

## **Parish Warden's update to the APCM 10th May 2026**

At our APCM this time last year Paul and Kate Day announced that their retirement.

We knew, and will always be thankful for, what a difference they had made during their time in the parish.

So what would happen once they had left? Would we go backwards?

In the weeks that followed that announcement Paul and Kate spent a lot of time handing over all the things that they did and giving training and help where needed.

We spent some time reviewing all that we do and assessing whether we could still do them or what changes would be needed with our reduced resources.

Thank you to everyone that has taken on new jobs and responsibilities, thank you everyone that does something big or small, seen or unseen, to contribute to the life and success of this parish. Thank you that, because of all that you do, the initiatives that started while Paul and Kate were here have been able to continue and to flourish.

Thank you to our PCC for all that they do, for their positivity and harmony in meetings.

Thank you to our ministry team and those that are supporting them.

Our vacancy for a vicar is currently being advertised, the closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> May and interviews are scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are in a strong position to welcome our new vicar and when they are appointed we look forward to making decisions and plans taking into account the resources that we have. Please remember that, in the short term, the number in our ministry will remain the same. Whoever the new vicar is we will have a great future together.