

Sedgebrook APCM Meeting 2025 - AGENDA

Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Prayer
2. Minutes of Meeting (*from Previous year*)
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Prayer for new Churchwardens

Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Meeting (*from Previous year*)
3. Matters Arising
4. Reports -
 - Electoral Roll
(*written by the electoral roll officer, with a copy available for inspection at the meeting*)
 - Churchwardens –
(*Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the parish in general*)
 - Fabric
(*on the good and ornaments of the Church written by the Church Wardens*)
 - Treasurer –
(*this must be independently audited and published for at least 7 days - including a Sunday service before the mtg*)
 - SGPN Report
 - Governor's report
 - Deanery Synod
(*Report on the proceedings of the Deanery synod written by the Deanery synod representative*)
 - Safeguarding Report
 - Vicars Report
5. Elections:
 - Deanery Synod Rep –
(*elected for a 3yr term, 1 if electoral roll is less than 50 2 if up to 100*)
 - Election of PCC Members –
(*upto 6 if electoral roll is less than 50, 9 if 50-100, 12 if 100-200*)
 - Ex-officio (Chair), Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Rep, ALM's
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Safeguarding review of Policy
8. Parishioners' Questions
9. Date of next APCM

PCC mtg following the APCM:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of PCC officers
 1. Lay-Vice Chair
 2. Treasurer
 3. Secretary
 4. Electoral Roll Officer
 5. Safeguarding officer (local independent person)
3. Signing of "Fit and Proper" declaration by all PCC members (including CW's, Deanery synod reps etc)
4. Dates of PCC mtgs for the coming year (please bring diaries)

Meeting 2024

Present:

Revd Stella Langdon Davies (Chair)

Alan Cook

Geraldine Statham

Sybil Hubbard

Mike Hubbard

Jenny Stuart

Malcolm Stuart

Gaynor McKay

Wendy Fowler

Apologies were received from Ian McKay and Elisabeth Carnell

Revd Stella welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with prayer.

Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

- 1: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th April 2023 were agreed as a true record.
- 2: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
- 3: Election of Church Wardens:
Nominations for Church wardens were received for Alan Cook. Sybil Hubbard proposed, Gaynor McKay seconded and he was elected unanimously. Alan was thanked for a terrific job over the year, but he would appreciate a second churchwarden to mentor/support in the plans for the church in the year ahead.
4. Prayer for new churchwarden – Rev Stella led prayer for Alan Cook on his re-election.

The Vestry meeting closed.

The APCM:

- 1: The Minutes of the last APCM held on 26th April 2023 were agreed as a true record.
- 2: There were no matters arising.
- 3: Reports: The attached reports had been previously circulated and were taken as read:
 - a. Electoral Roll Report – Jenny Stuart, Electoral Roll Officer
There were 24 members on the electoral roll. One member had left and another died, but it was good to welcome Wendy Fowler onto the Electoral Roll.
 - b. Churchwarden's Report – The report presented by Alan Cook was received with thanks to Alan Cook for all he had achieved in the previous year. There were no questions. Proposed by Jenny Stuart, seconded Geraldine Statham

- c. Treasurer's Report – Despite recovering from a major operation, Ian McKay had produced an excellent Report, which was received with thanks and had been signed off by the independent examiner. There were no questions.
- d. Saxonwell Group Parish News – A report had been provided by Long Bennington. There were no questions.
- e. School Governors Report – Jenny Stuart had stepped down from the position of Foundation Governor due to family circumstances. There was therefore no report this year.
- f. Deanery Synod report- Jenny Stuart reported there had been no meetings during the year as the Diocese concentrated on Time to Change Together.
- g. Churchwardens Report including Church Fabric, flowers and Linen Report – Alan Cook had provided a comprehensive report and was thanked, along with Geraldine Statham for their time and talents. There were no questions.
- h. Safeguarding Report – Alan Cook, Safeguarding Officer produced his report and the form for Promoting a Safer Church was signed off. There were no questions.
- i. Minister's Report – In the absence of an incumbent Jenny Stuart (Licensed Lay Minister/Reader) presented the report, which was received with no questions.

4: Elections:

- a. Deanery Synod Representative – Jenny Stuart was the current representative.
- b. PCC Elections – Existing members were re-elected as follows: Gaynor McKay, Alan Cook, Geraldine Statham, Sybil Hubbard, Malcolm Stuart, Ex Officio members – Ian McKay (Chair) Jenny Stuart (Licensed Reader and Deanery Synod Representative), Alan Cook (Churchwarden). The PCC were delighted to welcome Wendy Fowler onto the PCC.

5: The date for the APCM in 2025 would take place in April, date to be determined nearer the time.

6. Parishioners Questions – there were no questions.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner – Dr Anne Fleming had agreed to continue in the role.

There would be a PCC Meeting to elect officers etc. on Wednesday 17th April at 2pm in church

The Meeting closed with the Grace.

