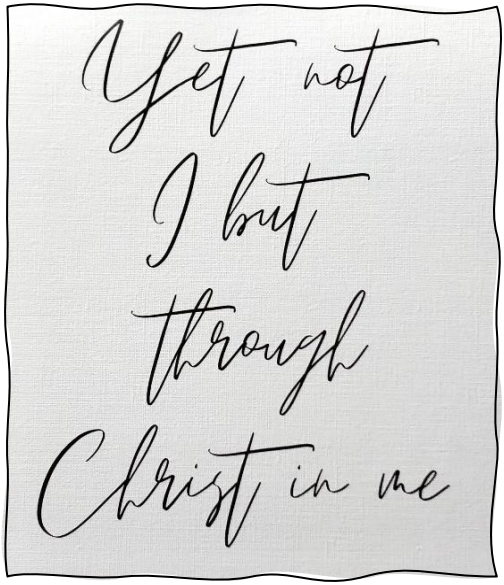
St Alban's Church

Annual Report 2024-25



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Vicar's report

Once again 2024 was a year of steady progress rather than dramatic change.

A handful of people came to faith – I have particularly happy memories of Ethan and Kian's baptism last summer, and it was great to see Kian in church again recently.

Messy Church continued to develop, with big gatherings at Easter and for the autumn Bright and Light trail, but also a strong core of a few families where faith is being nurtured consistently.

The launch of the Bereavement Group was a major step forward for us as a church, and has been a vital channel of support and encouragement to those facing the trauma of losing a loved one. It seems particularly appropriate that it has been set up in a year when we have seen some of our most faithful and long-standing church members go to glory.

In addition to our close link with St Alban's School, during 2024 we were able to host class visits to or from every other school in the district, and we now have programmes in place with two primary schools for us to have contact with every class at some point in the school year.

The expanded partnership with Caring Hearts provides an opportunity to fulfil our vision of supporting and engaging with the local community in a way that far exceeds anything we could do by ourselves.

The building is looking in good shape, following the redecorating working parties last spring and summer, and the replacement of our two 10-year old projectors gave us clearer images to go with the clearer sound we are enjoying from the new sound system.

The church finances are stretched. After a second year when our income didn't keep up with spending, we did not feel able to pay our full Common Fund contribution, leaving us in debt to the diocese. However, congregational giving

increased significantly, so the underlying deficit was less than the year before. If we can continue that trend we will be able to regain our financial stability.

And, more subtly but of great importance, I sense God's word becoming more deeply rooted in our hearts and lives. It's not always dramatically obvious, but I am encouraged by the way people engaged in the extended Sunday series on Romans in 2024 and Isaiah in 2025; those who signed up to our second Christianity Explored course; and growing depth in the Wednesday Bible study group.

Looking beyond the parish, it has been another difficult year for the hierarchy of the Church of England. The Bishops' moves to force through a change to the doctrine of marriage have stalled but not been abandoned, leaving a state of confusion. And at the same time the historic failures to address serious safeguarding issues have led to division among the Bishops, the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and little sense of what his successor, whoever it is, will be able to do.

But while the church has struggled, in the wider world there is an awakening of interest in the gospel, especially among young adults. Sales of the Bible are at record levels, and people are starting to look to Jesus as a leader with the integrity and hope that the world is so clearly failing to offer. These are exciting times for the church, which is having an impact locally. More than 20 people were confirmed by Bishop Tim at St Thomas's earlier this month.

However, as you all know I'm not going to be in a position to see where all this goes next at St Alban's. Over the course of 2024 life and ministry became an increasing struggle, and by the end of the year it became clear to me that I could not carry on.

This is not the time or the way I had hoped to leave, nor am I leaving the church in the condition I'd hoped I would. But the Lord Jesus is at work among us, and he is utterly faithful to those who put their trust in him. If you, as a church, stand together in Him, holding to and living in the truth of the gospel he

brought, which I have sought to preach to you and live out among you for the last 6 years, I am confident that he will have great things in store for St Alban's in the future.

Rev Tom

Deanery Synod

Within the Diocese of Lichfield, St Alban's is part of the Deanery of "Wulfrun", which covers an arc to the North and East of the City of Wolverhampton, including the 11 CofE churches in Oxley, Fordhouses, Bushbury, Low Hill, Wednesfield, Short Heath, Bentley and Willenhall.

