

St George's Church, Thriplow



**Annual Report and Financial Statements of
The Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2024**

**Incumbent
The Revd David Lee**

**Independent Examiner
Mr Chris Neild**

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Rectors Introduction

“2024 will almost certainly be another eventful and transitory year.” That was a line I included in what was my Associate Priest’s introduction to the 2023 Annual Report, and gosh, wasn’t it just! As we went through our transition period after Angela’s retirement at the end of 2023, what was vital, and the Archdeacon certainly made sure we did this, was that we went through a thorough and proper process in deciding who the next rector should be. This led to us reviewing our Benefice profile, asking the bishop permission to consider me as a single candidate for the post, and then a full interview which, believe you me, was anything but a formality! All this led to my service of Induction and Institution on 7th August which was one of the most memorable and uplifting evenings of my life. All I can say is another thank you to everyone involved in the arrangements for my appointment and that evening, and for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your rector.

And then we got moving! One of the advantages of having served as curate, and then associate priest, here is that as I started as rector I already had ideas about how we could work together to grow our church – and I deliberately say ‘our church’ because that is the most significant change that we have made. Whilst the 4 churches still exist legally as 4 separate parishes, and so there are 4 PCCs (even though they now often meet together) and 4 Annual Reports, we are more and more working together as 1 church serving 4 villages with 4 church buildings. And much of the second half of 2024 was spent working out what first steps we should take to achieve that set up.

And what better place to start was there than with the activity which is the centre of our very existence as a church – and that is our Sunday Morning worship. That is why we exist: to worship the God who created us, and so it is vital that we make that worship as good as we can. When looking at the options we had we considered what we currently did, and that was to hold either 2 or 3 services each Sunday in different churches meaning we had 2 or 3 small congregations. But then when we did meet to worship together, in January and over the Summer holidays, everyone seemed to enjoy it more. So we took the decision that from the start of 2025, we would worship together every Sunday, whilst giving ourselves the option to hold some separate services on feast days. That looks like a good decision as early in 2025, we have more people gathering to worship God in a single place each Sunday than we had in total worshipping in separate churches.

At the same time we now have the ability to offer children’s church each Sunday, wherever the service is held, and the St Mary’s Fowlmere choir has in effect become the Benefice choir as it helps lead our music wherever the service is held. So thank you to our children’s team, all our musicians, and to you for being willing to accept change and travel to a different church from ‘your’ church on a Sunday morning.

The other major thing we did in 2024 was to hold a stewardship campaign, or a Giving campaign as we called it. We contacted everyone on our electoral rolls, and others in our church family who were not then on the electoral rolls, and asked them to consider how they could give to the 4 Churches, both financially and in terms of time and talents. The results financially were very encouraging, but I have to say the offers of help in terms of time and talents were disappointing. And that very much leads me on to the biggest challenge we face as a church in 2025.

When I talk about growing our church to the churchwardens and to the PCCs we seem to have lots of really good ideas, but somehow very few of them get put into action. We seem to be running at capacity in terms of what we can introduce, and somehow we have to increase that capacity. Yes, we are hoping to open a public facing 4 church office at St Mary’s Fowlmere run by an employed administrator, initially two mornings a week, which will

help, but there are many other things that we could introduce if only we had people who would put up their hands and say – yes, I could lead that, or I could help with that. Could one of those people be you? Perhaps as you read this you are thinking, “but what could I do?”. Believe you me, if you have some time, and the desire to help, it is simply a question of finding which is the most appropriate project for you to help with. Have a think. Pray about it. And if you then think, even maybe, you could help more then let me know and we can have a chat.

2024 was a great year for our church, but also a year of challenges. 2025, I believe, could be a really exciting year. So as I conclude the introduction to this report I say a huge thank you to everyone who already contributes in any way to the life of our church, the 4 Church Benefice. When we count up we are always surprised by the number of people who are involved in some way in operating our church, so for whatever it is that you do, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for what you did in 2024, and what you are continuing to do in 2025.

Every blessing,

Rev'd David Lee, Rector, the 4 Churches, April 2025.

1. Introduction

The members of St George's Parochial Church Council as trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31st December 2024

2. Aims and Purposes

St George's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend David Lee, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical parish, the whole of the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. We aim to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

3 Objectives

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community. In association with the Four Church Benefice, the PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how its services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Especially, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and Outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St George's Church.

