

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH SANDRIDGE  
PARISH MAGAZINE  
APRIL 2025**



**DIARY FOR APRIL  
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES  
CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE  
OUR CHURCH FINANCES  
TRIBUTE TO ROGER MILLER  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

## APRIL DIARY



Tuesday 1 April	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 6 April	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 April	10.00am Midweek Communion
<b>Sunday 13 April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 April	10.00am Midweek Communion (churchwardens)
<b>Thursday 17 April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>8.00pm Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 18 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>10.00-12.00 Easter Craft Church + egg hunt</b> <b>2.00pm Final Hour service</b>
<b>Sunday 20 April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 April	10.00am Midweek Communion (churchwardens)
Sunday 27 April	10.00am Holy Communion <b>11.30am APCM in church (see page 10)</b>
Tuesday 29 April	10.00am Midweek Communion

## MAY DIARY

Sunday 4 May	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 6 May	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 11 May	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 May	10.00am Midweek Communion

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**The church is open daily from 10.00am until at least 3.00pm**

## Letter from our Vicar

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are rushing towards my favourite time of year.  
When might that be?

Perhaps I mean late spring? I do love April and May, in fact I love all of spring. I love to see the flowers reappear in my garden and the churchyard. I love to hear the birds singing and to see the blossom on my damson trees. I love that haze of fresh green on the fields and in the hedges.

Perhaps I mean the fact that summer is on the horizon? I do love summer with its longer and hopefully warmer days. I do love turning off the central heating and opening the windows. I do love less muddy dog walks.

But my favourite time of year is neither of those – although they are fabulous and much longed for after the cold, dark, wet, windy days of winter. My favourite time of year is Holy Week and Easter Day. Easter is a ‘movable feast’, which means it falls on a different date each year. This year it is later in spring, so we can expect those flowers, birds and blossom we all love so much. But I’d love it just as much if I lived in Australia where they will be well into autumn and heading for winter.

I love Holy Week and Easter because they are the most important time in the Christian year. We mark, in real time, the last week of Jesus’ earthly life. We remember his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey by waving our palm crosses and singing joyful songs of praise. We re-enact his last meal as we share bread and wine on Maundy Thursday. We sit in quiet and sadness during the Final Hours on Good Friday, remembering Jesus’ death on the cross. Then, at last, on Easter Sunday we celebrate that Jesus is risen with a bonfire, Easter eggs and a service filled with joy.

This year, why not come and share that special week with others at St Leonard’s? Share in the reflection and sadness. Share in the happiness of knowing that Jesus’ story did not end on a cross or in a tomb, but continued into a garden and then spread throughout the whole world.

Details of all our Holy Week and Easter Services can be found on page 5 of this magazine.

Come and share, come and sing, come and meet the risen Christ.  
Alleluia!

*Revd Wendy Sellers*



## House Lane Churchyard



Since the last magazine went to print, two burials have taken place at House Lane – those of Eric Darby and Roger Miller. Both of them had, at different times of life, devoted many hours to helping maintain the churchyard, so it is fitting that this is their final resting place. Both would also have expected us all to continue to look after it.

Our recent project has been to level some of the graves which had dipped badly. This seems to especially affect the left side first quadrant – perhaps due to the nature of the soil or perhaps the graves were not adequately backfilled by the gravedigger. We had three large bags of soil delivered and paid for the labour to spread it. No maintained graves were levelled unless the family had requested it. Soon we can seed the soil with grass seed. Although there seemed to be lots of soil when it arrived, it didn't get all the graves done that needed it, so it's a process we will need to repeat.

May I remind everyone of the rules please – no plastic items and no breakable items on graves. Edging and chippings are also not permitted, so if you have added either, please do not top them up.

During my regular visits, I have noticed that something has a fondness for roses and is eating the flower heads. I suggest that if you are buying flowers for House Lane, you avoid roses for a while. This doesn't seem to be an issue in the Garden of Rest.

Lastly, can I just mention bins. If you maintain a grave:

- Please put all rubbish such as plant pots, flower wrappings etc in the brown landfill bins. Dog poo bags should go in the special bins on the St Leonard's playing field.
- Please put green waste (dead flowers, dead pot plants, etc) on the compost heap. We do have a green bin but it is best saved for greenery that is less easy to compost, such as hedge cuttings.
- If you clear a grave of grass or soil, both are too heavy for the green bins so must go on the compost heap please.