The Deanery Synod, which is our part of the overall governance structure of the CofE, meets 4 times a year, twice for business meetings and twice for worship. All meetings are accompanied by a buffet meal, which has helped build a sense of fellowship between the churches.

In 2024 we met

- In March at St James' Fordhouses for worship, led by Rev Taiwo.
- In May for a business meeting at Furzebank Worship Centre, centred on discussion of the new Diocesan Vision, including a presentation by Rev Tom and Fred Swartz on the "Brickworks" church plant in Stourbridge
- In September at St Alban's for worship, led by Rev Kate
- In November at St Mary's Bushbury for a business meeting, where we continued to discuss the Diocesan Vision

The number of vacancies in the Deanery continued to be a topic of discussion and concern, but there was some good news on this front with the appointment of Rev Kate to St Thomas's in Wednesfield, the go-ahead to advertise for a priest at St Giles Willenhall, and progress on agreeing how to cover Holy Trinity Short Heath, Furzebank Worship Centre and Emmanuel Bentley.

Our first meeting of 2025 was a Taize-style worship service at Church of the Epiphany, Oxley, led by their curate, Revd Phil Douglas (formerly a Reader at St Thomas's).

In addition to these meetings, we agreed to start praying together as a Deanery. The first Deanery prayer meeting was held at St Stephen's Willenhall in October, the second at St Mary's Bushbury in February 2025. Bishop Tim has also asked each of the Deaneries in his area to hold an extended prayer meeting on a Friday evening, and the Wulfrun gathering will take place on 11th April from 7pm to 10pm, at St Mary's Bushbury.

Deanery Synod reps: Brian Daybell, Margaret O'Callaghan (St Alban's), Clive Postle (St Thomas's), Rev Kate, Rev Tom

Lay Reader's report

It has been another interesting and enjoyable year for me in my ministry role as lay reader. It hasn't been without its challenges, but such challenges are opportunities for growth and development.

I am grateful to be part of a ministry team with Tom, Helen, and Sam. We meet on a weekly basis to plan services, which includes looking at passages that Tom or I will preach on. It is a supportive meeting and I really value it.

Working with Sam as a Children and Families Worker has been rewarding; I've been involved with her work at St Alban's School and made some new connections there. We are linking up the children at St Alban's with the children in St Christopher's School in Uzuakole and also been involved in morning worship. We hope to develop this work and my contact with the school to support Sam. Tom's retirement will make this increasingly important as he has been closely involved in this ministry outreach.

My role as lay reader has continued to include leading and preaching in services and officiating at funerals along with pastoral work both within the church community and with bereaved families. I have continued my role in benefits advocacy along with Mavoureen and again have been successful in accessing benefits for several people.

I have continued to link with the Lambert and Braithwaite Foundation in Nigeria, through which St Alban's supports St Christopher's School. I have written a separate piece elsewhere in this annual report in relation to this.

I have started a bereavement support group and, again, I will attach a separate report in relation to this.

I have continued to take advantage of further study and have taken advantage of any diocesan training events that have been appropriate. I also attended the annual Lay Readers Conference this year, which is invaluable both for its inspirational content but also for sharing experiences with other lay readers.

The Rural Dean has asked me to establish a Lay Reader's Chapter Group. This will be a point of support for all the lay readers in the deanery and a forum to share ideas and experiences. We have our first meeting scheduled for 1st May.

I have several other roles besides my lay readers' responsibilities. I am currently the Parish Warden, and also Safeguarding Co-Ordinator for St Alban's. I recently became Director of the Caring Hearts initiative now that it is a Community Interest Group.

I hope to continue to serve God in my various roles at St Alban's. I do not underestimate the challenges that we will face during the coming vacancy, I know that I will face many personal challenges in my ministerial role, but if we

work together and keep our eyes focused on the Lord, I am sure we will more than just 'get through' this period however long that may be.

I am prompted to quote from Corinthians 12:25-26 as we approach this time;-

"So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it."

Terry Braithwaite - Lay Reader

Fabric of the Church Building

Following the considerable expenditure on the church in 2023 after the Quinquennial Inspection, we were fortunate not to have any major repairs to carry out in 2024. However, the following has been completed since the last report:

- A work-party of church members repainted much of the church hall, and carried out a thorough cleanse of the church chairs.
- A work-party from Lloyds Bank have repainted much of the Vestry and St. Albans Room, as well as working on the Memorial Garden and Grounds, in two visits.
- The church stage/dias was re-carpeted.
- Both Projectors have been replaced (thanks to members individual donations).

