

THE DIOCESE OF ST EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK**

For the year ended 31st December 2025.

**Accounts are Prepared under the Receipts and Payments
Accounting Basis**

General Information

Church Address: St. Andrew's Church
Church Road,
Marlesford,
Suffolk IP13 0AT

Rector The Reverend Ann Kember,
14 St. Peter's Close,
Charsfield,
Woodbridge, IP13 7RG
01473 737280/ 07388117656

Bankers: Church of England Deposit Fund,
One Angel Lane,
London EC4R 3AB

CAF Bank Ltd,
Kings Hill,
West Malling,
Kent. ME19 4TA

Examiner: Mrs Carol Parry.

Church Membership and Service Numbers.

Electoral Roll - 15

There were 12 Sunday Parish Services in 2025.

Average Adult attendance - 13

(this excludes major festivals (Christmas, Harvest etc and Benefice Services).

Average young persons - 0

Average Adult Communicants – 12.

Ash Wednesday – 13

Compline, Holy Week - 13

Easter – 13

Rogation Sunday Prayers - 9

Harvest Festival and Memorial Service - 71

Remembrance Sunday – 21

December Benefice Service - 21

Christingle – 57

Christmas Day – 19

Compline – 43 Wednesday Services with 3 in attendance.

Aims and Objectives

The pattern of Benefice Service Eucharists on the first and fifth Sundays continued but also included other “festival” services, eg. Pentecost. Where practical, in Marlesford we held Holy Communion or Morning Worship, on the third Sunday of the month and Evening Prayers or occasionally Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month.

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

We held our APCM on May 3rd^h in Church. An invitation was sent to everyone on the Electoral Roll. The annual Accounts were ratified prior to the APCM.

Members of the PCC are elected at the APCM in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

Rector	The Revd. Ann Kember.
Churchwarden:	Lord Marlesford.(deceased 13 th July)
Deanery Synod Rep.	Mrs Carol Cooke
Elected Members:	Mrs Jackie Cousins (Secretary). Mrs Carol Cooke (Treasurer). Mrs Brenda Lavender Mr Andy Cousins Mrs Nicola Stacey Mrs Jacky Waghorn. Ms Susan Wilson

Standing Committee: Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The PCC met in February and September, and members also attended the joint PCC meetings held in March and September.

Overall Review of the Year

We are very grateful for the commitment of our Organist, Andrew Quartermain and to all who willingly read the Bible passages in our Services throughout the year. Thanks also go to the band of Flower Arrangers, (ably organised by Sue Wilson) and our Cleaners, without them our Church would not be complimented by visitors as a welcoming place.

We fulfilled our financial commitment to paying the full amount of our Parish Share, this amounted to £9,000.

Outreach in the Community continued to be the focus of our Parochial work. This included working jointly with the Community Centre.

A small group meet on Wednesdays to say Compline in the traditional form, and we use the South Aisle.

Our Elders were re-commissioned on 4th May, when John Adams was newly commissioned.

Our Priest in Charge, Ann, was installed as Rector on 6th July.

A Celtic Benefice Compline was held on the Wednesday of Holy Week.

Harvest Festival was on 21st September and as usual the Church was splendidly decorated.

The Remembrance Sunday service was held at 10.45am and one of the younger members of the congregation read part of the citation.

On 12th December, jointly with the Community Centre, there was an evening of Christmas Songs, led by a group of ukelele players.

On 21st December we had a Christingle Service, the Church was decorated for Christmas and was lit with many candles. Andrew and Mick provided the music. It was very well supported.

Sadly, 2 Funerals in the year, Simon Walker and Lord Marlesford.

Training

Carol Cooke, Elder, completed various training days throughout the year.

Community Initiatives

The annual Fete on 2nd August, was again a joint effort between the Church and the Community Centre, held by kind invitation of Paul and Lesley Bensley at the Firs. A Churchyard working party followed by tea and cake took place in August. Grateful thanks go to Richard Cooper and Sue Wilson for their continued support in maintaining the churchyard and our thanks also to those who regularly trim paths around the Church.

The Benefice Big Breakfast took place January to June, and September to November, with volunteers from Marlesford along with the other Parishes.

.

Safeguarding

The Benefice Safeguarding Officer is Lesley Bensley. The Policy was re-affirmed at the APCM and a copy is on the notice board in the Porch.

Church Fabric and Maintenance

Minor repairs took place through the year.

Finance and Fundraising

Parish Share was paid in full.

Profit from the Fete, which was shared 50/50 with the Community Centre, amounted to £515.

Gift Aid claims and payments are up to date.

From the Harvest Festival collections, we made a charitable donation to FIND of £250, along with foodstuffs collected.

On the days when Carol provides refreshments at the Community Café, donations to Church Funds have amounted to £159.50.

Balance Sheet is attached.