2025 REPORTS

Electoral Roll

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, SEDGEBROOK - ELECTORAL ROLL 2025			
Surname	Christian Name	Address	Telephone (01949)
Bunn	Derek	8 Church Lane NG32 2EU	358075
Cook	Alan	2 Abbey Lane NG32 2EY	842192
De'ath	Brenda	The Cottage, School Lane NG32 2ES	843399
Fowler	Wendy	Ingleside, School Lane, Sedgebrook NG32 2ES	7747022272
Glover	Brian	Glover's Cottage, School Lane NG32 2EJ	843399
Hepworth	Suzanne	14 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	7976711918
Hepworth	Stephen	14 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	7976711918
Hubbard	Michael	20 Church Lane NG32 2EU	842111
Hubbard	Sybil	20 Church Lane NG32 2EU	842111
McKay	Gaynor	6 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	843691
McKay	Ian	6 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	843691
McMillan Bunn	Sandi	8 Church Lane NG32 2EU	358075
McNeish	Ann	9 Church Lane NG32 2EU	842603
McNeish	Billy	9 Church Lane NG32 2EU	842603
Meredith	Paul	Sedgebrook Manor, Church Lane NG32 2EV	843651
Ogilvy	Lady Caroline	Sedgebrook Manor, Church Lane NG32 2EV	842337
Pykett	Susan	September Lodge, 14 Church Lane NG32 2EU	
Pykett	(James) Ian	September Lodge, 14 Church Lane NG32 2EU	
Robinson	Francesca	Abbey House, Abbey Lane NG32 2EY	842861
Statham	Geraldine	2 Abbey Lane NG32 2EY	842192
Stuart	Jenny	2 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	842231

Stuart	Malcolm	2 Whatton's Close NG32 2EX	842231
Wade	Samantha	Old Grammar School, School Lane NG32 2EJ	844114
Wade	Nicholas	Old Grammar School, School Lane NG32 2EJ	844114
There are 24 names on the Roll			

Church Wardens & Fabric Report

Following our arrangement from 2023, we continued our services with Morning Prayer on the second Sunday, Lively Church on the fourth Sunday and have been attending Holy Communion at Allington Church on the the first Sunday of the month until September when our new priest in charge, Jonathan Speirs-Davies, commenced his official duties with a Group Holy Communion at Sedgebrook. We continued holding the first Sunday Communion services for Allington Church here at Sedgebrook, as they commenced their improvement works and their church was unavailable. This continued until the end of the year and beyond and has proved to be a success for both churches.

The year started with an Epiphany service on the 14th January and we held a further 35 services throughout the year.

We were saddened at the death of The Hon James Ogilvy in early January and his funeral service was held on the 19th January attended by more than 280 people. Interment of his ashes in the original churchyard followed a couple of weeks later. A simple headstone has now been erected in his memory.

We had 2 further funerals in the remainder of the year. Chris Cartner and Jenny Adams. A headstone has been erected on the grave of Graham Wade and a revised inscription on the headstone of Pam and Geoff Wade.

Allington with Sedgebrook School held their annual Easter service on 28th March with a congregation of over 250. A special service to commemorate D Day was held on the 9th June. 2 Baptisms were held during the year, as well as our Patronal Festival, Harvest, a Pet service and Remembrance. We finished the year with our annual Christmas tree lighting and carol services. Proceeds from the Harvest Festival again went to Grantham Poverty Action.

Both White House Farm Nursery and Allington with Sedgebrook schools held their nativity services in December. The church was full to capacity on both occasions.

My swearing in this year took place in Lincoln and I was accompanied by members of the PCC.

Actions regarding the church fabric were also carried out, mainly more removal of Ivy growth, roof repairs, clearing of gutters and downspouts, but we still have a number of other works to do in accordance with the 2022 Quinquennial Survey, which is ongoing, funds permitting.

We had a heating survey carried out in March and obtained estimates for both new heating and a sound system. Both estimates were found to be too expensive and were put on hold. We really need a simple sound system and this has been discussed on a number of occasions. The alarm system has been a little inconsistent as the relay system to the central station dropped out on a number of occasions, despite being serviced twice in the year.

The graveyard plans which were drawn up to identify vacancies in the current graveyard initially showed 5 spare spaces. This is now down to 2 as we have had 2 faculty applications in 2024 and funeral is due in early 2025. The graveyard extension will prove to be needed sooner rather than later. The trees and hedging seem to be growing well, but there may be some which have not taken, which will need to be replaced. A contract to maintain the grass in the graveyard and extension was awarded to Messrs Hempsteads from Allington and they are doing a good job keeping it neat and tidy.

The church building remained open every day throughout the year from 10am until 4pm for visitors. Our book/jigsaw exchange was widely used, as was the children's corner.

Chris Hinds provided the annual tuning service for our Bryson organ.

Flowers were again provided throughout the year by Geraldine Statham.

We have an enthusiastic team of bellringers, who are being coached by Paul Meredith. It is hoped we could renovate our bells in the future, so they can be rung rather than just chimed. Unfortunately one the bell clappers has become detached and is in need of repair.

The museum has provided another community asset and the Heritage Group continue to meet monthly. We have to thank Elisabeth Carnell for her diligence in providing this facility. Monthly afternoon coffee and cakes were well attended throughout the year and the nursery school and local children use the play area on a regular basis.

A big thank you to the PCC and all other willing helpers, the graveyard maintenance team, clock winders, cleaners, flower arrangers, book, produce and charity donors, not forgetting the refreshment providers and servers, who all enabled us to continue.

Alan Cook Churchwarden

Flower Fund

The flower fund which was restored in 2022, again finished the year with a small balance.

Easter Lily donations were once again most generously supported, with receipts of £148.00 in total. We were again able to display arrangements of Lilies to make the church attractive when remembering our loved ones on this special occasion. Surplus money provided a basic flower fund for future services, when we decorated the church, including, Funerals, Easter, Mother's Day, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas .

I have managed to fulfil the flower requirements with a small expenditure mainly for the Easter services and Lady Caroline's 90th birthday

There is now a good surplus, as shown in my accounts, to be carried forward.

I would like to thank John Castle for the generous donations of flowers grown in his allotment throughout the year.

There was no change to the church linen, except to say that it was washed and ironed regularly to maintain its condition.

Flower Fund Income and expenditure was as follows.