A number of matters raised in the Quinquennial Inspection are on hold at present, due to lack of money in the Building Fund. None are immediately urgent.

Barry Bishop - Warden

Finance / Treasurer's report

2024 was my eighth year dealing with St. Albans accounts. Although I had wished to stand down at ADCM last year, no-one felt able to take over this work, so as Warden I continued as (unelected) Treasurer.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way towards church finances and Gods work here and in the community in the past year. I am standing down as Warden so (if re-elected) I can continue to support the church in the role of Treasurer.

Our finances have now been online via MyFund Accounting for four full years. This continues to be a huge help in maintaining a more accurate picture of our financial position.

The Financial Review included with the Annual report gives more detailed information on our Income and Expenditure, but briefly – our Unrestricted Income in 2024 was £56,044 and Expenditure £55,955. Unfortunately our Reserve Funds were running low by September and it was necessary to reduce our Common Fund (Parish Share) payments to approximately half in the last 3 months of the year. We did make an additional payment at year end, but still owed the diocese £2400. At the moment we are continuing to pay a reduced Common Fund although hope to make a small additional payment at the end of each quarter.

We are very grateful for those who have increased their giving in the past year. This has helped considerably, but we still need to increase Income to cover our costs and meet diocese payments.

My thanks again to Brian for handling Gift-Aid and banking, and to the money-counting team for dealing with weekly donations.

In conclusion, in 2025 we will do our very best to remain financially viable to continue God's work in this church and community, with His and your help.

Barry Bishop - Treasurer

Gift Aid report

I would like to thank all who open the envelopes and count the money after the Sunday service. We have neither gained nor lost gift-aiders during this year.

If anyone is interested in becoming a gift-aider or requires more information (which is confidential of course), or any of the current gift-aiders would prefer to use a bankers' order and not envelopes, please contact Rev Tom, Barry Bishop (Treasurer) or me, Gift Aid Secretary. We will let you have the information for your bank.

The amount to be claimed back from the tac office for this year will be approximately £4000. I would urge anyone who gives a donation to the church if you are a taxpayer, to please gift-aid it. For every £1 donated we can claim 25p from the tax office.

In addition to the above gift-aid, there is a scheme which began in the 2013/2014 tax year known as GADS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme). This is a tax relief on loose plate giving and non-gift-aid envelope monies. Non-gift-aid envelope money and small cash donations of up to £30 maximum are acceptable, but not cheques. This is without the need for a gift-aid declaration. The maximum loose cash we can claim against has been increased to £8000. This would give a possible tax return of £2000.

Our tax relief will be slightly down this year.

Please stay safe!

Brian Daybell (Gift Aid Secretary)

Electoral Roll

After the complete renewal there were 60 names on St Albans Electoral Roll, of whom all but 10 live in the parish.

Brian Daybell (Electoral Roll Officer)

DCC Secretary's report

The DCC meets bi-monthly; this year the DCC piloted alternating a Tuesday/Wednesday to accommodate members work/personal commitments. There has been a total of six meetings, with an average 79% attendance rate.

DCC members: Rev Tom, Terry Braithwaite, Barry Bishop, Tony Beardsmore, Sue Cope, Dave Craddock, Sam Crosby, Brian Daybell, Deb Dale, Paula McInally, Margaret O'Callaghan, Arch Palmer, Mandy Pugh, Tracy Yates. An invitation to each meeting is extended to Clive Postle, Parish Warden at St Thomas's Church. St Thomas's reciprocates the invitation to include the Parish Warden at St Alban's Church.

The DCC Treasurer has consistently presented a verbal report on Income and Expenditure, supplemented by a simple information sheet detailing the "headline" data; the full Balance Sheets and a Fund Movement Summary are available upon request for those interested. Verbal reports are given by the Wardens (which includes buildings & maintenance, Health & Safety; Fire Safety), Ministry Team (Plans for Sunday Worship, Children's & Families Ministry – the DCC has been particularly encouraged to receive reports on the strengthening of links with local Schools) - Deanery Synod Representatives and Vicar; Safeguarding is a standing agenda items at each meeting.

Topics for discussion and resolution have included the Prayer Room Project and transfer of funds; The St Alban's Community Project/Caring Hearts; The Archdiocese of Lichfield document on "Shaping for Mission – A Strategic

Framework for 2024-2030"; replacement of the Dais carpet; projector and purchase of privacy screens.

