

Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Loppington

PCC 2026 Annual Report to the Parish Council

Loppington's Parish Church is at present in Interregnum as Reverend Adam Clayton has retired with his last services held on Easter Sunday. He led the Benefice of 5 churches since the last Parish Council AGM until then with the support of two lay readers. Tracey Barton leads the Family service on the first Sunday of the month and Carol Fisher leads Village worship on the third Sunday. There is a regular attendance at the weekly services of 15 – 20 people, a pleasing increase. The Loppington Community well supports Christmas, Easter, and Harvest Festival services. The church is open daily, thanks to a team of volunteers who lock and unlock the door on a weekly basis. Except for Lent and Advent, there will always be flowers in the church. The flowers are provided and arranged by a volunteer group of ladies. The church aims to be welcoming and a place for quiet contemplation.

Fund raising is a priority, as the PCC must pay an annual Community Share of approximately £16,000 as well as the general running costs such as oil, electricity, insurance, water, and the maintenance of the building, which is a considerable sum for our congregation to raise. We have an active Fund-raising committee who the community generously support. Annual events include the Pimm's Party hosted by Clare Barker at Loppington Hall, the Summer Fete and Harvest Supper. During 2025/6 we also had a Spring Bingo evening and at Christmas the church, churchyard and Christmas trees were decorated in silver and white. Inside the white baubles hanging from the roof were a remarkable sight. We would like to thank the Parish Council for the sum of money from the Solar Fund for the purchase of the trees for the community.

Church yard: The church yard is maintained by a group of volunteers from the community, ably led by Tracey Barton. Each session ends with tea, coffee, homemade cake, and banter. The cake ensures the attendance of a number of people. Information on the dates of the churchyard tidy sessions is in the Village News and on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Pene Parker

PCC Secretary (on behalf of the Church Warden)