



Annual Reports 2025

FOR PRESENTATION TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON
TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

Minister's Report

If you cast your mind back to last year's Annual Report you may well remember that I told you about the School Assembly I took on the theme of perseverance, and how I took a Rubik's Cube along as a visual aid. Well, I have a little more to add to that story.



During the assembly I asked if any of the children could solve a Rubik's Cube. One boy put his hand up, confident and eager. So I handed it to him. He turned it in his hands, studying it, working out his first move. And then it happened. The little cubes began to come off. One fell.

Then another. Then another. Within seconds the Rubik's Cube had broken apart in his hands — not because he had done anything wrong, but because it was a rather cheap imitation of the real thing. The children laughed. The boy looked a little embarrassed. But the moment stayed with me long after the assembly was over.

Because isn't that something of a picture of what can happen when we try to build something without the right materials? You can have all the right shapes, all the right colours, and yet if the thing holding it together is not strong enough, it falls apart the moment someone puts their hands on it.

In my message this year I would like to say that our Church Fellowship is not a cheap imitation. The work we do, the fellowship we share, the faith we hold — these things are held together by something far stronger than glue. They are held together by the Holy Spirit, and by one another.

As you read through these reports you will see the evidence of that. You will see people working, praying, planning and caring. You will see projects begun, relationships deepened and challenges met. There is much to be grateful for. But you will also see, if you look honestly, the places where we are still working things out, where the pieces have not yet come together as we would like. That honesty is itself a sign of strength.

I'm reminded of Paul's opening words of his letter to the Philippian Church, they seem a fitting encouragement to us all: "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to

my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” – Philippians 1:3-6.

The boy in the assembly was not to blame for the Rubik’s Cube falling apart. But I wonder whether, had it been a proper one, he might well have solved it. He had the confidence and the will. What he needed was something that would hold together under his hands.

Let us pray that we, as a Church, may be that — something that holds together. Something built to last.

May I thank each one of you for all you do for the life of our Church, in service of our Saviour. I also thank all those who have written these reports and I wholeheartedly commend them to you.

Your friend and minister,

Neil Chappell

Secretary’s Report

A Secretary’s Retrospective, or Dave’s Ramblings.

I thought I would not have to do a ‘Secretary’s Report’ this year. Well, that is true, but you don’t get off so lightly! About a week ago Neil asked me if I could do a ‘Retrospective’ article. Given the speed at which my brain works nowadays this is actually more of a resume or a reflection. A fuller length article will have to wait till a future edition of The Messenger - you have been warned!

Roy Buchanan was Church Secretary before me, and very good and ‘precise’ he was, but he rather suddenly stood down sometime in 2009. Wayne Hawkins, our minister, had also left us in 2008 to go and work with CWM, so we entered a period of interregnum, which lasted until Neil became our Minister in October 2013. I had been ‘sort-of-acting-church-secretary’ for a while, before I was elected as such at the AGM in 2010. Also at this time we had major repairs to do on the building, which required a huge fund raising effort over a period of several years. Together with generous grants from the Town Council and from the Historic Churches Trust we raised £100,000. As I remember it the work was signed off and the scaffolding taken down only a few days before Neil’s induction service. God’s timing is always perfect!

Looking back over the years I am reminded of the words of an (old) hymn, ‘and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here’. In some respects that is true, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8), but

paradoxically ... “Plus ca change”, things change, but things stay the same. The actors in the play of life grow, flourish, decline and leave the stage but new actors appear and the Play of Life goes on. Children at church now will become teenagers, get Ph.D's and have their own children. The world will probably be very different then, but Jesus will still welcome them.

A recent visitor to our church, an old friend of mine, said to me, “David, I like this church, it is quiet”. I think she is right, we do have a deep faith, but we don't make a song and dance about it. Our noticeboard proclaims the words of Jesus, “I will never turn away anyone who comes to me”, and we put that into practise with practical kindness and a caring spirit. Indeed ‘All are welcome in this place’. We preach the saving message of the cross, that Christ died for sinners, He rose from death and is alive today.



Perhaps we don't have the numbers in the congregation we used to have (the balcony would be full), but we have had new members joining us and have been blessed with children and young people, (think Paintpot and Jackpot). We have much to be thankful for and cause us to praise the God who said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

David Hudson

Church Family

You might well remark – “But David usually writes this report!” Well, let's start our Church Family report by talking about David.

