

**THE PARISH ST MARY'S STAPLEFORD TAWNEY with ST MICHAEL'S
THEYDON MOUNT
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2019**

The Parochial Church Council, along with the Incumbent, has the responsibility for promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Stapleford Tawney with Theydon Mount, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Parochial Church Council also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings and churchyard and Church Hall.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent

Rev. John Fry

Associate Priest

Rev. Carol Newnham

Church Wardens

Margaret Dennis, Jo Shephard

Deanery Synod Representatives

Joan White, Martyn Lockwood

Elected Members

Jack Stewart (Secretary), Cindy Pridmore (Treasurer), Gill Southall, Graeme Logan, Sue Livings, John Steer, Colin Flint

Parochial Church Council Meetings

The PCC met 5 times during the year.

The parish continues to work towards the shared Benefice Vision of the Theydon Parishes which is:-

To be loving, caring and welcoming congregations who nurture each other to grow in faith together, through quality worship, Bible teaching and prayer, sharing the love of God in Christ with others by example and our activities in the community and wider world.

The PCC has had due regard for the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance, appointing Martyn Lockwood was to serve as Parish Safeguarding Representative.

Sub committees

Events Committee: Organises social and fund-raising events to support the Church, chaired by Margaret Dennis

Hatchments Committee: Chaired by Jo Shephard, this group coordinates the ongoing project to restore the collection of hatchments at Theydon Mount

Church Services

The pattern of services was as follows:

Sunday

	10.30am
First Sunday	Holy Communion at St Mary's Stapleford Tawney
Second Sunday	Holy Communion at St Michael's Theydon Mount
Third Sunday	Holy Communion at St Mary's Stapleford Tawney
Fourth Sunday	Holy Communion at St Michael's Theydon Mount
Fifth Sunday	Joint Benefice Service (at 10a.m, rotating between churches in the Benefice)

(The organ was played by visiting organists on a rota arrangement)

On an average Sunday, 20 adults attended worship. Two funeral services were conducted during the year at St Michael's Theydon Mount, and there were two burials and one burial of ashes in the churchyard there. The PCC begun the process to set aside an additional area of the churchyard at Theydon Mount for the burial of cremated remains. Special services were held for Good Friday, Easter Day, Harvest, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and on the first Sunday of July a Pet Service was held in the churchyard, attended by over 30 people and a wide range of livestock.