Roger used to manage our bins. Is there anyone local who would be able to help us by putting the bins out and/or taking them in each week?

Thank you.

*Revd Wendy*

## Special services in Holy Week and Easter



### **Palm Sunday: 13 April at 10.00am**

Palm crosses will be handed out at this service of Holy Communion and will also be available in church and by the Garden of Rest all week. As well as joyfully remembering the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, we also hear the words from the Bible which record all the events of Holy Week.

### **Maundy Thursday: 17 April at 8.00pm**

A Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion where we recall that first 'Last Supper'. Uniquely, it has no ending. We all just leave the church quietly, to recall that Jesus and his disciples did not go home to bed but went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

### **Good Friday: 18 April 10.00-12.00noon**

**Craft Church** for families and anyone else who wishes to join us. There are crafts and activities to enjoy at this **free** session and refreshments served about 11.00. After refreshments there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt**, hopefully outside. So, if you love hot cross buns, chocolate eggs and Easter craft, then do come along.



### **Good Friday: 18 April 2.00-3.00pm**

The **Final Hour** service where we share the sadness and solemnity of Jesus' last hour on the cross in a service of readings, reflection and music.

After the Final Hour service, the church will be decorated for Easter. Do pop in over the weekend to enjoy our Easter Garden windowsills, admire the festal floral arch and perhaps spend a few moments in quiet prayer. The children's corner will contain Easter-themed story books and activities.

### **Easter Sunday: 20 April at 10.00am**

Our **Easter Sunday** service of Holy Communion starts with a bonfire outside, celebrating the risen Christ as the Light of the World. It continues inside the church where we all renew our baptismal vows and sing joyful Easter hymns.

At **11.00am**, after the service, there will be refreshments (all are welcome to join us just for those) and the gift of an Easter egg for everyone.

As I write this, I'm starting to feel very excited! Please do join us to share in this amazing journey – as the church moves from praise to sadness to complete joy.

*Revd Wendy*



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# **FOOD COLLECTION**

**for those in need**

**at Budgens The Quadrant**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30-11.30am**

**Kindly consider shopping locally at  
Budgens the Quadrant on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
April and donating items to take for  
distribution to the Vineyard FEED initiative**

**Contact your CTM rep to volunteer for the  
collection**

## Church building update

Last month, in my letter, I outlined some of the things we need to tackle to get the building ready to face the next few decades. I was tempting fate because since then we've had to add several urgent things to the list.

Firstly, the roof to our brick store blew off in one of our many storms. Investigation revealed that some of the wood needs replacing too and that all needs to be done fairly quickly. We use the brick store (which was presumably once used by the groundsman or gravedigger) to store bulky low value items such as spare folding tables and gazebos and as we have no storage in church it is very handy. It does need to be watertight though, so the work must be done.

Then we'd noticed over recent months some woodwork issues – including to the door frame and to some of our pews (see photo below). Most work in church is rather specialist and so a carpenter or joiner with experience of heritage and conservation is needed. After unsuccessfully trying for weeks to get a number of firms even to come in and quote, our architect managed to find us one and we are now waiting for the work to be done. At the same time, the carpenter noticed that the front door needs some work. As it is so old, this will need careful investigation before we apply for the necessary permissions. Another job to add to the list!

Jobs such as these crop up regularly, but do make it harder to devote our volunteers' time and our scarce resources and cash to the bigger project. The work above will run into thousands of pounds, and meant many hours spent chasing quotes and waiting in the cold church for a workman to turn up. We are all indebted to our churchwardens and members of the Building Committee who dedicate themselves to the preservation of our ancient church. I'm betting most of our visitors have no idea of the amount of work it needs to look after a historic listed building.



*Damage to a pew in church*

As ever, if you love the church and want to help, then do get in touch using the contact form on the website or, if you're not a technology user, you can leave a note in church.

We'd love to hear from anyone who could help practically, especially with cleaning or by doing odd jobs.