This is the year that David Hudson stood down as Church Secretary after 15 glorious years! David has been a tremendous and steadfast servant to the church over what has been a challenging time. An interregnum, a major building project, a new minister and a global pandemic have all been things that he has taken in his stride. David has gone about his work in a quiet, confident and yet unassuming way, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. And he's not hung up his hat and gone on a cycling tour of the Outer Hebrides, yet, he will still continue to serve the church as a deacon. Thank you David.

It's been a sad year for three families with connections to the church. We held funeral services for Margaret Hardy, Kath Nicholl and Mike Marsh at church, and we remembered their years of service and devotion. It was nice to be with their families and to mourn alongside them.

A number of our congregation, or members of their families, have had health struggles of one sort or another and we continue to remember them in our

prayers. It was lovely to welcome back the Molloy family for the christening of Molly in July, and good to see such a busy morning at church.

Members of our congregation are adept at caring for others in our fellowship in ways that go completely unnoticed. And for that kindness and compassion we are indebted to them. We thank everyone for being part of our church family and for the joy that that brings to us.

Neil Chappell

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot continues to be held every Tuesday from 10am-12 noon. The faithful band of helpers keep going, but we know we're not getting any younger!!

Recently, we've met in the Lounge, mostly due to lower numbers and sometimes the Church needing to be ready for a service. Some people prefer it there, others struggle with the acoustics.

Dogs, especially Qantas, Steve's Guide Dog, are welcome when under control!

Janet Whitehead kindly played some Christmas carols on the clavinova, at our attempt at 'Coffee n Carols', which gave the opportunity for some folk to cautiously sing along.

Comments received are: *People enjoy coming*. It's laid back and folk have a good chat. *It's homely*. I enjoy doing it. *It's a good thing to continue*.

So, all in all, the tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and biscuits seemed to be appreciated, obviously served by friendly, smiling helpers! We press on to 2026.

Sue Hudson



Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding makes sure that everyone who visits our Church or takes part in an activity linked to the Church feels welcomed and safe. Should there be a concern, situation or an allegation, having policies and procedures in place will provide a guide as to what to do.

To remain affiliated to the Congregational Federation, we are required to hold an up-to-date Safeguarding Certificate. Following a Safeguarding visit from Joy Howell (Area Worker) to Church in January 2023, various recommendations were actioned and our certificate was renewed in May 2023 and will expire in 2027. It will therefore be necessary to renew this and also to renew applicable DBS

certificates for volunteers.

Our Safeguarding Policy was revised and updated using a template provided by the Congregational Federation and was agreed by the Diaconate and their decision accepted at Church Meeting on 4th April 2024. I was also accepted by Church meeting as DPS (Designated Person for Safeguarding). A copy of this policy is available for all to read on the notice board in the Church lounge and should be reviewed annually.

Health and Safety measures:

Constant health and safety monitoring and reporting is essential for a safe Church.

Ongoing measures include:

- Reminding the congregation periodically of Fire Evacuation drill.
- An annual 'Spring clean' of Church to clear 'clutter' and carry out and identify general maintenance.

Recommended from original audit: specific Risk Assessments for different activities within Church. We have a generic Risk assessment that covers all geographic areas of the Church. This is available to other user groups and is a requirement for their own safe use of the premises.

Safeguarding:

- DBS applications are all up to date for all volunteers involved in children's, young people's and adult (where there is a likelihood vulnerable adult maybe attending) groups.
- Safer recruitment procedures and DBS completed for appointment of Families worker (October 2025)
- DPS has completed two online training Webinars for Congregational Federation Safeguarding Leads with Thirtyone: eight in May 2025.

Recommended: All volunteers sign Code of Conduct (prepared by the Congregational Federation) if they have not already done so.

Periodically, any policy and guidance updates relating to Safeguarding that we all need to be aware will be brought to the Deacons and Church meeting. I am sure we are all grateful for any Health and Safety related matters that members of our Church community may raise so that they can be discussed and action taken.

Safeguarding is ongoing as it not only involves a safe building but ensures that all who enter our premises are and can feel safe from harm in the wider sense of the word. Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all and as we are an 'open' church welcoming all to worship and other activities we need to be a 'safe church' in every way.