Date	Occasion	Money In	Money Out
01/01/2024	Opening Amount	£ 89.73	
13/03/2024	Various purchases.		£22.47
28/03/2024	Easter Lilies Donations	£148.00	
28/03/2024	Easter Services (incl. Lilies)		£79.72
08/04/2024	Flowers and Gift (Lady Caroline)		£55.28
04/06/2024	General Flowers		£ 8.00
31/12/2024	Total Income	£237.73	
31/12/2024		Total Expenditure	£165.47
31/12/2024	Closing Amount	£72.26	

Geraldine Statham

PCC Report

The PCC met 5 times in 2024/25 (April, June, August, October and February).

Business covered included getting outside contractors in to mow the cemetery and the new extension and the mounting of a plaque to mark the Garden of Remembrance. All allotments were now taken. We thank Alan Cook for arranging the contractors and Mike Hubbard and Andy Burgess for the Garden of Remembrance sign. Thanks also to Billy McNeish for his help with the cemetery hedge and tidying up around the churchyard. Blocked gutters and downpipes had been cleared with a generous contribution from Lady Caroline Ogilvy, and roof leaks had been repaired and the roof alarm improved.

Service sheets had been reprinted.

As well as the regular monthly services of Morning Prayer and Lively Church, the church had hosted Allington for their services of Holy Communion while extensive building work had been taking place at Holy Trinity. Special Services had taken place for Mothering Sunday, Easter Sunday, Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of D-Day, Heritage Open Day, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Eve. Due to bad weather, the carols round the tree in December took place in the church.

We would like to thank all those who have supported St Lawrence Church in so many ways over the last year. Our PCC has worked tirelessly for the good of the community with particular thanks to Alan our churchwarden and Ian our treasurer without whose skills and dedication the church could not function and who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for St Lawrence church. We are also grateful to Geraldine for the Flowers and Linen and those who have baked and served refreshments and cleaned the church. Thanks also to the clock-winders and bellringers. We have been fortunate to have a great team around the church with those on the electoral roll contributing to the life of the church in many ways.

Although finances have been difficult and demands high, we are pleased to have paid our covenant in full. Our charitable giving has also continued with Marie Curie Cancer Care and Grantham Poverty Action.

The church has been open daily from 10am-4pm. Quite a few people visit and leave encouraging messages in the visitors' book. The community library and jigsaws remain popular along with the recycling of ink cartridges and aluminium cans. The nursery and visiting grandchildren enjoy the children's corner on a regular basis. We have loved having the church and nursery in church for services during Christmas and Easter and the church has attracted visitors from far and wide.

We are deeply appreciative of the support Elisabeth Carnell has given in heading up the Museum and Heritage Group, including updating the free church guide.

Fundraising events including Afternoon Teas, have helped the church operating expenses, and the 200 Club benefited the church in 2024.

We are delighted to have Revd Jon Speirs-Davies as our new incumbent and he and his family have proved popular and caring members of the community. We are also pleased to have Wendy Fowler onto the PCC as our Safeguarding Officer.

Jenny Stuart, continues to serve as Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) with Permission to Officiate and conduct Funerals. She has renewed her Safeguarding training for Leaders, and her Domestic Abuse Awareness Training is current until 2026.

Following the funerals for Hon Mr. James Ogilvy and Jenny Adams and baptisms for Aria Rigney, Leora Jackson and Romey Chantry, it has become apparent that some form of sound system is needed.

Diocesan Activities - The sale of Glebe Land at Sedgebrook had been proposed by the Diocese. No proceeds from the sale would accrue to St Lawrence, Sedgebrook. A consultation was proposed on membership of PCCs.

Looking Forward – despite the best efforts of the PCC, the regular monthly services have not been supported by the community. Following discussion with Revd. Jon, it was decided to trial operating as a Festival Church for 4 months, with the church and museum remaining open daily and the PCC concentrating on providing major services. The church would still be available for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We have also tried, without success, to encourage younger people to come forward to help run the church, which is a worry for the future.

[Jenny Stuart - PCC Secretary](#)

Treasurer's Report

Parochial Church Council

St Lawrence Sedgebrook

Financial Review

Year Ending 31 December 2024

Financial Commentary

Despite exhaustive fund-raising activity throughout the year our true cash flow/working capital has reduced this year. This is because of unexpected roof repairs, outsourcing of the graveyard grass cutting and the doubling of our pledge contribution. We have also seen several people withdrawing or reducing monthly Parish Giving as the effects of the cost-of-living impacts on individuals.

Going forward as a PCC, we are all experiencing external pressures and varying degrees of health issues which will undoubtedly impact on the ability to proactively undertake prolonged fund raising and the effective operation of running the church.

We have benefited from the profit of the 200 club, which alternatives yearly with the Social Club, although time consuming to administer it is a great source of income.

The Muscum continues to be a great asset to the church and wider community. Our thanks go to Elisabeth Carnell for the sterling work she undertakes on a regular basis but the relevant and well researched display for memorable occasions. In support of this we have invested in additional material to enhance it further.

Our reserves are and will continue to be eroded as these will be used to subsidise the overall day to day running costs of the Church.

We will continue to honour our commitment to the 3year pledge agreed in 2023.