***Revd Wendy***

## A tribute to Roger Miller

As a child, Roger grew up on various RAF bases and by the age of eight he knew that the Royal Air Force would be his calling. His early years were one of constant change, due to his family's many postings, leading him to attend no less than 15 schools and live in 32 homes! Roger joined the RAF in 1960 as an Airframe Fitter at RAF Halton. His dedication and talent saw him commissioned into the engineering branch in 1967.

Roger wore his uniform with immense pride, aware of the significance of his role in safeguarding the nation. His RAF career took him to numerous postings, including Halton, Cottesmore, Little Rissington (where fate introduced him to a young lady in Air Traffic named Pam), Kinloss, Cranwell (where he served as an instructor), and Akrotiri in Cyprus, where Pam joined him in 1971, the year they were married.

They went on to have two sons and one daughter. The family moved to Sandridge in 1985 and all three children went to the village school. Before 1985, Roger had never lived anywhere more than a few years because of his life in the RAF, so it was high praise indeed that he was in his 40th year in the village when he passed away.

After retiring from the RAF, Roger's career continued with British Aerospace and as the Technical Director for the Institute of the Motor Industry. His time in the military shaped the man his family remember - resilient, dependable and always looking out for others. He was the one to turn to and he would have some advice, whether you wanted it or not! In fact, if there was ever a problem, he'd be the first to offer his guidance. His humour and kindness were constant, as were his stories - told so well that he occasionally treated you to the same tale more than once.

The family found amongst his belongings a meticulous list of the aircraft he had handled over the years - Vulcan Bombers, Lightnings, Phantoms, Pumas and Sea Kings, to name a few. When they saw 'Beverley' on the list, they did a double-take, thinking it was another example of Roger's cheeky humour. A quick Google search confirmed it was actually a transport aircraft – Roger would have enjoyed the confusion it caused!

He had a lifelong love of cars and engines of all kinds, along with a collection of stories about his youthful crashes - each told with that familiar twinkle in his eye....





## A Tribute to Roger Miller (*cont*)

Roger was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. After Pam sadly died in 2011, he took on the role of looking after his 6 month old granddaughter a day or two a week, navigating nappies and baby food like a pro. His family was his pride and joy, the centre of his world. He was always ready to drop everything to help someone in need, without hesitation or expectation. His ability to balance military discipline with tenderness and compassion was truly remarkable.

His family will remember him not just for his service, but for his sense of humour, his kindness, his love for stinky cheese, his fondness for gadgets, the cheeky slogan t-shirts and, of course, his signature ‘pint of G&T’!

Roger – may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

*(Taken from the eulogy delivered at Roger’s funeral by his son Nick, and with kind permission of his family).*

### Craft Church dates and themes 2025



<b>Good Friday 18 April</b>	<b>Easter</b>
<b>Saturday 17 May</b>	
<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	
<b>Saturday 19 July</b>	<b>outside as much as possible!</b>
<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	<b>part of our new Heritage Day</b>
<b>Saturday 18 October</b>	<b>Harvest</b>
<b>Saturday 15 November</b>	<b>Remembering</b>
<b>Saturday 20 December</b>	<b>Christmas</b>

**Craft Church is FUN and FREE!** Do come along and see for yourself. Children and adults are all welcome.

## Our church finances

St Leonard's is a registered charity and has to prepare an Annual Report and Accounts (ARA). These are independently examined before agreement, then submitted to the Diocese of St Albans and to the Charity Commission. The ARA is presented for discussion each year at our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. This will take place in church at **11.30am on Sunday 27 April 2025** and everyone on the Electoral Roll is welcome to attend.

The ARA will then become public information. There are certain things the Report has to contain, such as updates on safeguarding and the building. I thought it would be helpful to offer an overview of our finances, as laid out in the accounts for 2024.

Our income for the year was just over £64,000. Almost two-thirds of this comes from donations, both regular and one-off. Some of those donations are given for a particular purpose (such as plants for the Garden of Rest, or a contribution towards the upkeep of the bells). However, most is available for the regular use of the church. Last year we raised just over £6,000 from fundraising and our investments earned about £5,000. We also have some income from church fees for weddings, funerals, burials of ashes and memorials. We keep a proportion of these fees and the rest goes to the Diocese.