'Speak out on behalf of the voiceless and for the rights of all who are vulnerable' Proverbs 31:8

Should you have any questions or queries please do ask Neil or myself.

Many thanks for your support.

Cathryn Clarke

Children's Church

Over the past year, Children's Church has followed a similar pattern to the previous year by being held on the first Sunday of the month. It comprises of two groups, a young people's group which meets downstairs in the lounge, predominantly led by Terri until October and a group for primary aged children and creche upstairs. This has been led by Sally, Cathryn and Terri with support from valuable volunteers who respond willingly to requests for help month by month – often at a moment's notice. The creation of a Children's Church Helpers WhatsApp group has aided communication, along with a Children's Church Parent's WhatsApp group which enables quick communication about upcoming sessions.

Our Sessions have been varied, fun and creative consisting of a game/s, bible-based discussion/activity, prayer and a choice of craft. The aim is to have fun whilst learning and exploring more about Jesus and his purpose for our lives.

This year, we have explored a variety of themes including: The Beatitudes, being Salt and Light as followers of Jesus and the Conversion of Saul. For Mothering Sunday, we ran an altogether session with numerous activities and crafts for all ages. Many children made fingerprint flower bookmarks for members of our congregation. Replacing Children's Church in August, Neil kindly led an All-age service on the first Sunday. This was a joyful, fun and interactive service for all and much appreciated.

There have been opportunities to run an additional Children's Church for Christenings when we know that additional families and their children will be coming along. We have been able to provide simple but meaningful activities for all ages. On July 20th we celebrated a Christening in church and our activities included a poster with handprints of all the children and young people and an encouraging bible verse which was given to the parents of the child being christened.

Numbers do fluctuate for Children's Church. However, it has been encouraging recently to welcome a consistent group of children and young people to church. In general, some children who also attend Jackpot come along and occasionally

others who have had connections with our church for some time. Paintpot families with older children have come along from time to time too. It is always encouraging when the parents and grandparents of children and young people come along with their children and enjoy fellowship with the wider church family. They are always made very welcome.

This past year also saw the appointment of Marvin Vogel, as our Church Families worker. This was an exciting new opportunity for our Children and Young People's ministry and for the Church as a whole. Part of Marvin's role was to be involved on a Sunday morning with our Children's and Youth Church. Marvin led the secondary school age group in the lounge with assistance from one of our valuable volunteers and Terri, Sally and I upstairs with the younger children with assistance from others. Since December we have been able to run a second session during the month, including A Christmas Road Trip – the journey of a lifetime on 22nd December which was hugely enjoyed by all ages and a monthly Jam music session after church for the young people led by Marvin. It has been encouraging to see our young people come along and bring their friends too.

Sadly, for a variety of reasons, Marvin made the decision towards the end of January not to continue as our Church Families Worker. As a Church we are understandably very sorry for this decision and know our young people and children will be too. However, we graciously respect his decision (which must have been difficult for him) and thank him for his ministry amongst our young people whilst he was with us. We wish him well and God's blessing and guidance for the future.

We are so grateful for the support we receive from volunteers who come out to help with our Children's Church activities, as well as those who provide resources for the various activities. Should you wish to volunteer in any way, please speak to Terri or myself. No experience is needed but in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy a DBS certificate for our Church is required if you wish to help with these sessions.

Everyone in our Church family has a role to play in supporting and encouraging our children and young people. **Please do pray for our children and young people and their families** that they may feel accepted and welcomed by our Church and most importantly know the love and peace that Jesus can bring to their lives. **Please also pray for our leaders** as we all seek God's guidance for the way ahead.

Cathryn Clarke

Jackpot

As we celebrate our fourth year of Jackpot, we look back with gratitude at another wonderful year for our young people, our families, and our team. What began as a small but hopeful venture has now grown into something very special — a place where young people feel welcome, have fun, and are gently encouraged in their faith.

Since Jackpot first opened its doors, an incredible 48 different children and young people have come through the doors. In the past year, we have welcomed around 10 new families to the group, a real testament to the word-of-mouth enthusiasm that keeps Jackpot growing. On average, 16 young people attend each month — many of them inviting friends along, which is one of the most encouraging signs that Jackpot is having a real impact.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic team of volunteers. Sally, Janet, Chris, Rosalie, Naomi, Neil, Debby, Verity, Matt, and Jacqueline continue to be the backbone of Jackpot, bringing energy, creativity, and care to everything they do. Between them, they organise crafts, games, the tuck shop, and refreshments — making each session a genuinely enjoyable time.

