

Highlights from the **PCC Meeting 7th April 2025**

- A useful tool is now in action to record the status of everyone training for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate. Our Safeguarding Officer (Deirdre Booth) reported that those who had completed their DBS check via the church would receive a reminder at the appropriate renewal time.
- The Annual Report & Financial Statement have been approved by our External Examiner and the PCC, ready for our APCM on 12 May.
- We continue to search energetically for a Church Treasurer.
- Changing our electricity supplier to *Octopus* has reduced our costs for energy by an anticipated 50%.
- The church lightening conductor is being repaired urgently, paid for by the Friends of St Mary's.
- The Parish Environment Policy and the Plan for Management of our Land for Nature are in hand. Our Eco Church group are keeping a keen eye on this development.
- To date, the Lent Lunches have raised more than £1,000 for our Disaster Fund. £500 has already been forwarded to the DEC for the Myanmar earthquake.