

**THE PARISH of ST MARY'S STAPLEFORD TAWNEY with ST MICHAEL'S  
THEYDON MOUNT**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES Jan-Dec 2022**

The Parochial Church Council, along with the Incumbent, has the responsibility for promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Stapleford Tawney with Theydon Mount, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Parochial Church Council also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings and churchyard.

**Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

**Incumbent**

Rev. John Fry

**Associate Priest**

Rev. Carol Newnham

**Churchwardens**

Margaret Dennis (St Mary's), Jo Shephard (St Michael's)

**Deanery Synod Representatives**

Martyn Lockwood, Gill Southall

**Additional Elected PCC Members**

Colin Flint, Edna Flint, Debbie Lee, Anne Padfield, Cindy Pridmore (Treasurer) and Jack Stewart. In early 2022 Jack Stewart stood down, and sadly died in October 2022.

**Parochial Church Council Meetings**

The PCC met 6 times during the year, plus the APCM. Some meetings were via Zoom, others were in person.

The parish continues to work towards the shared Benefice Vision of the Theydon Parishes which is:-

**To be loving, caring and welcoming congregations who nurture each other to grow in faith together, through quality worship, Bible teaching and prayer, sharing the love of God in Christ with others by example and our activities in the community and wider world.**

**Sub-committees**

**Events Committee:** Organises social and fund-raising events to support the Church, chaired by Maggie Dennis. Parish Lunches and Open Days continue to be held.

**Pastoral Care:** Co-ordinates pastoral care needs and liaises with clergy, with Gill Southall acting as a hub.

**Churchyard:** Although not a formal committee, an informal group of neighbours meet to help maintain the churchyard on an occasional basis at St Mary's.

## **Church Services**

The pattern of regular services was as follows:

### **Sundays, 10.45am**

First Sunday	St Mary's Stapleford Tawney
Second Sunday	St Michael's Theydon Mount
Third Sunday	St Mary's Stapleford Tawney
Fourth Sunday	St Michael's Theydon Mount
Fifth Sunday	Joint Benefice Service (at 10a.m, rotating between churches in the Benefice)

Most services were Holy Communion, with some Services of the Word.

Special services were held on Good Friday, Easter Day, Harvest, Carol Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and a Christingle service at Candlemas in February. A lunchtime Lent course was held in the Parish Room at St Mary's. On the first Sunday of July, a Pets' Service was held in the churchyard at St Mary's.

Visiting organists played on a rota arrangement. When no organist was available, electronic music was provided.

On an average Sunday, 12-20 adults attended worship. There was one wedding and one adult baptism at St Mary's. There were three funeral services during the year at St Mary's (Maurice Padfield, Tony Squire and Jacquie Larkin) and two at St Michael's (Tina Bellamy and Jack Stewart).

Anne Padfield  
PCC Secretary