Parochial Church Council of Sedgebrook Year Ending 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Payments					
Operations Account					
Parish Pledge		£ 2,500.00		£ 2,500.00	£ 1,316.00
Clergy & Staffing Cost		£ 930.30		£ 930.30	£ 433.30
Electricity		£ 727.22		£ 727.22	£ 480.70
CCU Licence		£ 163.04		£ 163.04	£ 163.28
Organist Fee		£ 130.00		£ 130.00	
Grantham Passage Donation		£ 112.15		£ 112.15	
Candles		£ 16.47		£ 16.47	£ 137.27
Red Wine Christmas		£ 20.00		£ 20.00	
Printing Service Sheets		£ 49.77		£ 49.77	
Sub Total		£ 4,699.45		£ 4,699.45	£ 2,524.05
Fabric Account					
Insurance			£ 2,791.71	£ 2,791.71	£ 2,701.25
Extension Lead			£ 28.00	£ 28.00	
Ian Smith Electrical			£ 577.20	£ 577.20	
Print Picnic Teddy Bear Books			£ 239.30	£ 239.30	
Cleaning Materials			£ 40.58	£ 40.58	£ 30.87
Admin Items			£ 49.62	£ 49.62	£ 9.50
Fan Heater			£ 17.00	£ 17.00	
Service of Mower			£ 126.62	£ 126.62	
Alarm Contract			£ 384.00	£ 384.00	£ 540.43
Grass Cutting			£ 705.60	£ 705.60	
Lottery Licence			£ 20.00	£ 20.00	
Correction Alan Cook			£ 48.00	£ 48.00	
Graveyard Plaque			£ 32.99	£ 32.99	£ 31.96
Post Office Correction	3		£ 150.00	£ 150.00	
Fire Extinguisher Service			£ 54.00	£ 54.00	
Visitor Guides			£ 85.51	£ 85.51	£ 860.14
Roof Repairs			£ 1,845.79	£ 1,845.79	
Festive Items			£ 38.97	£ 38.97	
Clear Allotment			£ 123.00	£ 123.00	
Tree Lights			£ 9.99	£ 9.99	
Correction A. Carvalho	4		£ 400.00	£ 400.00	
Christmas Books					£ 36.00
Organ Service					£ 174.00
Allington Headmistress Gift					£ 57.00
Lego Lively Church					£ 257.62
GASDs					£ 1,140.09
Donation Marie Curie A/Noon Tea					£ 155.00
Noticeboard Sign					£ 77.69
Burns Night					£ 246.34
Correction Alan Cook	5		£ 48.00	£ 48.00	
Fabric Total Payments		£ 4,699.45	£ 7,815.38	£ 7,815.38	£ 5,327.71
Overall Total					

Parochial Church Council of Sedgebrook Year Ending 31 December 2024					
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts		£ 3,573.74	£ 8,404.51	£ 11,978.25	£ 28,361.32
Excess Receipts over Payments		-£ 1,125.71	£ 589.13	-£ 536.58	£ 19,509.50
				£ -	
Balance B/FWD 1 January		£ 5,402.23	£ 20,235.55	£ 25,637.78	£ 6,128.22
Total Excess		£ 4,276.52	£ 20,824.68	£ 25,101.20	£ 25,637.78
Projected Balance		£ 4,276.52	£ 20,842.68	£ 25,119.20	£ 25,637.78
Bank Balance Y/E 2024		£ 3,707.98	£ 20,839.48	£ 24,547.46	£ 25,579.82
Cash In Hand		£ 568.54	£ 3.20	£ 571.74	£ 57.96
Balance C/FWD 31 December		£ 4,276.52	£ 20,842.68	£ 25,119.20	£ 25,637.78
Note 1					
The monthly values are shown on the schedule. Names have been redacted.					
Note 2					
Throughout the main part of the year the treasurer was recovering from spine surgery. In order for the Church to function on a day to day basis the cash from the offering was used in affect as petty cash .					
The receipts and values for such purchases are identified on the individual service sheets and forms part of the banking calculation.					
Note 3					
Money paid into Operating a/c and accepted by Post Office. Appears on Fabric statement . Correction made by Barclays .					
Note 4					
Resident incorrectly made credit of £100 to Fabric account. This was later refunded by me.					
Note 5					
Alan Cook made an incorrect double payment of £48 for his 200 club numbers. This was refunded.					
Note 6 200 Club					
Payment by individuals is made via Cash or Bank transfer. The cash is given to Alan Cook. Unfortunately, not everybody identifies themselves when making bank payments and Alan can be overwhelmed with the volume in addition to his day job of warden. So this year I have had to make some realistic assumptions.					

For information as no Adjustments have been made.

Fabric Account	M. Weatherall had set up standing order for 200 club of £12pm, instead of one-off payment of £12. Refund due 5 a£12	£90.00
Fabric Account	2 nd Invoice from DJS – Repair to roof	£600.00
Fabric Account	Edn – There Invoicing is nightmare. Every year end they do a full reconciliation stating incorrect readings used. Don't understand as the readings are taken by Date Collection. Have challenged this repeatedly with no success. Nov/Dec Invoices & Reconciliation.	£98.65
	Total	£788.65
Operating Account	Cheques for Marie Curie (Afternoon Tea takings)	£22.10
Operating Account	Organ Services November 24	£152.00
	Total	£484.10

