets during the school holidays of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Members of the Church run a Lent Group and also host a Bible Study Group. The Church is present in the community - usually in a social capacity. A very well attended and much looked forward to Annual Festive Meal in December. Sales of marmalade, jams and chutney throughout the year and an annual collection at Harvest for the Food Bank HITS.

Financial Review and Statements - see separate documents

Safeguarding

The PCC are compliant with duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Volunteers

There is an excellent level of support within the village for maintaining the Church with more than 30 volunteers giving their time and talents throughout the year and for which the PCC are extremely grateful and express their heartfelt thanks. These include:

- * Opening and closing the Church daily
- * Providing flowers and decorations
- * Bellringing
- * Winding the Clock
- * Playing the organ
- * Verger duties at Services, Weddings and Funerals
- * Cleaning
- * Maintaining the inside fabric of the church, ie. changing lightbulbs or brass cleaning

We are also extremely grateful for the support of **Sustainable Ideford and the Ideford Wildlife Wardens**. They continue to help with the 'greening' of the Churchyard following the guidelines of Caring for God's Acre. Planting bulbs, hedgerow plants, watering in the very dry spell in the summer of 2025 and strimming in the autumn. Thank you.

The Parish Newsletter is edited, compiled and distributed by a wonderful band of volunteers which helps keep the village informed of village events and organisations.

We would also like to thank our Treasurer, Verger and Fabric Officer for all their hard work throughout the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish and for all financial matters. Despite the lack of a Church Warden, the PCC operate in a collegiate and supportive manner, spreading the workload between it's voluntary members.

Ongoing Objectives

To continue to maintain the fabric of the Church

To continue to support Messy Church and any other outreach events

To continue with the greening of the Churchyard

Team Ideford

Team Vicar

PCC Team

Rev Dave Wilkie

Libby Ellison

Vicki Gardner

Jane Hill

Tom Hill

Liz Rice

Nicki Horseman

Vanessa Morby

Christine Cole

David Aylmore

Sue Harvey

Alan Wooderson

Frances Tilley

Treasurer (not on PCC)

Fabric Officer (not on PCC)

Safeguarding Officer (not on PCC)

Verger (not on PCC)

Independent Examiner (not on PCC)