

Yarlington Church Report 2025-2026

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What's happened during the year..

As mentioned last year, following discussions from 2022 onwards, Yarlington church is still in a benefice of 10 Churches, they are just different as to where they were. There are some new churches to visit, and Yarlington has benefited in seeing some new faces who have never explored this side of the A303 before. There has to be a willingness to travel sometimes, in the collective wish that no churches will close. Times are difficult and money is short, but prayer and hope are still around, and a lot of dedicated volunteers, determined to keep things going for future generations, who we hope will believe in something spiritual; search for the meaning of life and not just materialism.

The events of the year started with The Good Friday Walk with many dogs, which introduced us all to each other, and churches such as Weston Bampfylde and Sparkford. We covered a good few miles and I thoroughly recommend joining it somewhere along the route for Easter next year!

Easter Day service was shortly followed by the Yarlington Fringe's performance of 'The Marriage of Figaro', which was well received in the Church.

Exploring new ways to reach people, we had our first Breakfast Church on the first Sunday in July. It was a wonderful breakfast, with bacon rolls, porridge, cereal, tea, coffee.. and more! Discussion about food and The Lord's Prayer gently took place in the background. There is still Breakfast church happening, every other month on the first Sunday, at 9.30am – May 3rd if you can come.

There has been Evensong every month on the 3rd Sunday at 6.30pm.

We had an abundant Harvest Festival service, followed by a lovely supper in the Village Hall. All money raised went to local Charities. Many thanks to all who came and particularly Maria, Lucinda and Margaretha for your help with the meal.

The Camelot Choir members have been singing at some weddings, and started work on Advent and Christmas repertoire at the start of October.

Mid October had an Away Day for all PCC members across The Vale of Camelot, in Wells and we discussed how we wanted the future to look within our new Parish, and how we can work together. A positive experience.

The 80th Remembrance Sunday had a quiet, respectful service lead by Lesley. We thank the Count Charles de Salis for laying the first wreath on behalf of us all.

Advent started early this year on 30th Nov, and a joint service was held in Queen Camel, supported by The Camelot Choir.

After a day of decorating, the church was ready for its Carol Service on Mon 22nd, during which as many Carols as possible were sung heartily by everyone. Thank you to Karen

Goddard for her descants and support on the clarinet. It was followed by a great party in the pub, gratefully supported by the Newt – Thank you.

Christmas Day's morning service was a bit quieter, and we had the first service in the Benefice in the New Year.

Mothering Sunday had an informal service, led by Lesley, when all mothering was acknowledged and thanks given.

Holy Week and Palm Sunday was marked by another joint service – more of a walk – accompanied by a couple of donkeys around Weston Bamfylde. Another outdoors experience to welcome everyone. Maundy Thursday celebrated a Seder Meal, as traditional for the Passover in the Jewish Community. And then we are back to Easter Services.

So the New Parish is settling in. The AGM for the Church is happening on Wed 13th May at 7pm and you are all very welcome.

We have some essential repairs to do to the structure of the church, following our 5yr inspection which will require some fundraising to cover costs.

There are two bank accounts in place for those wishing to donate specifically to the building, or the running of the church (electricity, bills) Ideally, we'd appreciate a monthly DD of around £10 a month to help with costs.. If everyone was able to help in this little way, it would make a huge difference.

I hope this gives you a clear insight to the Church, and hope you can make the AGM on the 13th.