All income up to 31 December 2024 is shown in Bank balance or as Cash in Hand

Operating Account Income Reconciliation 2024										
Date	Occasion	Offering	Donation	Total	Total B/F	Total Cash	Payments	Act Cash	Banked	C/Fwd
15/12/2023	School Nativity	£65.00		£65.00						
24/12/2023	Carol Concert	£85.00		£85.00						
14/01/2024	Morning Prayer	£20.00	£25.50	£45.50						
28/01/2024	Candlemass	£24.95	£5.00	£29.95						
11/02/2024	Sunday Before Lent	£20.00	£18.00	£38.00						
Total	Bank Slip 100064	£214.95	£48.50	£263.45	£27.58	£291.03		£291.03	£270.00	£21.03
25/02/2024	Lively Church	£45.50	£10.00	£56.50						
10/02/2024	Mothering Sunday	£53.00	£15.00	£68.00						
24/03/2024	Palm Sunday	£8.00	£13.00	£21.00						
28/03/2024	School Easter Service	£31.08		£31.08						
31/03/2024	Easter Sunday	£89.90		£89.90						
14/05/2024	3 Sunday Easter	£54.00	£19.05	£73.05			-£51.32			
12/05/2024	Sunday After Ascension	£32.00	£12.06	£44.06						
26/05/2024	Trinity Sunday	£15.00		£15.00			-£10.40			
09/06/2024	80 D. Day Service	£63.50	£5.00	£68.50						
16/06/2024	Baptism	£200.00	£12.12	£252.12						
23/06/2024	Lively Church	£23.40		£23.40						
27/06/2024	Pau & Shirley		£30.00	£30.00						
Total	Bank Slip 100065	£556.38	£117.23	£773.61	£21.03	£794.64	-£61.72	£732.92	£690.00	£42.92
14/07/2024	Morning Prayer	£32.00	£25.47	£58.47						
28/07/2024	Lively Church	£24.11	£56.75	£80.86						
Total	Bank Slip 100066	£56.11	£63.22	£119.33	£42.92	£162.25		£162.25	£150.00	£12.25
11/08/2024	Patronal Church	£32.00	£69.00	£101.00						
25/08/2024	Lively Church	£31.00	£14.00	£45.00			-£20.00			
08/09/2024	Morning Prayer	£7.00	£25.00	£33.00			-£4.00			
Total	Bank Slip 100067 & 068	£70.00	£109.00	£179.00	£17.25	£191.25	-£20.00	£167.25	£165.00	£2.25

Operating Account Income Reconciliation 2024										
Date	Occasion	Offering	Donation	Total	Total B/F	Total Cash	Payments	Act Cash	Banked	C/Fwd
22/09/2024	Harvest Festival	£112.15		£112.15			-£30.15			
29/09/2024	Group Holy Communion	£193.35		£193.35						
13/10/2024	Morning Prayer	£25.00	£77.00	£52.00						
20/10/2024	Communion with Allington	£22.00		£22.00						
Total	Bank Slip 100009	£352.50	£27.00	£379.50	£2.25	£381.75	-£30.15	£351.60	£315.00	£36.60
27/10/2024	Pet Service	£49.00	£22.00	£71.00						
10/11/2024	Remembrance	£190.04		£190.04						
17/11/2024	Communion with Allington	£50.00	£10.00	£70.00						
24/11/2024	Lively Church	£27.00		£27.00						
Total	Bank Slip 100070	£326.04	£32.00	£358.04	£36.60	£394.64		£394.64	£350.00	£44.64
01/12/2024	Communion with Allington	£50.00		£50.00		£50.00				
	Baptism	£58.00		£68.00		£68.00				
	Total	£118.00		£118.00	£44.64	£162.64		£162.64		£167.64
08/12/2024	Morning Prayer	£35.00	£18.33	£53.33						
18/12/2024	Nursery Nativity Service	£109.18		£109.18						
19/12/2024	School Nativity Service	£85.02		£86.02						
24/12/2024	Christmas Eve Carols	£207.37		£207.37		£207.37	-£50.00	£157.37		
	Total	£437.57	£18.33	£455.90	£162.64	£618.54	-£50.00	£568.54		£568.54
	Annual Total	£2,231.55	£415.28	£2,646.83	£27.58	£2,674.41	-£165.87	£2,508.54	£1,940.00	£568.54

Operating Account Other Income

Date	Source	Reason	Amount						
09/02/2024	Lincoln Diocese	Mr Olgivy Funeral	£ 239.10						
22/03/2024	Lincoln Diocese	Mr C. Cartner Funeral	£ 204.00						
27/04/2024	Recycle 4Charity		£ 6.00						
07/06/2024	Lincoln Diocese	Monument - Olgivy	£ 150.00						
07/06/2024	Lincoln Diocese	Monument - Wade	£ 150.00						
28/08/2024	Post Office	Correct Post Office Error	£ 150.00						
22/11/2024	Lincoln Diocese	Mrs Adams Funeral	£ 343.68						
		Total	£ 1,242.78						

Fabric Account Income

Date	Method	Source	Detail	Amount	Statement	Method	Source	Amount	Connection
3/6/24	S.O	G.Lawrence	Donation	£ 10.00	Jun-24	Giro	C.Jackson	£ 24.00	
5/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	A.COOK	£ 48.00	
6/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	A.Cook	£ 48.00	
10/6/24		Duplicate	Payment		Jun-24	Online	A.Cook		-£48.00
10/6/24	GIRO	Perish Giving		£ 189.56	Jun-24				
17/6/24	GIRO	HARC Credit	Gift Aid	£ 503.77	Jun-24				
12/6/24					Jun-24	Online	Eldred	£ 12.00	
13/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	Mcbride	£ 24.00	
17/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	Tipton	£ 48.00	
18/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	Lucas	£ 24.00	
18/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	A.Longman	£ 24.00	
18/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	P.Gaw	£ 24.00	
18/6/24					Jun-24	Giro	C.Adams	£ 24.00	
19/6/24					Jun-24	Online	M.Wade	£ 50.00	
24/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	S.Kinder	£ 12.00	
24/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	P.Jackson	£ 24.00	
24/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	Arcas	£ 24.00	
24/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	J.Stuart	£ 48.00	
26/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	L.Burgess	£ 4.00	
26/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	L.Howitt	£ 12.00	
26/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	L.Burgess	£ 20.00	
26/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	S.Lee	£ 24.00	
26/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	D.Mohoney	£ 24.00	
27/6/24					Jul-24	S.O	Waatharall	£ 12.00	
27/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	M.Howley	£ 12.00	
27/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	McCaig	£ 12.00	
27/6/24		Afternoon Tea		£ 106.45					
27/6/24					Jul-24	Giro	A.Ghas	£ 24.00	
28/6/24					Jul-24	Online	T.Achroyd	£ 24.00	
1/7/24	S.O	J Pankar	Donation	£ 10.00	Jul-24				
1/7/24					Jul-24	Giro	Maitland	£ 24.00	
1/7/24					Jul-24	Giro	T.Bailey	£ 24.00	
2/7/24					Jul-24	Giro	K.Steel	£ 24.00	
2/7/24	S.O	G.Lawrence	Donation	£ 10.00	Jul-24				
		Page Total		£ 829.63				£ 708.00	

