

Fressingfield St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church

Report for APM 2025

Following the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions, church services and attendance have largely returned to pre pandemic levels.

A Local Ministry

The church continues to develop and maintain its spiritual life and purpose across Fressingfield and the wider community. Whilst commemorating Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, we also deliver informal styles of worship such as Family at Church or Celebration to those less familiar with the more traditional Common Worship.

Sunday Worship

Regular formal and informal parish worship services have continued throughout the past twelve months with average attendance of 35 persons

Civic and School Services

A central theme through the year has been to conduct end of term services for Fressingfield School and to host the annual Service of Remembrance for the village and Royal British Legion.

Community Services

There were no weddings or baptisms during the past twelve months. We did however witness twelve funerals, memorials and burials of friends and relatives of folk living in Fressingfield.

Foodbank

Foodbank has been in operation throughout the last three years with no apparent reduction in demand. This is likely to remain while households adjust to rising domestic costs

Church Organist

The church is fortunate in having a small core of 'unofficial organists' who volunteer their musical gifts to support our services. Special thanks to James Lally, Tim Artis, John Witchell and Mary Ward.

Sound and Video Desk

We are very pleased to have Paul/Ruby Clark and Donald Page assisting with operation and maintenance of sound and video system

Graveyard Register

Judy Cantrell, Alison Thompson and Chris Barber completed new Graveyard Register which is displayed in the church. An electronic version is to be hosted on the Fressingfield Village website offering international visibility to relatives and descendants of those who once lived in our community

Grave Space Reservation

The Diocese approved two grave space reservations during the past twelve months

Estate Management Group

The Estates Management team, set up in October 2022, continues to manage repair and maintenance of the church estate. Notable activity includes:

- Pruning of trees alongside Church Street after consultation with the Diocesan tree officer and Mid Suffolk District Council's tree officer
- Work to improve improved heating and lighting
- Quotation received and accepted for redecoration of Sancroft Hall interior
- Stables Development - Pre-Application submissions issued to MSDC for comment
- Fox and Goose - Maintenance and Repair Programme initiated

Church Cleaning

At least two major cleaning initiatives were managed last year. This involved carpet shampooing and the polishing of pews and ornamental work.

In Conclusion

The continuing presence of St Peter & St Paul's Church in our community is being maintained by the commitment of many dedicated people who love and serve the Lord. We are very grateful for your help and assistance. Thank you.