Deborah Dale – DCC Secretary

Safeguarding and Compliance

I have continued to act as Safeguarding Co-Ordinator due to the fact that no-one else has come forward to undertake this important role. I would ask if there is anyone who might now reconsider undertaking this role for the coming year. I already undertake several roles within the church and, given the vacancy, my responsibilities will increase in the coming months. If anyone might consider this role I would be available for advice and support in addition to the Diocesan support that is available.

In respect of DBS checks we are up to date at present with all who need such checks in possession of current certificates. Those who require safeguarding training have undertaken the training to the appropriate level.

We have a safeguarding policy in place based on Diocesan guidelines.

There have been no recorded safeguarding 'incidents' during the past twelve months.

Terry Braithwaite

Worship and Teaching

Our Sunday worship has continued to focus on teaching the Bible, sung worship combining the best of traditional and new songs, and sharing Communion most weeks. About once a month we have an all-age service which aims to be more interactive and hands-on. Sunday attendance in 2024 was much the same as in 2023, averaging about 45, including 8 children, although numbers have dropped off a bit in the first few months of 2025.

Since the last annual meeting, we have had four main sermon series:

The first, on the life of Joseph in Genesis 37-50, finished with a church trip to see Starstruck Theatre Company's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, featuring our very own Sam and Jess Crosby.

Over the summer we looked at Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, which gave us the opportunity to address some of the difficult issues in that church, which the church still faces today.

In the autumn we followed the Lectionary, which took us into Mark 9-13, and we saw how Jesus equipped his disciples to stand firm after he left.

Then since January we have been tackling the majestic prophecy of Isaiah, seeing the lengths God will go to in order to draw his rebellious children back into his love.

We started a second Christianity Explored course in the autumn, which 5 people started, but sadly had to put it on hold when I had to deal with the loss of my sister and father in rather quick succession.

I am grateful to Terry for sharing in leading and preaching, for Sam in leading services and her input in preparing them, to John, Barry, Kemsi and OJ for sharing their musical talents with us, and all those who read, pray, welcome, assist with communion, run the PA and projector, and serve refreshments.

Rev Tom

Sound and Vision

Current team: John Billau, Michael Hart, Arch Palmer, Dave Craddock, Ral Okeke, Matthew Barber, Helen Fish

The purpose of the team is

- to make all aspects of the service comfortably audible, via the speakers and the hearing aid loop
- to operate the slide shows on the projectors

- to publish sound recordings of Sunday mornings for those who can't get here. (If you miss a week and want to catch up, go to saintalbanschurch.co.uk/resources/sunday-services and click on the date you want. It takes a little while after the service, so if it's not there, please try again later.)
- to support the people who run other activities to use a microphone and/or play recorded music through the speakers.

So that the system serves the church and facilitates doing the work of God.

This year…

- we've continued to enjoy the ease of use and vastly improved quality of the new sound system; as we've learned more about it, we are still finding simpler and better ways to do things.
- Mark and Tracy left the team to focus on other responsibilities
- we welcomed Michael and Matthew.

The current focus is developing knowledge and skills to ensure that everyone is as well-equipped as possible to take their part in fulfilling the purposes of the team once I (Helen) move on.

We are doing some basic training so that as many people as possible know how to set up the system and get the mics etc working, plus more in-depth training for anyone who wants to go deeper into the technical side of it. The current members of the team know how to run it during a service – the intermediate level of training – but if you'd like to join the team, please speak to one of us and we'll fix up a time to introduce you to it.

We hope you are also benefitting from the larger, brighter projectors after the old ones came to the end of their natural life.

Many thanks to all the members of the team, especially Mark and Tracy for all their past efforts, Dave and Arch for making the transition to the new system after years with the old one, and the newer members for joining us and being part of the future of the team.

Helen Fish

Facebook

St Alban's Facebook Page now has 925 followers (up from 892 last year). Our top post for the year was an advert for volunteers for the Ashmore Park Foodbank at 2144 views. Our second most popular post was an advert for donations for the foodbank at 645. Our third most popular post was an advert for the Pop In Winter Special at 540 views.

Breaking the followers down more, we can see that females are our main followers at 84%, where males were 16% - which is the same percentage as last years report. Also followers in the 35-44 age bracket are our top followers as shown in the table. There is a slight change from last years 'followers by age' where followers aged 45-54 topped followers '25-34' (swapped places).

