

# **ADCM St John the Baptist 2026**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Present:-** Vernon and Arminel Tottle, John and Elizabeth Bouldin, Joan Dartnall, Gavin Edgerly-Harris, Patrick and Charlotte Appleby, Sarah Hunt

**Apologies for absence:-** Jean Taylor, Brigid McManus, Stephen Mead and Seanine Joyce, Lavinia and Nick Owen.

## **Matters arising from 2025 meeting:**

Jubilee Tree: A sorbus (Whitebeam) was planted in the corner of the church field and was well watered over last year's dry summer and is doing well.

Boiler:- see annual report and later under fabric.

## **Review of past year:**

Report circulated by email, if anyone else wants it please ask.

## **Responsibilities:**

Jean Taylor is kindly remaining as PCC representative and is a member of the DCC..

Most of those present agreed to also be formally members of the DCC, which thus consists of:-

Vernon and Arminel Tottle  
Elizabeth Bouldin  
Lavinia and Nick Owen  
Joan Dartnall  
Patrick and Charlotte Appleby  
Sarah Hunt  
Stephen Mead  
Seanine Joyce

## **Fabric**

The boiler – John Taylor will be meeting someone on Friday to discuss a heat pump. As mentioned in the review of the year this is proving to be a drawn out undertaking, but we are required to investigate it by the diocese. Meanwhile the electric heaters provide heating. A side benefit of a generally colder church is that the flowers last noticeably longer.

Vernon reported that the heat pump in the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village hall uses a huge amount of electricity, and that the large array of solar panels on the roof and storage batteries make only a miniscule contribution to this.

## **Churchyard**

Andemar are keeping it tidy, with John Bouldin as their contact. Joan Dartnall tries to remove dead flowers. Beccy has put up a new notice to try to deter the use of artificial flowers and decorations as per diocesan policy, but this has had no

noticeable effect. It was suggested that when new burials are conducted the families are informed in advance that artificial flowers etc are not permitted.

### **Thanks and acknowledgments:**

Although these are listed in the annual report it was appropriate to mention them in person at the meeting

Coffee after the services is co-ordinated and provided by Elizabeth Bouldin, Joan Dartnall, Jean Taylor and Arminel Tottle.

Elizabeth Bouldin is clever at finding people to be on the flower rota, with festival occasions organised by Arminel Tottle.

Charlotte Appleby and her team make CAMEO a celebratory occasion each month and she also organises organists for the whole parish.

Patrick Appleby is on hand to help with practical problems, always resourceful and his expertise is much appreciated. He also liaises with CSG for emptying of the sewage tank when necessary.

Brigid McManus usually takes notes at meetings. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

John Talyor has become the essential person over new boiler investigations.

David Swinstead, Stephen Mead, Theo Mezger, and Richard Seymour are the team of chair movers who are adept at making different arrangements for the various activities and also Hoover diligently.

Lavinia Owen is often the key welcomer as well as leading some of the all-age services. Other welcomers include John and Elizabeth Bouldin – John always remembers to ring the church bells – Gavin and Adrienne Edgerly-Harris, Nick Owen, Patrick and Charlotte Appleby, Stephen Mead and Seanine Joyce – Seanine and Patrick have been most helpful in setting up for some of the 8.30 communion services.

Our Welcomers are our sidesmen, but we prefer the former term.

Joan Dartnall opens and closes the church each day, with her neighbours helping when she is away.

Rodney Dartnall is generous about any extra tidying and pruning which needs attention in the churchyard – and the disposal of the arisings.

Jean Taylor changes the altar frontals in an unobtrusively helpful way.

Tim Clapp gives much thought and prayerful time to his contributions to some of our services in music and leadership.

Sarah Noble provide hugely imaginative input to our worship, something for all ages and her supreme musical skills, and those of her son, enhance every occasion.

Gerry is to be thanked for his enormous contribution to our worship, imaginative preaching and sometimes stepping in at short notice. His contribution to CAMEO services (and cooking skills) is much appreciated, and his contributions to the Valley News have been thoughtful and interesting.

Beccy, without whom the parish would fall apart, was thanked for her always helpful and resourceful efforts on our behalf

Finally, but absolutely not least, Sarah Hunt was enthusiastically thanked by everyone for all she does for the Church and the DCC.

### **AOB**

Everyone is asked to provide a plate of nibbles for the APCM.

Beccy was to be asked to what extent midweek visitors contribute to the church using the 'rocket'.