Operating Account Expenditure 2024			
Date	Supplier	Services/Goods	Total Gross
08/01/2024	Alan Cook	6x Red Wine (Carols Tree)	£ 20.00
01/02/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 94.46
01/02/2024	Christian Copyright	CCLI Licence	£ 163.04
01/02/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.33
01/02/2024	Long Bennington	Admin Expenses	£ 504.00
27/02/2024	Long Bennington	Priest Advert	£ 40.00
27/02/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 146.40
27/02/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.33
02/04/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 47.13
05/04/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.33
07/05/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 71.24
07/05/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.33
10/06/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 158.33
10/06/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
11/06/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
09/07/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 17.98
09/07/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
29/07/2024	Printhub	Service Sheets	£ 49.77
07/08/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 15.11
07/08/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
29/08/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
29/08/2024	Long Bennington	Admin Expenses	£ 436.80
14/10/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 37.27
14/10/2024	Grantham Passage	Donation of Offering Harvest Festival	£ 112.15
14/10/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
07/11/2024	John Heald	Organist Funeral	£ 130.00
13/11/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.25
13/11/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 40.42
04/12/2024	Lincoln Diocesan	Pledge	£ 208.93
10/12/2024	Alan Cook	Candles	£ 16.47
10/12/2024	Eon	Electricity	£ 98.88
	Total		£ 4,699.45

Fabric Account Income									
Date	Method	Source	Detail	Amount	Statement	Method	Source	Amount	
25/9/24					Oct-24	Credit	200 Club	£ 12.00	
27/9/24					Oct-24	S.O	Weatherall	£ 12.00	
1/10/24	S.O	J.Parker	Donation	£ 10.00	Oct-24				
2/10/24	S.O	G.Lawrence	Donation	£ 10.00	Oct-24				
10/10/24	Giro	Parish Giving		£ 189.96	Oct-24				
25/10/24	Giro	Parish Giving	Gift Aid	£ 40.00	Nov-24				
28/10/24					Nov-24	S.O	Weatherall	£ 12.00	
31/10/24	Giro	Lincoln Diocese	Grant	£ 1,019.08	Nov-24				
1/11/24	S.O	J.Parker	Donation	£ 10.00	Nov-24				
4/11/24	S.O	G.Lawrence	Donation	£ 10.00	Nov-24				
11/11/24	Giro	Parish Giving		£ 189.96	Nov-24				
12/11/24	Giro	Parish Giving	Gift Aid	£ 1.25	Nov-24				
12/11/24	Giro	Parish Giving	Gift Aid	£ 4.92	Nov-24				
27/11/24					Dec-24	S.O	Weatherall	£ 12.00	
28/11/24	Giro	Parish Giving	Gift Aid	£ 40.00	Dec-24				
2/12/24	S.O	J.Parker	Donation	£ 10.00	Dec-24				
2/12/24	S.O	G.Lawrence	Donation	£ 10.00	Dec-24				
4/12/24	Giro	A. Cavallo	IMPACT	£ 400.00	Dec-24				
10/12/24	Giro	Parish Giving		£ 189.96	Dec-24				£400.00
11/12/24	Trf	A. Cavallo	REVERSAL						
12/12/24	Giro	Parish Giving	Gift Aid	£ 40.00	Dec-24				
		Page Total		£ 2,175.13				£ 48.00	£448.00
		Total		£ 6,902.51				£ 1,502.00	£8,404.51
		Combined Total						£ 8,404.51	



PARISH SCHEME

Donor Statement for Period: December 2024

(Your parish will receive all donations by the 10th of the month. Gift Aid will be sent separately once the PCS has received it from HMRC.)

