

Abberley Parochial Church Council

Churchwardens Report May 2026

Pastoral

During the year we continued to have services at St Mary's and St Michael's on alternate Sundays. St Mary's service starting at 11.00 am and St Michael's at 6,00 pm.

Numbers attending remained steady throughout the year with an average attendance at St Mary's of 15 and at St Michael's 8.

We had a particularly busy period leading up Christmas with large numbers attending Carol Services from Abberley Primary School together with their parents filling the church on numerous occasions. We also had the annual carol service with Abberley Young Farmers which was well attended. Overall this resulted in 425 people attending St Mary's during Advent

Each month the coffee and cake mornings continued to be held in St Mary's by the Abberley Care Farm with on-going success

Abberley WI continued to hire St Mary's for their craft group, on a monthly basis.

During the year we had four weddings and eight funerals services of various sorts.

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Structural

Both churches had quinquennial reviews during the year, which resulted in a to do list over the next few years

In the St Mary's quinquennial review there were listed eleven items for immediate attention, five items have been completed and seven still to do

In the St Michaels quinquennial review four items were listed of which two have been done.

At St Mary's, all the downpipes were repaired and repainted. A new lapel mike was purchased and installed to replace the old one which was mislaid. We also purchased a new electronic keyboard for the church as a back up for the ailing organ.

At St Michael's the entrance ceiling was redone and the entrance door was repainted also a gutter was repaired