Regular activities include:

- Sunday Church Services in person and online, Morning prayer once a week via Zoom.
- The website has provided communication of all our activities. There is a link to a recorded service every week .
- Opening the church on weekdays as much as possible to enable private prayer.

Specific Objectives this year were:

- Creating the sense of 'one church' across the four parishes, so that parishioners will travel when there is no service in their parish.
- Continuing to meet our obligation to pay the full Parish Share.
- Encouraging more people to attend our Tea and Chat meetings.
- Ensuring all safeguarding training for PCC members is up to date.
- Introducing a planned building maintenance programme.

4. Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

We started the year in interregnum with the retirement of our rector Rev Angela Melaniphy on 31st December 2023. However we were fortunate that our Associate priest Revd David Lee continued to support the parish and benefice taking our Sunday services, funerals and weddings. As he has set out in the introduction following a discernment process he was appointed the rector of the benefice in July.

The PCC has been keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year, that our community find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The regular pattern of Sunday services are:

- First Sunday of the Month 9.30am Holy Communion
- Third Sunday of the month 9.30am Morning Worship

The average attendance at these services over the year has been 24 adults and one child which is very encouraging since it is an increase on the previous year of 17 adults. We still need to look at the provisions for children, which must be an aim for 2025.

There is always opportunity following the service for fellowship with coffee/ tea and biscuits being served. The other Sundays in the month parishioners are encouraged to join one of the other churches in the Benefice for worship. In January and August, the Sunday morning pattern was different, with one service each Sunday in the Benefice, rather than two. This meant at Thriplow we only had one service in each of these months. This was to encourage our congregation to move and experience worship at one of the other churches in the Benefice. In January this ensured some savings on heating costs, and in August, with smaller congregations during the holiday month, it meant we had reasonable numbers for each service. This worked very well, and was well supported and received positive comments from all who attended.

All the services are recorded and made available on the website, and the average number of congregation members across the benefice viewing these services is 56. Away from the Sunday worship, there is a service of Morning Prayer every Tuesday morning, which continues to be held by Zoom. Attendance can be up to 12 people.

Services for the main festivals in each of the four parishes are reviewed by the PCC each year, and changes made as required. During this year the services at Thriplow were:

Ash Wednesday

A Lent Reflection followed by a Soup Lunch, with the collection being donated to Christian Aid

Easter

During Holy Week there were a range of services across the Four Church Benefice.

At St George's we hosted the Agape meal on Maundy Thursday evening, and on Easter Day a Celebration Holy Communion service.

Also Thriplow school had the End of Term service at the church. Attendance figures for all services were as follows:

Service	Adults	Children (U16)
School end of term Service	71	109
Maundy Thursday Agape Meal	19	0
Easter Day Holy Communion	66	5

A celebration service of Institution, Induction and Installation of David Lee as Rector was held at St George's Church on the evening of August 7th. This service was led by the Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter who is the acting Bishop of Ely and the Venerable Dr Alex Hughes, the Archdeacon of Cambridge. 160 people attended and it was a really special service and celebration

Remembrance Sunday on November 10th . A Service and Act of Remembrance was held at the War memorial as in previous years, but this year the service was intentionally slightly longer. This outdoor service is always well attended including many parishioners who aren't regular attenders at church.

Christmas

The Theme used across the benefice for the Christmas period was Follow the Star, Calm and Bright. At St Georges Church we held a Candlelit Carol Service. which was very popular with the community. The service was followed by refreshments. This year the Christmas Eve Communion service was held at St Laurence's at Foxton and we had a Holy Communion service on Christmas morning. The numbers attending at St George's were as follows:

Service	Adults	Children U16
Candlelit Carol Service	134	20
Thriplow School end of term	101	115
25 th December Christmas Day Holy Communion	58	4

Occasional Offices

- 3 interments of cremated remains
- 3 burials
- 3 Funeral services in Church
- 1 memorial service in church
- 2 weddings
- There were no Baptisms, or Blessings of a Civil marriage taken by our Rector or Associate Priest at St George's Church
- No Services at a crematorium only taken by the Rector or associate priest.

