

## **2023 Annual Report of the Edingale Holy Trinity Church PCC Chair**

**Welcome:** Dear fellow members of our church family and our wider community,

I'm delighted to present the annual report of the Holy Trinity Church Parochial Church Council (PCC). As ever, this year has been a time of both challenges and triumphs, but through it all, our church community has remained a constant source of strength and support.

### **Friendship and Hospitality**

One of the things that makes our church so special is the warmth of our welcome. Whether you're a longstanding member or someone just stepping through the doors for the first time, you'll find a friendly face and a listening ear. Our commitment to hospitality extends beyond the walls of the church, with numerous initiatives reaching out to those in need within the wider community.

### **Community Involvement.**

We are actively engaged in understanding the needs and aspirations of our local community. We work alongside other organisations, the Village Hall and the School, to create a more vibrant and inclusive environment for all. Our inaugural Summer Cafes, were received with enthusiasm and full tummies!

### **The Mary Howard School**

Our close connection with the Mary Howard School remains a cornerstone of our church life. We are proud to offer spiritual guidance and support to the students and staff. This year, we successfully collaborated with the school on their new motto and ethos: Koinonia: Love, Wisdom, and Perseverance: allowing everyone to Grow and Flourish. Using the Parable of the Mustard Seed to help us visualise the wonder that from small beginnings great things can grow.

### **Worship**

Of course, at the heart of everything we do lies our commitment to joyful and meaningful worship. We offered a variety of services throughout the year, catering to different preferences and age groups. It's truly inspiring to see the church filled with the sounds of praise and prayer. We regularly offer Holy Communion, Common Worship and Praise and Worship, with seasonal activity services which encouraged families and young children through our doors.

### **Looking Forward**

As we move forward, the PCC is dedicated to building on these strengths. We will continue to foster a welcoming environment, nurture our relationship with the community and the Mary Howard School, and offer enriching worship experiences for all.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the members of the PCC, our ministry team, volunteers, and each and every one of you for your dedication and support. Together, we make this church a beacon of hope and love.

**With love and blessings**

*Rev Nicola Busby*

**Chair, Edingale, Holy Trinity Church PCC**