In 2024 our total expenditure was just over £70,000. Around £44,000 of this is given to the Diocese as what is called the 'Parish Share'. The Parish Share goes into a large diocesan pot which pays for parish ministers, vicarages and support for parishes (as well as some staff who work for the Diocese giving advice and support). The amount we have to give is governed by the size of the parish and isn't linked to how much the vicar is paid!

We are very cautious with our money at St Leonard's; for example, with how much electricity and gas we use. We also manage without any paid help with cleaning, book-keeping or administration. We currently don't even have a photocopier. Many things are covered by the generosity of the congregation who pay for refreshments and flowers, don't claim expenses and heavily subsidise our events.

You will have noticed that our expenditure was greater than our income by almost £5,000. This is largely because we obviously cannot predict sizeable one-off donations and we didn't receive any such donations in 2024

## Our church finances (cont)

We can see no possibility of decreasing our expenditure, so that means we need to increase two sources of income; in particular:

- Our regular income:**  
 Around 350 people read this magazine each month. If 85 of those people gave **just £5 a month** to the church, then we then we would not have a deficit.
- One-off donations:**  
 We need to encourage people to remember the church, either with a one-off donation or by leaving a gift in their wills. The church has survived for many years on legacy money and it is because of legacy money that we have been able to make improvements (such as the new sound system) and maintain the building (such as the restoration of the chancel).



## Welcome to St Leonard's Church

St Leonard's has been at the heart of our local community for over 900 years - offering care and nurture, and a holy space in which to celebrate key moments in life's journey.

We are entirely self-supporting and rely on donations to resource the life and work of this church. Thank you for your support.



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After Easter we will be launching a **stewardship campaign**. We are aiming to increase regular giving by at least 10%. Look out for the information packs which will be mailed to those we know have an active interest in the church. Packs will also be available in church and the parish magazine will include the relevant information too.

We know how much St Leonard's church means to the community. People are always shocked when we tell them **it costs almost £1,500 a week** to keep the church open, with a part-time vicar in post. Please do think about whether you could help, so that St Leonard's can continue to serve its community for many years to come. **Revd Wendy**

## **Reminiscences of Sandridge in the late 1940s with Eric Darby**

*I found this interview with Eric Darby online, published in the **St Albans & Harpenden Review** newspaper in October 2001 (now only available online).*

*Long-term residents of the village may remember some of the people mentioned or hearing stories about them.*

In these days when so many villages don't even have one shop, it seems incredible there can have been so many in Sandridge in the 1940s, but then they obviously didn't mind diversifying to stay in business:

“L and F W Dawson was a butcher, petrol station, grocer and post office all rolled into one. Next door was the slaughterhouse, which became an abattoir when Nora Dawson learnt a bit of French.

Sullivans haberdashery doubled up as a sweet shop, and there was another grocer, Readings.

Our shop sold papers, groceries, sweets, and radio and cycle parts and our own ice-cream which was made on the premises.

Arthur Hopkins delivered coal and vegetables by horse and cart, and later by lorry driven by Jim Cooper. Hopkins also had a couple of cows so you could get milk from his yard, which was guarded by geese.

Among local farmers, there was Jim Sherriff (presumably the same Sherriff family who still farm land between Wheathampstead and Welwyn Garden City today). Dr Corner's farm had a herd of pedigree Jersey cows, hence the Jersey Farm housing estate. Other farms in the area were Jacksons, Pound Farm and Burrows Farm.

The Queen's Head was run by Emily Atkins and family, and The Rose and Crown by Jimmy Shuff's dad.

Simpkins Woodyard was at the back of the pub. You could also get your shoes mended by Les Reynolds. Villagers also used to call at the wood-yard to re-charge their accumulators; nine-inch tall glass batteries filled with acid which radios were run from.

## Sandridge in the late 1940s (*continued*)



*Eric in The Green Man*

The Green Man was run by Tilley Hunt and Tommy Jenkins. This is the local pub where the threshers used to meet at harvest time. He kept pigs at the bottom of the garden.

The Woodman was run by Bert Gudgeon who was a foreman at Trans-Planters during the day.

Mrs King used to collect hospital insurance and lived opposite the village hall.

Two brothers, George and Percy Winch, used to drive round the village with a van, emptying the buckets from the outside toilets.