Parish: Sedgebrook St Lawrence
 Diocese: Lincoln Diocese
 Parish Ref: 210021172

Key

Frequency
 M = Monthly
 Q = Quarterly
 A = Annual

Inflation
 Y = Inflationary Increase
 N = No Inflationary Increase

Transaction Ref	Description	Comms: D	Current Month			This Year To Date			Calendar Year To Date					
			Donor Received	Gift Aid	Total	Donation Received	Gift Aid	Total	Donation Received	Gift Aid	Total			
146722	PCS THANKYOU-01765	1000	2.50	0.00	2.50	80.00	20.00	100.00	129.00	50.00	180.00	489.26	M	N
147107	PCS THANKYOU-02131	2000	0.25	0.00	0.25	200.00	50.00	250.00	309.00	75.00	375.00	1107.50	M	N
147204	PCS THANKYOU-02200	1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	129.00	0.00	129.00	350.00	M	N
147342	PCS THANKYOU-02350	1000	2.50	0.00	2.50	60.00	20.00	80.00	129.00	50.00	180.00	475.00	M	N
147666	PCS THANKYOU-02667	1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	80.00	129.00	0.00	129.00	350.00	M	N
152736	PCS THANKYOU-00354	1142	2.85	0.00	2.85	50.33	22.78	73.11	135.74	33.92	169.66	475.96	M	Y
152845	PCS THANKYOU-00553	1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	80.00	129.00	0.00	129.00	370.00	M	N
152934	PCS THANKYOU-00603	1772	4.28	0.00	4.28	136.33	34.70	171.03	202.64	56.65	259.29	623.20	M	Y
152957	PCS THANKYOU-00606	1000	2.50	0.00	2.50	60.00	20.00	80.00	129.00	50.00	180.00	367.50	M	N
152958	PCS THANKYOU-00605	500	1.25	0.00	1.25	40.00	13.00	53.00	60.00	15.00	75.00	183.75	M	N
152922	PCS THANKYOU-00810	1142	2.85	0.00	2.85	66.95	22.76	89.71	135.74	33.92	169.66	415.56	M	Y
152743	PCS THANKYOU-01295	2000	5.00	0.00	5.00	100.00	40.00	140.00	240.00	60.00	300.00	750.00	M	N
157105	PCS THANKYOU-01638	1000	2.00	0.00	2.00	60.00	20.00	80.00	129.00	50.00	180.00	375.00	M	N
150000	PCS THANKYOU-02549	3000	7.50	0.00	7.50	240.00	60.00	300.00	360.00	90.00	450.00	1057.50	M	N
Grand Totals:			46956	40.00	229.06	1514.38	319.66	1836.42	2372.82	478.30	2761.22	7476.83		

Johnno Leaver

Fabric Account Expenditure 2024

Supplier	Item/Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Close Premium	Insurance	229.64	229.64	233.24	233.27	233.24	233.24	233.24	233.24	233.24	233.24	233.24	233.24	£ 2,791.71
J.Stuart	Extension Lead	28.00												£ 28.00
Ian Smith Elec		216.00				361.20								£ 577.20
E. Carnell	Print Picnic Books	239.30												£ 239.30
S.Hubbard	Cleaning Materials	3.38	3.38	5.87		4.78				7.77		19.78		£ 40.58
J.Stuart	Admin Items	49.52	49.52											£ 49.52
A.Cook	Fan Heater			17.00										£ 17.00
M Hubbard	Mower Service				126.62									£ 126.62
Allsecure	Alarm Service				384.00									£ 384.00
E. Hempstead	Grass Cutting				50.40	100.80	100.30	100.80	100.80	100.80	50.40	100.80		£ 705.00
A.Cook	Lottery Licence				20.00									£ 20.00
A.Cook	Duplicate Paymt.						48.00							£ 48.00
Engrivity Ltd	Pzque Graveyard								32.99					£ 32.99
Post Office	Correction								250.00					£ 150.00
Lindum	Firu Exc. Checks									54.00				£ 54.00
E.Carnell	Visitor Guides										85.51			£ 85.51
DJS. Metal	Roof Repair											1,845.79		£ 1,845.79
J.Stuart	Festive Items											38.57		£ 38.57
E.Lee- Garden	Clear- Alignment												123.00	£ 123.00
A.Cook	Tree Lights												9.99	£ 9.99
A.Carvalho	Correction												400.00	£ 400.00
Total		712.94	282.54	256.11	614.29	700.02	382.04	334.01	517.03	395.81	369.15	2,237.18	766.23	£ 7,767.38

SGPN Report & Accounts

Please refer to the 2024 annual accounts attached, which have been independently verified by Stephen Peck. As you will see, we had a deficit of £633.50 for the year. We were able to cover our costs as we have a dwindling 'buffer' amount in the account. However, if we continue to increase our deficit each year (last year it was £400.50) we will not be able to continue to produce the magazine for very much longer.

Donations continue to dwindle, however, thank you to the people who made a donation and a special thank you to LB parish council for their annual £500 and to Foston for a £100 donation. Please encourage and remind people to donate wherever possible.

Thanks to all the people who send in articles and other contributions on time each month and to Tony Tucker for his continued involvement with the printers. Thanks to Joy Jordan for dealing with new advertising throughout the year and for offering her house as the main distribution point and counting and collating the 'bundles' for the many distributors across the four villages.

Thanks also to the distributors, who volunteer to take the magazines out 10 times a year.

Jill Froggatt - SGPN Treasurer

SGPN BALANCE SHEET					
2024 (2023 SHOWN)	2024	2024		2023	2023
	£	£		£	£
ASSETS					
Bank balance per statement	5,244.70 *			6,758.20	
		5,244.70			6,758.20
LIABILITIES					
Design*					
Editor				(180.00)	
Printing				(700.00)	
		5,244.70			5,878.20
RESERVES					
Balance brought forward		5,878.20			6,278.70
Less: Deficit in the year		(633.50)			(400.50)

At 31 December 2024**		5,244.70			5,878.20

*£100 owing to Emily for August issue to be paid in 2025

** Actual balance date is 3rd December, as balance at 31st December includes 2025 payments

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024		
	£	£
INCOME		
Magazine Advertisements	6,810.50	
Donations Online	650.00	
Donations Cash & Cheque	359.00	
		7,819.50
EXPENDITURE		
Printing	6,953.00	
Design (Emily)	900.00	
Editor (Jill)	600.00	
		8,453.00
Deficit for the year		633.50

Governors Report

No Report this year

Deanery Synod Report

The main business discussed during the year centred around a proposal to join the Deaneries of Loveden, Grantham, Beltisloe and Grantham. St Wulfram's, Grantham had expressed their concern that the proposed Deanery would be too large and proposed that Grantham and Loveden form one Deanery and Stamford and Beltisloe another.

It is with regret that family circumstances mean that Jenny Stuart can no longer represent St Lawrence at Deanery Synod meetings which take place in the evenings.

