

## PCC Church Council of Great and Little Tey.

Annual report for St. James the Less, Little Tey for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2025.

Robbie and I would like to thank all those people in the Church and Parish who have supported and helped in so many ways to make our roles as Churchwardens a happy and rewarding one.

The services throughout the year have been well supported and it has been a joy to see how well our four Churches support one another. On the fifth Sunday in the month we have taken turns with Aldham and Marks Tey to host a service for all six Churches and it has been a joy to all be together.

During Lent we have held our usual Lent Services on Wednesday evenings studying the little book "The Whole Easter Story". Different members of the congregations led the services.

Our Plough Service was a little different this year as we were not able to bring the plough into Church, but we made a small display of farming equipment to represent the agricultural farming year. The Rogation Service was blessed with fine weather and was well attended.

It has been decided sadly to put the plans for a toilet on hold until we have an incumbent to help us through the minefield of applying for grants and faculties. ~~We have not yet received a faculty for the removal of the lime trees.~~

We enjoyed a lovely day of peace and quiet at Pleshey. The day was led by Rev. Emma Barr assisted by John Carr. We hope to organize another Quiet Day next year.

Open the Book is going well but we do need another two helpers. Andy Carter is a great supporter and as an ex teacher knows how to interact with the children. They are queuing up to be part of the story telling. Our children's corner is now well used by Marco and Ezra.

Our Music for a Summer afternoon went extremely well, with over sixty people attending. Mary Felgate and her cousin Jamie ( known as Fiddlers Elbow) entertained us and a lovely cream tea was enjoyed by all.

The harvest and Christmas gifts were gratefully received by the Colchester Food Bank.

The Nine Lessons and Carol service and The Crib Service were a joy. We made up a choir of fourteen people, the singing was wonderful.

A big thank you goes to Jane Pearson our secretary and to Ian and Celia who oversee our services. We are lucky to be able to tap into their many years of knowledge and experience. Thank you to Freda who helps with the day to day running of the Church. Thanks to Ian who works hard to keep our finances on track and to Valerie who organizes all the rota's. William Pearson has started to do the mowing of the grass and is making a good job of it. Thanks to everyone who plays any part in the life of the Church whether it be arranging flowers, cleaning, reading lessons or intercessions.

CAROLYN and ROBBIE, CHURCHWARDENS