

**THE PARISH of ST MARY'S STAPLEFORD TAWNEY with ST MICHAEL'S
THEYDON MOUNT
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2020**

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.

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 (S Tawney), Jo Shephard (T Mount)

Deanery Synod Representatives: Joan White and Martyn Lockwood

Elected Members: Colin Flint, Edna Flint, Graeme Logan, Cindy Pridmore (Treasurer), Gill Southall, Jack Stewart

Anne Padfield was co-opted as Secretary

Martyn Lockwood was appointed to serve as Parish Safeguarding Representative. Safeguarding contact details continue to be displayed on the Benefice website. The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Guidance.

Parochial Church Council Meetings

The PCC met four times, plus the APCM. During lockdowns, decisions were made by email and meetings via Zoom. Annual Meetings were delayed until October. The parish continues to work towards the shared Benefice Vision of the Theydon Parishes which is:-

Core values: Faith, love and community. We seek to live these values by welcoming all, caring and teaching, so that we may change lives through sharing the love of God in Christ.

Sub committees

Events Committee: Organises social and fund-raising events to support the Church, chaired by Maggie Dennis, but limited this year by Covid-19 restrictions.

Hatchments Committee: Chaired by Jo Shephard, the group co-ordinates the ongoing project to restore the collection of hatchments at Theydon Mount Church

Pastoral Care: Co-ordinates pastoral care needs and liaises with clergy, with Gill Southall acting as hub.

Church Services

The pattern of services, when permitted and Covid-safe, was:

Sundays 10.30am, later adjusted to 10.45am:

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, 15-20 adults attended worship.

There was one burial of ashes at St Michael's Theydon Mount in October 2020.
One adult was baptised at St Mary's Stapleford Tawney in November 2020.

Special services for Good Friday and Easter Day were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Harvest Festival was held at St Mary's Stapleford Tawney.

Remembrance Service and all Christmas services were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

St Mary's Stapleford Tawney was open for private prayer twice a week.

The PCC continued the process to set aside an additional area of the churchyard at Theydon Mount for the burial of cremated remains.