Children Church activities

At our regular Church Services on a Sunday children's attendance has not changed from the previous year, however children and young people do attend with their families at special services such as Easter and Christmas time. The Benefice held children's activity mornings at Fowlmere church on Good Friday and on the day before Advent Sunday. These were very enthusiastically received and many Thriplow families attended. Attendances at both events were around 60 children along with many accompanying adults and a team of over 20 volunteers helping to run the event. These are being continued in 2025.

Going forward, our benefice needs to advertise Children's Church at our regular services, and make it known that there will be a separate activity for children within the service. We could consider asking families in the village what they would like from the church. This needs to be a priority for 2025

Deanery Synod

The Shingay Deanery Synod has been through a difficult period of relative inactivity owing largely to health issues and problems of accessing the Deanery bank account with Santander. The new rural dean and chairman Rev Andrew Birks has chaired two meetings of the Synod and is effectively addressing long-standing issues. A new committee has been elected to support him. A temporary bank account has been established while problems with Santander are being sorted out. Much of the preliminary work on Synod planning has been set aside and simplified. Questionnaires completed by the parishes are being examined to see what lessons can be drawn from them for the purpose of planning the way forward in the context of 'Living Ely 2025'. The Rev Andrew Birks is on the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel and is working closely with PCC safeguarding officers to support and encourage training.

Kit Jackson 09/03/25

Thriplow Church of England School Report for the APCM – March 2025

As a Church school we continue to come together daily for Collective Worship, 4 days out of 5 as a whole school. Over the last year we have continued to explore our school Christian Vision within our Collective Worship which has its roots in Matthew 5:16 - **Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven** and Colossians 3:12 – **You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with kindness.**

The children have also been exploring and reflecting on our school values: -

- Kindness
- Compassion
- Service
- Hopefulness
- Confidence
- Achievement
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In addition to our school vision and values, we also place importance on centering what we do on our Trust Vision which is based on Philippians 4:13 and our 5 Trust values: Love, Trust, Community, Ambition and Respect.

Throughout the Spring term, we have been exploring stories – both biblical (in the form of parables) and non-biblical. The children have been practicing sitting quietly and reflecting on what they have heard and linking stories from various sources to our school and Trust vision and values.

We have enjoyed visiting St. George's Church for our annual Harvest Festival, Christmas Carol Service and Easter Service and it has been very special to once again welcome a congregation of parents from our school community to join us. Our Key Stage 1 and Reception children are looking forward to visiting the church later this term for an Educational visit.

This year the children have chosen 3 charities to adopt, one per term. They raised £291 for the NSPCC in the Autumn Term and recently, over £550 for Hearing Dogs. They have enjoyed a variety of activities to raise this money including a sponsored skip, a pyjama day and a Christmas jumper day as well as end of service collections. Next term, they will be supporting Magpas. In addition to their chosen 3 main charities, they raised £277 for MacMillan and £120 for the Poppy Appeal.

Key Stage 1 children performed in their Nativity Play at Christmas and we also celebrated with a Christingle Service in school and have learnt about the symbolism of Christingles in the morning whilst making our own Christingles.

We once again took part in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' project, collecting treats and special 'extras' for the community at Winter Comfort in Cambridge. The children valued the opportunity to be 'outward thinking' during the Christmas period.

We have very much enjoyed welcoming GenR8 each term who have visited the school to entertain and teach the children stories from the Bible, songs and important Christmas messages. They continue to be very popular with the children!

Our half-termly School Communions continue to take place in school. We look forward to our communion service on an Easter theme next half term.

Lucy How March 2025

Bell Ringing

Throughout 2024 practices have continued to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7.30-9pm. These have been well attended by both learners and more experienced ringers. Our learners are coming on very well, achieving their level one Learning the Ropes certification.

We celebrated the opening of Daffodil Weekend with a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, of which I conducted the first 520 changes. During the weekend Jon Warbrick kindly gave a talk on the history of bell ringing which we followed with ringing to mark the close of the weekend.

In June we rang for ' Ringing Out for Peace'- 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and we rang for two weddings during the Summer months

In August we rang prior to The Institution, Induction and Installation of The Reverend David Lee as Rector of The Four Church Benefice of Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow

Throughout the year I have run several focussed practices on Sunday afternoons. We have also welcomed the Ladies Guild of Bellringers who choose Thriplow as a regular practice tower. In total 29 quarter peals were rung at Thriplow during 2024. A few of these were rung by visiting ringers, but mostly by the regular band - 'Friday quarters at Thriplow'. We closed the year with a quarter peal of a new method, now named 'Treble Minor' This had never been rung anywhere before and is the composition of Peter Hinton.

