

St Peters Update – Annual Parish Meeting - April 2026

Patrick Willis

Swallowcliffe Church report at village AGM

1. Acknowledgement of Rex Stephenson's 30 years service to the PCC, of which 6 years as Vice-Chairman
2. Patrick Willis is now Vice-Chairman of the PCC
3. Despite three advertisements, no application has been received for the position of Rector of the Benefice. We now have only one Lay-Reader serving the seven parishes of the newly formed Upper Nadder Benefice, who is not authorised to give the sacrament of Holy Communion. We rely upon retired Vicars and Bishops to take Communion services.
4. Subsequently our services have been reduced as follows:
 - a) 1st Sunday in the month, Holy Communion at 11.15am at Swallowcliffe
 - b) 2nd Sunday in the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am at Ansty
 - c) 3rd Sunday in the month: Holy Communion at 8.00am at Swallowcliffe
 - d) 4th Sunday in the month: Lay-led service at 11.15am at Swallowcliffe
5. St. Peter's church continues to be a focus of and to serve the wider community; we raised over £3,000 gross from the bi-annual fete. The Candlelit carol service attracted 95 people, Easter 43, Mothering Sunday 45. Other services include the Rogation Sunday walk, Plough Sunday, Harvest Festival, and the Church organises Hymns and Pimm's, as well as two Quiz and Curry evenings.
6. Donations to either the Church or the Friends of the Church are most welcome, as are legacies.

Patrick Willis

Vice-Chairman

Swallowcliffe Parochial Church Council