HIGHEST TO LOWEST FOLLOWERS BY AGE
35-44
65+
45-54
25-34
55-64
18-24

Looking at locations of our followers we can see that we are actually reaching people in 9 other countries apart from the United Kingdom; including the United States of America, Italy, Canada and even Australia!

Our Facebook page is updated weekly by Katie Hart and others to publicise events and other notices, make suggestions for Foodbank donations, advertise our prayer areas etc.

Katie Hart – Church Administrator

Pop-In

Pop in has continued to provide a warm place of welcome throughout the year. The kitchen team have been kept busy, and there continue to be regular donations of clothes etc to sort and sell.

As last year, attendance at Pop-in has continued to be strong, with people coming in more for food and fellowship, and probably therefore staying longer, so there has often been a very lively atmosphere.. Occasionally it has been hard to find a table. There have been quieter moments too, but on the whole whenever we think it's going to be a quiet week some more people arrived.

We are very grateful to the team – Wendy, Robert, Gladys, Helen, Jen, Rose, Jose, Ron, Reuben and Trevor – who set everything up, sort clothes and other donations, cook and serve countless breakfasts, and then clear up afterwards in time for Tea Dance.

Rev Tom

Summer and Christmas Fayres

In 2024, Mandy and I took on responsibility for organising the two main fayres. These raised £1530, a little down on 2023, but both were well attended and there was a tremendous community spirit felt at both events.

At Christmas we had Father Christmas in his grotto (thanks to all who helped build this) and the kids loved it! We experimented with a Giant Tombola instead of a raffle and smaller tombola, and this was a particular success with a huge number of donations helping keep this going.
Our Summer fayre this year will be on 21st June. Please start saving tombola prizes and bottles to support us! Christmas Fayre date is to be confirmed, but most likely will take place in the first week of December.

My thanks to everyone who helped in any way at these events.

Barry Bishop

Children and families

Over the past year we have seen many more families joining TLC. We have had some of our children leave that have been with us since they were newborns, we are excited for them and the next part of their journey. Some of the parents

have even joined our team to help. When talking to people who have attended or who currently attend the group, they do say that TLC is a vital part of the Ashmore Park community. We currently do not have a waiting list.

Unfortunately, the Co-op have stopped donating our fruit that we have weekly, so this is now brought by some of our lovely team.

I want to say a big thank you for all our volunteers. From setting up, to putting away, keeping us topped up with tea and toast and helping with craft.

Sam Crosby

School Links

St Alban's School

Sam Crosby and I have continued to lead Collective Worship once a week on Tuesdays. Last school year we followed the Christian calendar, celebrating all the major festivals with themed worship in between. For the current year we are tracing the Gospel of Luke, looking especially at incidents that none of the other Gospel writers include.

We have also both served on the Parent and Community Advisory Forum (which replaced the Local Governing Board in 2023).

Sam and Terry have also started establishing links between St Alban's School and our mission partner St Christopher School in Uzuakole, Nigeria.

Other schools

During the course of 2024 we had class visits to church from all the other schools in the District – Perry Hall, Oak Meadow and Corpus Christi Primary schools, and all the year 7 classes at Coppice High School.

We were approached in the autumn by the RE lead at Oak Meadow to build stronger links, now that Oak Meadow has joined the Diocesan Academy Trust. Together, we developed a programme tied into the RE curriculum for us to lead a session with each form over the course of the year, some at school, some at

church. The highlight of this was a session with prayer stations round the church for year 5 when they were looking at "How Christians pray". We offered the same programme to Perry Hall, who were delighted to accept, and this is going well too.

Rev Tom

Ashmore Park Foodbank

The Foodbank continued to serve needy households in the WV11 area, opening twice a week – on Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. The continued cost of living crisis has meant that the need for the foodbank sadly remained just as high as in earlier years. More recently it seems that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has been moving many benefit claimants in Wolverhampton from the old ESA and JSA benefits onto Universal Credit, which often results in 5 or 6 weeks when they have no income, forcing them to use foodbanks. It is very troubling that our own government can intentionally put vulnerable people through such hardship.

Happily, our supplies of food, together with some very generous ongoing financial support, have held out and we have been able to meet the demand. We received some particularly generous donations from local schools at harvest, and from local businesses at Christmas.

The foodbank has also been supported this year by Hamza, from Groundwork, and Samantha from Severn Trent, who have been with us some Tuesdays to provide foodbank clients with much-needed help in addressing their underlying financial problems.

A few of our long-term volunteers had to stand down a couple of months ago, and we have been delighted to welcome several new volunteers to the team to take their place.