The bells continue to be maintained by the Cambridge District Bell team ; Tom Ridgman, Jon Warbrick, Ian Hamilton and Graham Louth, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Thank you to Reverend David for the use of the bells

Rebecca Glazier (Tower Captain)
thriplowbells@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

The Rector and Sheila Andren, an Authorised Lay Minister specialising in pastoral care, with the assistance and support of church members continue to visit those who are housebound, and the bereaved. The monthly 'Tea and Chat' event helps build and maintain relationships and provides support and friendship where needed.

Annual Report for Safeguarding Admin

A new Safeguarding Policy has been introduced and adopted by the PCC .

All members of Thriplow PCC are now fully compliant with DBS checks and Safeguarding training. Thank you to everyone for your help in achieving this.

I will now proceed to ensure all church helpers are up to date with appropriate Safeguarding training.

Rebecca Glazier (Safeguarding Admin)

Social Awareness

The PCC keeps itself informed of new people moving into the village and extends a welcome to them with a letter, giving local information and an invitation to attend services. The PCC has agreed a Welcome Statement for all who visit the church and this is displayed in church.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and to meet this requirement the PCC have agreed a policy for mission giving. The policy is to support one of the overseas charities, one home charity, and we have usually supported a children's charity with income from one of our Christmas services.

At Christmas we ran jointly, with St Mary's Fowlmere, the Charity Christmas card postal delivery service. For a small donation we delivered parishioners cards to households in Fowlmere and Thriplow.

Special Collections:

- Ash Wednesday service for Christian Aid-£103.91
- Combined harvest Service (With St Mary's Fowlmere)- Donated provisions of food (cans, dry goods and garden produce) to Jimmy's Night Shelter Cambridge.
- Christmas Card Postal service- £100 to TOYBOX- providing birth certificates for Street children.
- Candlelit Carol Service and Christmas Day Service-Cambridge Children's Hospital £291.55

Tea and Chat sessions have continued on the second Thursday of the month in Thriplow Village Hall - every month apart from August. The average attendance was 14 people, men and women. No families came along but it is open for everyone. In December the school choir came to perform at the Tea and Chat session. These sessions are enjoyed by our older members of the community, and seen as important outreach.

Fundraising

Two fundraising events were held this year. In February Peter Gutteridge came and spoke about, 'Nelson – The making of a Hero'. The profits from this event went towards the churchyard extension fund . Then in December John Deed presented an evening of his Poetry and conversation; the profits from this event have gone towards the pew platform project. In addition to this St George's Church took a very active role in supporting the annual village Daffodil weekend. The church was open with a flower festival, areas for prayer and childrens colouring activities as well as holding two Songs of Praise services.

Community and Ecumenical Relationships

There are no churches of other denominations in the village, so we welcome Christians of all denominations into our church family.

5. Church Fabric

This past year has been rather quiet in respect of fabric work in the church, although there has been some preparation and planning work carried out in respect of future projects.

The Fabric Action Plan and the outline Maintenance Plan referred to the need to keep on top of all the fabric issues and to address them on a continuing basis. As part of this, Spectrum Stone have carried out an annual Roof Maintenance in August, which identified no major issues, although they did have to return later to complete the clearing of the north chancel gutter hopper once it had been vacated by the family of Owls.

A number of tasks have been carried out in respect of the access to the grave yard extension. In particular the opening of an entrance in the graveyard wall and the installation of wooden gates and a path from the west door of the church. In addition a faculty has been approved in the case of the three Ellis Headstones in the graveyard, and this task has now been let with Gem Conservation and should be completed later in the year.

In respect of future work, the main project is the removal of the pew platforms from the nave and the provision of an open flexible multi-use space. This has been discussed with Harston Church, where a similar task has been completed and a scoping paper produced for

consideration by the PCC. In addition Statements of Significance and Need have been produced as a prelude to the application for a faculty. This is expected to be discussed with the DAC and the Architect in the near future.