One of the most cherished traditions in the Jackpot calendar is our annual rounders match on Southam Rec. Parents and leaders join the children on the teams, and it is always an evening filled with laughter, “friendly” competition, and a wonderful sense of community. It is a brilliant reminder of what Jackpot is all about — fun, togetherness, and connection.



This year — as a church — we put plans into place to employ a Families Worker to take our provision of work with children and young people to the next level. We were very excited to welcome Marvin to the role in October, and he added an extra dimension in enthusiasm and ideas to our work. Sadly, after he completed his 3 month probationary period Marvin decided the position wasn't for him — along with a change in his personal circumstances — so we are reviewing the situation.

The foundations we have built over the past three years are strong, and we are excited about what the future holds. Our hope for the coming year is to build on this solid ground and welcome even more young people into the Jackpot family. With God's grace and the continued support of our wonderful team and families, we believe the best is yet to come.

We would ask that you would uphold all the children and young people involved

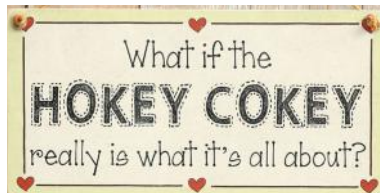
in Jackpot in your prayers. Pray for them to grow in faith, in friendship, and in confidence. And pray for our team, that we might continue to serve with joy and purpose.

Neil Chappell

PaintPot

I recently went into a gift shop where there was a wooden sign for sale which said: *"What if the Hokey Cokey really is what it's all about?"*

To the children of PaintPot it is! That song is one of two that always heralds the start of PaintPot and the children love joining in. In fact, the children love joining in all the songs, especially the all-action and jumping about ones. But they also enjoy bringing their toys – matched to the colour of the week – and showing them off.



They love listening to the story read by Neil. Sometimes there's a general hubbub as the story is told, but just recently a real hush has descended on the group as the children carefully listen to the unfolding tale. What's not to like about sticking, painting, drawing, glue and glitter? Sally comes up with some wonderful crafts that the children treasure and eagerly set about.

Janet always keeps things running without a hitch, and Chris brings snacks matching the colour of the week, which the children really love. Picking good snacks for blue week, though, is still pretty tough!

We have great fun as a Team, welcoming new faces through the year and saying goodbye to those children moving off to pastures new. It's great to do this on behalf of the Church.

The Team

Church Flowers

We have had a wonderful array of flowers to enjoy over the year, and once again I should like to thank everyone who has made a contribution in any way towards this part of our church life.

We have a small team who happily arrange flowers on several dates during the year, and I am particularly grateful to them for the way they step in to cover when there are gaps in the rota.

We are always happy to welcome new people, and if you would like to be

included, either in providing or arranging flowers, we can always find you a slot.

As we move into 2026 we shall be looking at ways to arrange the flowers that will be more eco- friendly, so you may notice an even greater variety of styles. I often wonder if there is anyone who would enjoy the challenge of taking over the rota from me, and if so please do let me know! Meanwhile, I know people appreciate the flowers, and I am sure this will continue through the coming year.



Janet Whitehead

Fair trade/Traidcraft

The church has continued to support Fair Trade goods. Wherever possible, all our coffee, tea, sugar, toilet and kitchen rolls, hand sanitisers, washing up liquid and cleaning products are from fair trade and/or ethical sources.

Last year we bought 18 fair trade “Real Advent calendars” from the Meaningful Chocolate Company as part of our support for families that use the Fosse Foodbank (see also Missions report). We also ran a stall selling Traidcraft Christmas cards as part of the Christmas card sale and this proved very popular and made £151.45 in sales.

Transform Trade (the development charity arm of Traidcraft’s work) is now the custodian of the Traidcraft brand - and is restoring its legacy by building a small, high impact product range. Alongside this, they are working to use the Traidcraft mark as seal of approval, signifying adherence to fair trade principles which lie outside the scope of the Fairtrade mark. Their small product range now includes Christmas and other greetings cards, tea, toilet rolls, laundry sheets and - yes – charcoal! (Transform Trade has teamed up with the Coop to sell charcoal for barbecues.)

