

Church Wardens Report 2025/26

Firstly a big thank you to Sara for her hard work during the preceding 3 years as Church Warden. May I, Judith, say a massive thank you to Phil-very much an 'old hand' after seven years in the role of church warden- and Sara for helping me through my first year in this role.

Among the various duties assigned to the Wardens is taking care of the church property and the church buildings, including the grounds. Our focus has been on ensuring the church building is open and safe for public worship. We are also responsible for all the rooms in Christ Church Centre which includes the rooms used by the PALS Preschool, the Link area, the kitchen and the office which is used by our administrator Catherine Ibrahim, Catherine and Matthew Humphries, Peter Jones, Rachel Haig, the Wardens and the Spinnaker Trust charity who continue to rent office space from us.

The fire and intruder alarms are fully working and have been recently serviced. The defibrillator in the link, needed new batteries a short time ago but is now fully functioning and up to date. The heating is functional. Some repair work has been carried out on the Church Centre roof. It has been wonderful to see the Church Clock back in place after being repaired and restored. Thanks to Christopher in that regard who co-ordinated this. Various maintenance jobs have been carried out by Tony, Christopher and Phil. We continue to make energy savings where possible

The kitchen has been used for various functions including refreshments after the services and at other regular activities. This gives an opportunity for people to chat and get to know each other. Our grateful thanks to the teams who facilitate this. (if you would like to help please speak to Judith) Other events have been the monthly Community lunches, Bring and Share lunches, Holiday at Home and the annual Pilgrims tea. Again our grateful thanks go to the many people without whom these events could not take place- not forgetting our cake bakers!

Cleaners are employed on a regular basis to keep the link area and toilets in good condition. We have held our Saturday work party day with church volunteers doing some of the extra tasks that need regularly doing to maintain the upkeep of the church.

We now have a self - employed a gardener who does a few hours every fortnight, in addition to the regular grass cutting in the summer months. This has put less of a burden on working parties. Our thanks to various people who also help maintain our gardens and do special projects, like the Easter garden.

The Church Flat was recently re-let. New carpets were laid and re-decoration carried out before the new tenant moved in. The letting of 13 Invicta Close continues both of which provide income for the church.

We continue to Livestream the 0900 Communion Service and provide creative input into the 1045 Family Service. Our thanks go to the people who diligently provide this service.

It has been wonderful to see the church being used by the local community with various activities continuing during the year.

We would like to thank Dave for his support and encouragement during the past year.

Thanks also go to the church congregation for their support, friendship and encouragement.

We present this report to the Annual Meeting.

Phillip Wearon Judith West May 2026