

Our **Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings** were held on Monday 18th May.

Our **Churchwardens** Anne Franklin and Andrew Edgar were re-elected for another year. Anne will need to stand down at the APCM next year after six years as churchwarden. Revd. David encouraged the congregation to consider who might be willing to shadow Anne for the coming year with a view to standing for election in 2027.

Jo Linehan, Shirley Squires and Margaret Sweatman were re-elected as **Deanery Synod Representatives** for three years.

Kenneth Barber, Graeme Bone and Nicki Bone were elected on to the PCC and Graeme has kindly taken on the role of **Treasurer**.

Nicki Bone was appointed **Safeguarding Officer** earlier this year, having taken over from Deirdre Booth.

Encouragingly, our financial deficit for 2025 was much reduced through the increased giving through the Parish Giving Scheme.

Contactless giving was increased as were donations from the users of the Church Room. A good sum was raised at the Christmas event, we received a generous one-off donation, and the Friends financed several important repairs.

Savings have been achieved by changing our electricity supplier and insurer as well as our utilities and supplies for the church.

The PCC have set a budget with a deficit of £5,476 for 2026 – but this could be improved by our diligence in reviewing our financial giving regularly, taking care with use of electricity, and by fundraising at Christmas.

There had been encouraging spiritual growth through Bible studies and prayer and through the variety of Sunday services. Outreach had been improved through the website and use of iKnowChurch. Ecological sustainability had been addressed within the church and the village community.

Revd. David thanked everyone for their hard work in every area of church life, for their prayer and commitment to Jesus, and for their support.