In some houses, they had to take the bucket right through the house. They used to park their lorry outside my house, while they went into The Green Man for a pint. They were covered with the stuff. The contents of the lorry were emptied into a pit in House Lane, then spread on the fields to make the vegetables grow.

Leslie Field and his brother John delivered oil from their hardware van for heating and lighting to those houses that still didn't have electricity. Leslie was called Nink - everybody had nicknames in those days!

There was a blacksmith's in Church End, run first by Jimmy Hill and then by his son Charlie.

The local policeman was Bill Whyman, a very big man weighing more than 20 stone, who rode a bike. Dr Dykes also travelled round the village on his bike. District Nurse Laidlaw walked.

We went to the chapel opposite Highfield Road run by the Stevens family, because it had a magic lantern, and better parties than the church.”

*I hope you've enjoyed Eric's reminiscences and found some of what he remembered very amusing. (I'm not sure our Vicar will be amused by his final comment though!)*

**Ros Adlard**

## **P A R I S H C O U N C I L S U P P L E M E N T (ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES)**

**AT THE MEETING OF SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
12 MARCH 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

### **TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Raihaanah Ahmed, Adam Twidell, Julie Oakley and Debbie Chachulski

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There was none.

### **TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2025**

The minutes were duly approved.

### **Questions to Officers**

There was none.

### **Public Participation**

There was none.

## **CLERK'S REPORTS**

### **Monthly Accounts**

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 13 February to 12 March 2025, having been previously circulated. It was unanimously resolved to approve payment of this schedule on 14 March 2025.

### **New NALC Financial Regulations**

In October 2024 the Finance Committee resolved that Committee Members would review a draft of the Financial Regulations, amended by the Deputy Clerk to reflect the new updated NALC model and further amended to reflect changes previously made to the original model by Sandridge Parish Council. The Deputy Clerk and Cllr Hale then met separately to review the amendments. There was a Finance Committee meeting on 10 February 2025 when it was resolved to recommend the amended version to Full Council. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Regulations as amended.

## **Finance Committee Terms of Reference**

Following review of the new draft Financial Regulations (please see above), amendments have been made to the Committee Terms of Reference to reflect the Committee responsibilities referenced in the Financial Regulations. Members received a copy of the amended document and it was unanimously resolved to adopt the amended Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

## **Committee Room Tables**

Details of the proposed replacement Committee Room tables were distributed to all Members. These are considered by the Centres Manager and Clerk to be suitable alternatives to those currently used but with the following enhancements;

- Able to be configured in a variety of ways depending on the occasion/meeting size
- Fully foldable
- Robust but more easily moved therefore reducing any risk of injury

The estimate for replacement tables (including corner units) was approved in October at £1,750; however the actual cost has now proved to be higher. The best quote received for tables of an acceptable quality is £2,582, negotiated down to £2,348. The Centres Manager reported that she had recently received an offer of £300 for the existing table (having contacted a large number of furniture dealers) leaving a net deficit of £298. Questions were asked, following which it was unanimously resolved:

1. For Members to approve additional costs of up to £750 (from the 2025/26 budget)
2. To approve the furniture range attached with the agenda

## **Sandridge Village Finger Post**

Members were informed that the finger post at the junction of Sandridge High Street and House Lane has been removed following vandalism. This is likely due to someone hanging from one of the fingers, pulling the whole post over where there was rot at ground level. Two fingers have previously been broken off and replaced at great expense and some difficulty (the fingers are composite and are not designed to be replaced). The fingers pointed to Sandridge School, Sandridge Scouts, Spencer Hall and St Leonard's Church.

A quote of £1,327 (net) has been obtained to replace the post (excluding installation). It's unknown what agreements were in place with both Highways and the local Planning Authority when the post was first installed. Following discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Council defers a decision on whether to replace the post until such time as it is raised as a request by residents.