A massive to all our donors, all the volunteers, and especially to Sue Kennedy for overseeing the work of the foodbank so reliably and always with a smile.

Rev Tom and Sue Kennedy

Community Project and Caring Hearts

Having run the “Charity Shop” on the site next to church for a year, in March 2024 Caring Hearts was offered by Wolverhampton City Council funding to start a Community Shop, selling basic foodstuffs at low prices, as part of the council’s moves to help with the cost of living crisis without increasing dependency. They felt that this would be an appropriate next step, so approached the church offering to take over the whole site and progressively fulfil the vision of having it form a new “Community Village” of charities and social enterprises.

The PCC Standing Committee proposed the basis for an agreement with them, which involved them registering as a charity and the church having representation on the board of trustees. This agreement was endorsed by the whole PCC in August, and also has the support of the Diocese, who hold the land on Trust for the Parish.

Getting all the pieces of this in place has taken far longer than anticipated, but at the time of writing, Caring Hearts has been registered as a Community Interest Company, and we are readying the agreement to be signed by all parties.

The car importers, who had been renting the rest of the land, left the site in August.

Rev Tom

Bereavement Support Group

I have been running the bereavement support group for the past few months. This followed my growing understanding that some people would benefit from support after we have taken the funeral.

A couple of people, really struggling after the recent deaths of their mother and father, partnered with us to decide to create the group. They have been two mainstays of the current group. We have, currently, eight people who attend once every two weeks on a Thursday afternoon. The group has really gelled, and it is one highlight of my week. Far from it being a time of sadness and doom and gloom, there is lots of fun, particularly as people have relaxed with each other over the weeks. It is fascinating to hear people's stories and to share both in their sadness but also the joy derived from the relationships they have had. We can now talk about how best we support any new people who may come and I am confident that the strength of the group and the sensitivity that has developed will be able to of real help to others.

In some ways the group looks like a few people having a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat but it is far more than that. These things pave the way for deeper things.

I've realised the genuine need for permission to discuss feelings related to loss, and how society unfortunately often discourages such expressions. Some people in the group suffered bereavement of significant others many years previously, but have said that this group is the first time they have felt given permission to really talk about their feelings and about the people they have lost over the years.

Terry Braithwaite

Mission Partnership

Mavoureen and I speak several times a week with Rev Lambert Onoh to keep in touch with developments, to offer him support and encouragement.

It has been a tough year for Lambert and his wife, Lovina. Both have had periods of concerning ill health requiring hospitalisation. Hospitalisation is costly and medical care is very basic. In addition, their children have suffered periods of ill health.

Both Lambert and Lovina work really hard to improve the school and the life chances of the students. This past year, we saw improvements, including the development of a long-needed science laboratory. Please don't feel that this in any way compares to what we would know as a science laboratory. It is far from that, but it will add to the school's curriculum in a positive way.

The high inflation rate in Nigeria, currently at nearly 36% has meant that feeding the children has become very difficult. The price of basic foodstuff such as maize and rice has skyrocketed in the past year. Protein in the form of meat is mostly beyond the budget of the school and so the diet consists mainly of cassava, which is pounded and made into a porridge like meal supplemented with vegetables grown in the school garden. Many children have had to leave the school because they couldn't afford the very (to us) minimal school fees which is the only source of income for the school. We have found some people who have kindly sponsored children by paying their annual fees to enable them to access education.

The school continue to benefit from the monies that St Alban's give and I know that Rev Lambert is always grateful for. The benefit of having such close ties is that we are able to see the benefits in real time.

Terry and Mavoureen Braithwaite

Annual Meeting

The **Annual District Church Meeting** for St Alban's District will start after the 10am service on Sunday 6th April 2025, at St Alban's Church.

Agenda

1. Nomination of Parish Warden
2. Election of District Wardens
3. Apologies for absence
4. Approval of minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
5. Electoral Roll report
6. Elections
    a. DCC Secretary and Treasurer
    b. Lay members of the PCC
    c. Lay members of the DCC
    d. Electoral Roll Officer
7. Finance
    a. Presentation of the Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024
    b. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
    c. Charitable giving
8. Annual Report and vision for the future
9. Any other urgent business – notified prior to start of meeting
10. Closing prayer and worship

The Annual *Parochial* Church Meeting (for the Wednesfield Team Ministry) will take place at St Thomas's Church, on Sunday 6th April 2025 at 6.00pm.