

Form 4A
(Rule 6.2)
**Public Notice
(general form)**

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of St Albans

In the parish of Rickmansworth

Church of Rickmansworth, St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:
(Describe the works or other proposals in the same way as in the faculty petition)

Placing an icon of Madonna and child in the Lady Chapel.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at St Mary's Church Rickmansworth and on a publicly accessible website at <https://www.stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk/>

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public. If the petition is submitted through an online system, those documents must also be publicly available for inspection online.)

Petitioners:

(Each petitioner to give name and office held in block capitals)

1. MR MARTYN GOWING - CHURCHWARDEN
2. REV GARY NORMAN - MINISTER
3. MR ROGER WILLETT - CHURCHWARDEN

Date **12/10/2025**

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at St Albans Diocesan Registry, Winckworth Sherwood LLP, Arbor, 255 Blackfriars Road, LONDON, SE1 9AX or by email to stalbansregistry@wslaw.co.uk so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than Tuesday 11 November 2025 A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Directions to petitioners

You must display this public notice (or a copy of it) for a continuous period of not less than 30 days, not counting the day on which it is put up or the day on which it is taken down, (or for such other period as the Court may direct) in each of the following places:

1. on a notice board or in some other prominent position inside the church; and
2. on a notice board outside the church or in some other prominent position (whether on the outside of the church door or elsewhere) so that it can be read by the public.

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Brief Description of works

Placing an icon of Madonna and child in the lady chapel There is already one in situ and another icon has been gifted to the church by a long term member . We would like to place this in close proximity to the existing icon on the north wall of the lady chapel for use in devotion



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

Serving the whole community

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Held on Monday 10 March 2025

Meeting held in Room 1

Present: Gill Bayley, Andrew Bond, David Carruthers, Buzz Coster, Jean Dodds, Jane Earl, David Gilbert, John Glidden, Martyn Gowing, Judith Haigh, Paul Harding, Petra Hedges, David Hibbert, Sue Hillier, Revd Gary Norman, Maxine Platzman, Adam Shiels, Alison Vincent-Edwards, Roger Willett.

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar.

1) Opening prayers were led by the Vicar.

2) Apologies for absence were received from Hilary Stevenson.

3) Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025

Following correction of a typographical error under item 8, these were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4) Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.

5) Vicar's report

Sean Frost has been appointed as the new Director of Music. He has signed the contract and a DBS check is pending. It is expected that his first service will be on 27 April 2025.

6) Safeguarding

A report from the safeguarding team had been circulated. It was noted that all volunteers must now undertake training and HS is dealing with this.

Other documents had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- a) The PCC agreed to adopt the House of Bishops' Guidance on Key Roles and Responsibilities of Church Office Holders and Bodies Practice.
- b) The PCC received assurance from the incumbent and the PSO that they are aware of the process to be followed should someone who may present a known risk to children, young people and vulnerable adults wish to attend church.
- c) The PCC reviewed and agreed with the responses to questions about the use of social media set out in the Safeguarding Dashboard. It was noted that references to Twitter should be changed to X.

HS and her team were thanked for the significant work they do for St Mary's and given an assurance of the PCC's support.

7) Finance

- a) *Charitable giving from 2024:* Prior to consideration and approval of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, the Chair of the S&F team highlighted the fact that, despite a healthy level of income to the church during the year, day-to-day running costs had not been met by general donations. The receipt of generous legacies had significantly contributed to the finances for the year. He asked the PCC to consider whether or not, as trustees of the charity, they thought it prudent to use legacy income in order to meet the

desired aim of giving 5% of planned giving to charities. Following discussion, it was agreed that charitable donations equalling 5% of planned giving will be made this year.

- b) *Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024*: The Treasurer presented the accounts. He highlighted the fact that day-to-day income continues to be challenging but that the unusually high level of legacy income had enabled the church to show a surplus for the year. He warned that the underlying position is not as healthy as it may appear although a new nursery is showing interest in booking the Church Centre.

The annual report for the accounts is still to be written.

The accounts were approved by the PCC and AS was thanked for his hard work.

8) Reports from teams

Minutes of meetings had been circulated in advance

- a) *Community & Events (11 February 2025)*:

- b) *Fabric & Churchyard (25 February 2025)*:

- i) *Tree planting and benches in the churchyard (item 11)*: MG had contacted Emma Critchley at the DAC to seek informal guidance on Tim Timms' proposal. She has asked for outline details, and, following her response, the F&C team will discuss this further.

- ii) *Eco Church (item 7a)*: Paul Harding had submitted the survey to A Rocha UK and St Mary's has been given Silver Award status.

- iii) *Solar panels*: Paul Harding reported that the approximate cost for the installation of solar panels is £45,000 with payback in 6-7 years. He will bring further details to the next meeting. **Action: PH**

- c) *Mission & Outreach (25 January & 4 March 2025)*: See Mission Action Plan (item 9)

- d) *Stewardship & Finance (17 February 2025)*:

- i) *Nursery*: Discussions are ongoing with a new nursery that wishes to hire the Church Centre during the term-time. They are pursuing OFSTED approval with the intended aim of opening for the summer term. They have asked for sympathetic terms until they have built up their numbers. The S&F team will discuss the contract and the Standing Committee will make the final decision. **Action: S&F**

- ii) *Charitable giving*: MP asked that information about charitable giving be made available at the APCM. AS will cover this in his report. **Action: AS**

9) Mission Action Plan (MAP)

The Mission & Outreach team submitted a new version of the Mission Action Plan for St Mary's which had been circulated. This built on the old MAP of which much had been fulfilled. Members of the team talked about the five core areas:

- Engaging youth and children's work
- Music
- Welcome and invitation
- Sound finances and teaching on generosity and giving
- Empowering and inspiring leadership (to be renamed as Deepening faith and sharing gifts)

The PCC agreed to adopt this new MAP.

10) North porch and access project

Planning consent has been applied for. The planning statement has not yet been received. A copy of the Heritage Assessment will be circulated with the minutes. **Action: BC**

11) Donation of icon for Lady Chapel

Michael Baker wishes to donate an icon (illustration circulated in advance) for devotional use. It was noted that it will need to be securely mounted and insured. It was agreed to accept this generous gift.

12) APCM

This will be held after the 10.00am service on Sunday 25 May 2025. A request for reports from church groups has been sent out. The PCC was asked to remind people that the electoral roll is being completely revised this year and encourage them to rejoin.

13) Diocesan and Deanery news

At the Deanery Synod meeting in February each church had been invited to report on things that were going well for them as well as current challenged.

14) Report from St Mary's School

David Carruthers reported that Gary's visits to the school are going well and the standard of worship and prayer has improved. His visit on Ash Wednesday was very successful.

15) Date of next meeting:

Monday 16 June 2025 in Room 1

The meeting closed with the Grace