[Jenny Stuart - Deanery Synod Representative](#)

Safeguarding Report

Children and Young People

We have no safeguarding incidents or concerns to report

Children visit the church as part of services, accompanied by family or other adults. Services are conducted in collaboration with the White House Nursery and Allington with Sedgebrook Primary School; children are accompanied by employed education staff during these visits, we acknowledge that we also have a duty of care whenever the children are in the church building.

1 [Vulnerable Adults](#)

We have not been notified of any concerns about vulnerable adults in the parish or attending services.

2 [Disclosure & Barring Service](#)

A process of DBS checks has been commenced with Mike Libby attending PCC meetings to support DBS applications

3 [Safeguarding Training](#)

Safeguarding updates to be completed this year by members of the PCC

4 [Safeguarding Officer](#)

Wendy Fowler, a registered nurse, took the role of Safeguarding Officer in July 2024. We thank Alan Cook for his service over the years.

[Wendy Fowler](#)
[Safeguarding Officer](#)

Vicars Report

It's a joy to write this first report for West Loveden Church, having arrived in the parish in August and been formally licensed in September. Since then, it has been a season of settling in, building relationships, and beginning to discern what God is already doing among us—and how we might join in.

A Season of Beginning and Welcome

My first few weeks were full of welcomes. I'm so grateful for the kindness, patience, and hospitality extended by so many across our villages. The early part of my time here was marked by our Harvest celebrations. In many ways, a perfect opportunity to meet lots of people around our parishes, not just at the core of our worshipping community but also those who support and cheer on our endeavours in a broader sense. From school services to traditional harvest suppers, I was struck by how much goodwill and care flows through these villages. I particularly enjoyed how relaxed and joyful each celebration was—and my youngest clearly agreed, dragging me to the front for a boogie.

Next was the season of remembrance and, again, this occasion was marked with evident care and attention. Of the many examples of this, the way the various scouting and guiding groups were enabled to participate at the service in Foston beautifully captured the sense of togetherness that was clear across all the West Loveden services. It was a wonderful picture of the community coming together and filling the church to honour those who took seriously the call of Christ that there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13).

As we moved into Advent and Christmas, I was again encouraged to see so many come and participate in the carols and celebrations marking the birth of Christ—some perhaps for the first time in a while, some regularly, and others for the first time ever. I have to congratulate all those who planned and presented such unique and special carol and Christingle services. It felt like such an encouraging picture of our path forward with everyone enabled, encouraged and emboldened to get stuck in and share together. Instead of nine identical carol services (which is likely what I would have been able to manage on my own), each service, whether quiet and reflective or joyful and bustling, helped tell the story of Christ's coming, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in making that season beautiful and meaningful.

Other particular highlights were some of the very popular events that saw our buildings packed. The Cranwell Military Wives Choir concert at St Swithun's Long Bennington was packed with people enjoying the choir's wonderful talent. Also, the gospel music concert at St Peter's Claypole so joyfully led by the Sing It Bold Community Gospel Choir was a massive success. Thank you to all who put in the time and effort to plan and organise those and other events throughout the year.

Looking Ahead Together

A key theme emerging in our conversations and shared work has been that of *becoming more God's church across West Loveden* as the legacy groups of Saxonwell and Claypole continue to grow closer together in mutual support and communion. Each parish community brings something different to the table—different traditions, gifts, and styles of worship—and part of our calling now is to explore how we can cherish that diversity while growing together into something more united. Not “one-size-fits-all,” but one family of faith made up of many parts. As is repeatedly stated in the scriptures, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12.5). To be the Church, the Body of Christ, is to confidently assert that we are each valued and important while also humbly elevating others and encouraging them that they are just as important and valued.

This isn't about efficiency for its own sake or streamlining for administrative tidiness - it's about deepening our shared identity as the Church in this place and becoming more able to support one another in worship, mission, and care. I've already seen signs of this taking root, and I'm hopeful about where God is leading us next. As the Apostle Paul wrote in his disarming digression instructing the early church, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don't need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don't need you!’” (1 Corinthians 12:21). If I may add, the wonderful thing about being human - rather than just a body part - is that we can be and do many different things. As we stand shoulder-to-shoulder at the foot of the cross, nothing is beneath or above anyone and everything is an opportunity and a blessing.

Gratitude

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the bellringers, churchwardens, cleaning crews, flower arrangers, ministry leaders, musicians, pastoral visitors, PCC members, priests, readers, refreshment servers, school contacts, and so many others who faithfully serve—often behind the scenes. Your work is deeply appreciated. Thank you also to those who have simply taken the time to talk, to pray, or to offer advice and context—it's made a huge difference.

A special thanks to all who give, tithe, and financially invest in the life of our worshipping community.

As well as being generous with time and skill, it's a joy to witness such a widespread response to God's invitation to worship in generosity. It's so clear how, by pooling our carefully stewarded resources, we are enabled to reach out with the gospel together better than any of us could on our own. I want to particularly acknowledge the sizeable and generous legacy left in a parishioner's will for the church in Allington. This money has been prayerfully invested in accessibility for the building with a ramp, kitchen and toilet facilities as well as more space for gathering and fellowship. A final special thanks to those who source and secure grant funding that

is so vital in helping to maintain the building heritage that we steward. It's such a blessing to be part of such a generous community. Thank you.

2025 and Beyond

As we step into 2025, I'm looking forward to deepening relationships across the parishes and continuing to explore what it means to be one Church in many places. I hope we can build rhythms of worship and life that sustain our congregation and help us engage meaningfully with those beyond our church walls.

God is already at work in our villages. Our task is not to invent something new but to pay attention to the Holy Spirit and unleash the creativity God has placed within each of us. As we grow in confidence and faith, let's keep inviting others into the life of Christ. Please keep praying—for our church, for our villages and for one another.

Rev'd Jon Speirs-Davies