The continuing situation with the chancel walls has required damp monitoring and this has shown that some work will be required to repoint the east end of the chancel at the lower levels. There is some ongoing discussion with the Architect, Peterhouse College (the Lay Rectors) and Bidwell (their agents) and this needs to be coordinated with the Benefice, to enable this to move forward.

Otherwise the most significant outstanding task is interior conservation work on the responds of the Tower Crossing. This has been quoted for in April 23 by Adamson Conservation (£2,220) and can be completed without a further Faculty on the basis of no removal of the concrete floor. This is an important task and will prevent further deterioration of responds as well as greatly improving the internal appearance.

In the longer term there are a number of tasks which were identified the 2022 QI that will still need to be addressed over the next two and a half years as follows:- the remaining medium term Items (repointing Vestry, north elevation and north wall), the Nave windows (need cleaning and ferramenta repainting), the South Porch (needs to be re-pointed and repainted) and the Tower (needs to be re-pointed).

There have been a number of new acquisitions within the church. These include a new purpose built oak lectern which was purchased with a legacy from the will of Baroness Betty Boothroyd. The lectern was dedicated for use at the service on 3rd November 2024.

A new electronic keyboard was purchased also with money from Baroness Boothroyds legacy at a cost of £1451

An extension to the notice board which lists all the vicars who have served at Thriplow has been very kindly donated by Mr and Mrs C Arnold

Churchyard

It was a very wet Winter, making it quite muddy where cars park on the grass but it recovered well as spring arrived. Mowing started in March, and it was relentless. A very wet, warm spring meant that grass growth was excellent, and the Churchyard was very green and beautiful. Not everything enjoyed these wet conditions; we had very few orchids this year. Just four were counted. I think maybe the warm winter did not help. The bird's foot trefoils had very few flowers. However, there was a marvellous display of cowslips so, there were winners and losers.

List B consent was applied for from the DAC and granted for the planting of a deciduous hedge on the west boundary and the positioning of a bench under the walnut tree in the west part of the churchyard. Both these items were paid for by a generous donation from a parishioner. The hedge was planted in early spring 2024 and is growing well. The bench only recently arrived, in February 2025.

Thanks must go to Mr Nigel Moore for cutting the hedges and Mr Kit Jackson for Strimming around the graves and along the north wall. Also to Mr David Easthope who completed all the permissions and applications to the district Council for the new Churchyard Extension. This work was completed in June 2024.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) approved the PCC's Faculty application for making a pedestrian access through the North Wall to Churchfield the new Churchyard extension. This work was completed in November 2024 at a cost of £4619.

We had the first burial on Churchfield in July with the death of our benefactor, the Rt Hon Oliver Walston, who had gifted the land. Since we had not completed a proper vehicular access to Churchfield there was no access for the hearse and the consequence was that Oliver very fittingly was taken from the church to his grave by tractor and trailer. Our priority in 2025 is to lay a vehicular access to Churchfield but more money will need to be raised for this work to go ahead. The Thriplow Society has given us a grant of £100 to go towards hedge planting on Churchfield.

In September 2024 the Environment Agency came and mended the damaged water pipe which crosses the Churchfield graveyard. They also accurately mapped the pipe's position so we can now produce a detailed grave plan with paths so the pipe is avoided.

Reservation of Grave space- 2 Applications were received and approved by the PCC then subsequently their faculty was approved and granted by the Diocese. They are for a double depth space for Mr and Mrs James Rowley. A single depth space for Mr Ian Daniel.

EM 27.3.25

6. Financial Review

Treasurer's Financial Report Year Ending 31/12/2024

General Account (no. 1)

End of year balance £7,002* (£5,246 in 2023)

Total income £30,289 (£23,209 in 2023)

Total outgoings £28,533 (£23,613 in 2023)

We were able to pay in full our increased Parish Share of £17,069

Our Parish Giving Scheme donations averaged £847 p.c.m. (total £10,164) slightly less than 2023.

Other donations totalled £13,505 for the year.

