

Benefice of North Mundham with Merston and Hunston
Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 17 May 2026

Agenda

Welcome and prayer: Helen Alexander

Apologies for absence: Rachel Russell-Wells

Confirmation of Convening Notice: Notices have been placed as required.

Election of Churchwardens:

St Stephen's: Liz Malan and Joyce Jones are willing to continue.

St Leodegar's: Joan Duberley and Barry Hutchinson are willing to continue.

(Churchwardens are ex-officio members of their PCC.)

Minutes of 2025 APCM held on 6 April 2025.

Matters Arising from the minutes.

Presentation of Electoral Roll Reports:

St Stephen's: The new Electoral Roll has 77 persons.

St Leodegar's: The new Electoral Roll has 32 persons.

The notice of the new Electoral Roll number will be displayed at each church and a copy sent to the Diocese.

Presentation and discussion of Joint Benefice Annual Reports:

St Stephen's: Report circulated previously with benefice news email.

St Leodegar's: Report circulated previously, as above.

Presentation and discussion of Financial Reports:

St. Stephen's: Circulated with APCM report.

St. Leodegar's: Circulated with APCM report.

Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners:

St Stephen's: Peter Grace has been the Independent financial examiner for the church's accounts and is willing to continue in this roll. Those present at the APCM are invited to reappoint him as Independent Financial Examiner for St. Stephen's.

St Leodegar's: Barbara Darby has been the independent financial examiner for the church's accounts and is willing to continue in this roll. Those present at the APCM are invited to reappoint her as Independent Financial Examiner.

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod Report is included in the APCM reports.

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Parish members of the Deanery Synod are elected every third year, and this is a year for an election.

Election of St Stephen's representative(s) (up to three): Naomi Lott, the current representative, is willing to continue. Liz Malan and Helen Alexander would be willing to be parish representatives.

Election of St Leodegar's representative on Deanery Synod: Joan Duberley, the current representative is willing to continue.

Election of members of PCCs (Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are ex-officio members):

St Stephen's: The existing elected members not standing as deanery synod representatives are, David Coward, Linda Fitzmaurice, Rachel Russell-Wells, Nicola Highnam and Tony Atkins. All are willing to continue as members of the PCC. (Liz Malan, Joyce Jones, Naomi Lott and Helen Alexander will be ex-officio members as churchwardens or Deanery Synod representatives.)

St Leodegar's: The existing elected members are Mike Waite, Sue Waite, Jo Williams, Terry Hoad, Jo Hutchinson and Dianne Bonthron. All are willing to continue as members of the PCC. (Joan Duberley and Barry Hutchinson will be ex-officio members as churchwardens.)

Other officers of the PCC and volunteers providing support at services, leading church groups or activities, or church representatives for parish councils are appointed by the PCC and are currently as listed below.

PCC Secretary:

St. Stephen's: Tony Atkins

Treasurers:

St Stephen's: Helen Alexander

St Leodegar's: Mike Waite.

Benefice Safeguarding officers:

Rachel Russell-Wells and Naomi Lott

Electoral Roll officers:

St Stephen's: David Coward.

St Leodegar's: Jo Williams.

Sides-persons:

St Stephen's: June Woods, Doris Leeder, Doug Alexander, Lynn Mears, Angela Stuart, Andrea Taylor, Linda Fitzmaurice, Ben Morgan, Mark Mills and Marjorie Coward, and new sides persons, Kelly Halsted and Lizzie Mills.

St Leodegar's: Ray Sharman and Jo Williams.

Vergers:

St Stephen's: Marjorie Coward.

St. Leodegar's: Jo Williams

Sunday School leaders at St. Stephen's

Morag Hill, Angela Stuart, Andrea Taylor, Rachel Russell Wells, Steph Holderness, Georgina Morgan and Sally Tidbury Forden.

Little Sunbeams, Toddler Group: Emily Thompson

Youth Groups: Solid Rock and Lighthouse: Alister Ginn

Café Connect: Lynn Mears, Doris Leeder, June Woods and

Representatives to Local and Village Organisations:

North Mundham Parish Council: Frances Neave.

North Mundham Parish Council: War memorial at St. Stephen's: David Coward.

Fabric reports: A fabric report is included in each church's APCM report.

Appointment of replacement vicar/rector:

A report will be given on progress over the appointment of a priest for the two parishes.

AOB:

Dates of next PCC meetings:

- **St Stephen's** - Monday 6 July 2026, 7:30pm at St Stephen's
- **St Leodegar's** – Monday 18 May 2026, 7:00pm.

Signed..... Date.....