## **Matters of Note**

- The owners of Flowers Flowers are anticipating taking occupation of the allotted car parking space as previously approved in mid to late March.
- The swift box built by Cllr Wells has now been installed in St Leonard's church tower, following a successful collaboration between the Diocese and the Parish Council.
- The Repair Fair hosted by the Parish Council on 15 February at Jersey Farm Community Centre was a great success, with 61kg of landfill being saved through repair (24 items fixed). The Parish Office and Cllr Wells will liaise with St Albans Fixers to determine next steps. The next possible time the Parish Council can host is 2026.
- The Library of Things (also known as Share St Albans) will be using half of one of the Parish Council's two garages, the other half being used currently by the gentleman who maintains the Marshalswick Community Centre grass. The progress of this new scheme will be discussed further by members of the Committee for Sustainability at its April meeting.
- The Parish Council's internal auditor will be attending the Parish Office on 28 April to carry out the year-end internal audit.
- The four clothing banks collected a little short of three metric tonnes of clothing and shoes in January. The commission rate has, unfortunately, remained low (this is set nationally).
- The swift boxes ordered by householders as part of the Parish Council's subsidised swift box scheme are due to be fitted next weekend (22 March).

## **COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Grant Applications**

There are no applications this month.



## **Proposed Housing Development – North East St Albans**

A report and recommendation from Cllr Ternouth was distributed to all Members. This highlighted concerns about the extent to which the Parish Neighbourhood Plan is considered in discussions between Oaklands College, Taylor Wimpey and St Albans District Council on the proposed Oaklands College (East St Albans) housing development. Cllr Ternouth explained that, since submitting her report, assurances have been received that SADC is taking the Neighbourhood Plan into account in discussions and therefore withdrew the recommendation.

Cllr Hale provided a verbal update of the recent meeting between Taylor Wimpey, Oaklands College and representatives of the Parish Council on 12 March. This included outline details of the proposed development and timings. The planning application is expected to be submitted by the end of May, with another public consultation prior to that.

Members were informed that SADC are holding a pre-application councillor engagement meeting with the developers on 24 March 2025. Cllrs Leonard and White are to confirm who will attend as a representative of the Parish Council.

### **Sandridge Youth and Sports Community Association (SYSCA)**

Members received a verbal update on recent meetings of SYSCA from Cllr Hale. This included the ongoing need for a full financial plan in order to safeguard the future of the Association and its member organisations.

## **MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES:**

Committee Chairs briefed Members on meetings held since last Full Council

- Sports and Recreation 5 March 2025 – postponed until 17 March 2025
- Planning Committee – see below

## **MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA**

- Cllr Roberts extended an invitation to Members to attend a meeting held by St Albans Friends of the Earth on 14 March, at which she will be giving a short talk on bats.
- Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming St Albans Parish Conference on 18 March 2025 at the Civic Centre and encouraged to attend.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Planning Committee met on 24 February 2025. The Committee meets every three weeks to review and respond to planning applications received from the Planning Authority, St. Albans District Council.

Planning applications commented on since the last Full Council meeting are:

- 49 St Leonard's Crescent 5/2025/0002

Please note: Planning applications received at the Parish Office from the Planning Authority *after* the Parish Council agenda has been published may also be discussed at the meeting, as may applications of complexity or applications likely to impact heavily on the Green Belt.

## **SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

- An update from Cllr Hale on the recent meeting with Herts County Council Highways team.
- A progress report from the Centres Manager on implementation of parking spaces for Marshalswick Community Centre Users.
- An update on the SADC meeting with Taylor Wimpey/Oaklands Grange on 24 March 2025.
- An update on the St Albans Parish Conference 18 March.

**Note: In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Parish Council meetings will be open to the Public unless the Parish Council resolves otherwise.**

**Next meeting date: 9 April 2025 at 7.30pm  
At Marshalswick Community Centre  
(preceded by the annual parish meeting at 7.00pm)**

G F HANDEL

# MESSIAH

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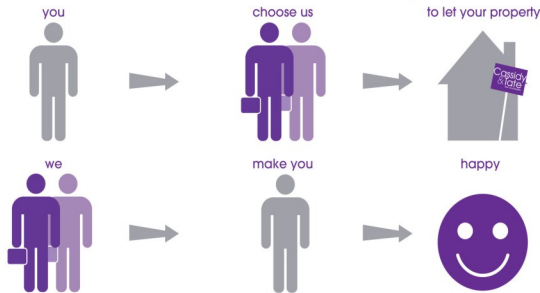


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