Service fees income £4,055, Investment income £788, and fund raising £1,199

Our outgoings include Insurance £2,366, Utilities £1,498, Maint/repairs £2,112 including a new security system £653, Parish expenses £1,294

*includes £1,725 unspent from a legacy donation of £4,000

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Restricted Account (no.2)

End of year balance £47,369 (£38,698 in 2023)

Comprising :-

Restoration fund £17,685

Tower fund £8,582

Graves fund £4,608

Graveyard Extension fund £16,593

We spent £4,619 on the graveyard extension, £1192 on restoration work and £500 maintaining graves.

Investment income was £4,817 and we received a generous grant of £10,000 from Daffodil Weekend which will be put into a new Pew Platform fund in January 2025 together with money from recent fundraising events currently in No 1 account.

The value of our investments has increased by £4,691 (2.32%) to £206,692.

I would like to thank Chris Neild for examining and approving our accounts again.

Neil Rowland-Hall, Treasurer.

7 Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC of St George's Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. A full list of the PCC membership for St George's Church in 2024 is published at the end of this report. All who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and can stand for election to the PCC.

There were six meetings of the PCC during the year, including three extraordinary meetings and the average attendance was 74%.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of importance to the running of the church. Finance was kept under review throughout the year, and although reduced parish share payments were made throughout the year we did pay our parish share in full with a lump sum payment in December. The work on church fabric, the churchyard, the churchyard extension, the different services, church attendance were amongst the other issues discussed in the PCC meetings.

A stewardship letter was sent to all members of the electoral Roll, setting out the PCCs financial situation and inviting members to review their giving, and also to consider undertaking several essential tasks to facilitate the rector in his duties. The response to the financial situation was positive, but volunteers are still required for the tasks.

The Rev David Lee was appointed as Rector and serve in the Four Church Benefice, at a service held at St George's on 7th August

Electoral Roll

Three people joined the Electoral Roll and one person died, bringing our total membership at the year end to 61 members.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Policy document has been reviewed and updated and was adopted by the PCC at the meeting on 2nd October 2023. The next review will be in October 2025.

There have been no accidents recorded in the Accident Book this year

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the church the community it is, and to all who participate in our services .

In particular, we thank Elizabeth Moore, whose workload as the one churchwarden has been particularly high; our Treasurer Neil Rowland-Hall for keeping the accounts in order ; and Rebecca Glazier for managing and recording the Safeguarding Training of all pcc members.

Music

Mr Colin Fuller the Organist at St Georges Church retired at the end of December. He will be sadly missed having supported all our services for over 70 years. Going forward into 2025 our challenge will be to find a new regular organist for St George's Church. For occasional offices such as funerals and weddings we are fortunate to be able to call on the services of Mrs Pauline Penfold the organist for the Melbourn/ Meldreth churches.

Thanks must also go to Mr Martin Atkinson who plays keyboard for all our services and Mrs Iverna Moss and St Mary's choir Fowlmere who regularly come and support the singing for our services.

8. Administrative Information

St George's Church is situated off Church Street in Thriplow. It is part of the Four Church Benefice in the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England.

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PCC Membership

Ex Officio Members:

Incumbent: The Reverend David Lee (Chairman)

Churchwarden: Mrs Elizabeth Moore

Deanery Synod: Mr Christopher Jackson (Vice-chair of PCC)
Mrs Mary Duff

Elected Members: Mrs Annie Eccles
Mrs Hilary Arthur
Mrs Katherine Martin
Lady Hilary Russell
Mrs Erica Webber
Mrs Veronique Arnold

Mrs Rebecca Glazier
Mr David White
Mr John Rimmer

Other Officers:

Treasurer: Mr Neil Rowland-Hall
PCC Secretary : Mr John Rimmer
Electoral Roll Officer: Mrs Erica Webber
Church Fabric Officer: Mr Tony King
Benefice Tower Captain: Mrs Rebecca Glazier
Minutes Secretary : Mrs Rebecca Glazier
Safeguarding Administrator: Mrs Rebecca Glazier

Sidesmen: The following people acted as sidesperson during the year:

Mrs Annie Eccles	Mrs Hilary Arthur
Mr John Rimmer	Mrs Erica Webber
Mrs Angela Rimmer	Prof Woody Caan
Mrs Elizabeth Moore	Mrs Veronique Arnold
Mr Christopher Jackson	Mr Henry Moore
Mrs Margaret Jackson	Miss Dawn Cutter
Mr Martin Arthur	Mrs Jenny Gambon
Mrs Sue Pinner	