As a church we will continue to support Traidcraft, Café Direct and other fair trade products wherever we can.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has continued to support fair trade this year.

Philip Clarke

Missions Annual Report

As a church we have continued to support mission work both at home and

abroad. In our own community, we have continued to support initiatives such as Coffee Pot, Jackpot, Paintpot, Tuesday Club and Warm Space. These will be covered in other reports within this Annual Report.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week took place in May as usual. The theme this year was on the effects of climate change on rural communities in Guatemala which are affected by climate change. Christian Aid produced a “seven-day devotional guide” which we distributed to everyone in the church. We also organised a collection within church and raised a total of **£582.50** plus Gift Aid.

Harvest

For our harvest appeals we support **Welcome Here** (Leamington and Warwick). Welcome Here was formed in 2017 to help support Syrian refugees settle in Leamington and Warwick. Since then, their work has grown steadily, welcoming refugees from Afghanistan in 2021 and supporting those seeking asylum from various countries, often when they are temporarily staying in hotels. We were able to donate **£455** to Welcome Here.

Earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand

In April, we donated towards the DEC appeal which was supporting those impacted by the powerful earthquake which devastated regions across both of these countries. We raised a total of **£474**.

Fosse Foodbank

The church continues to support the Fosse Foodbank, whose work has never been more important during the current cost of living crisis. As well as our support through the harvest appeal, we provided “**Real Advent Calendars**” to the Foodbank. Eighteen were bought and donated to families with children benefitting from the Foodbank.

Christmas appeals

At the time of writing last year’s Annual report (February 2025), we were not able to report the total raised for the **2024 Christmas appeals**. We raised a total of **£783.40** (including Gift Aid) which was divided between two charities, **Zoe’s Place** and the (2024) **Christian Aid Christmas Appeal**.

For Christmas 2025, we agreed that the church would support two appeals over Christmas. These are **Helping Hands** and **Christian Aid’s Christmas appeal** which

is supporting families fleeing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In total, we raised **£824.66** which has been split equally (so £412.33 each) between the two charities. You may be interested to know that this includes £45 from the Christmas post and £115.15 from Carols by Candlelight. Also, interestingly, £177.32 came from payments made through our card reader, showing that people are valuing the convenience of this means of making donations.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported all of our mission work.

Philip Clarke

Graham Adams Centre

The lease arrangement and our partnership with both the Church and the Congregational Federation will soon undergo changes. As we engage in negotiations with CF regarding the centre's future, your thoughtful support would be greatly valued.

The centre continues to face key challenges: raising funds to sustain operations, including building maintenance, and recruiting volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors (Trustees). We warmly invite community members interested in volunteering for our activities or joining the board to reach out. If you know anyone who might wish to get involved, please let me know!

As a centre we are providing:

- Table Tennis group for young people
- Support for pupils excluded from Southam College
- 'Stretchy Monkeys' - a physical play-based toddler group
- CALM Youth Group (for Children with Autism, Learning disabilities and Mental Health difficulties)
- A creative dance and wellbeing group for home educated girls (funded by Think Active!)
- SEND Parent Support Group

We also provide the venue and administrative support to Southam Book Festival. The Graham Adams Centre is proud to serve as a venue for a diverse array of community groups and local businesses to host their activities. The centre regularly accommodates events such as Mother and Baby Yoga and Baby Massage courses, as well as meetings organized by Warwickshire Youth Justice Service and Warwickshire Children and Families Teams when a location in Southam is required. Numerous other community organizations, including Southam Lions and Southam Christmas Lights Association, utilise the hall for

fundraising and various events; additionally, the hall is frequently used on weekends for children's parties.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of the Graham Adams Centre, we extend our gratitude to all individuals and groups who have contributed to its legacy over the years. We look forward with anticipation to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Iain Wilson - Chair of Trustees

Treasurers Report

The budget for 2025 was set with an anticipated deficit of £3,000. I am pleased to report that the final accounts show a small surplus of £266.

Although our regular giving (standing orders, envelopes) and weekly offertory have both fallen, this has been offset by increases in donations, investment income, lettings and fundraising. We also realised a gain of almost £500 when cashing in our investments with the Congregational Federation, and a further £425 was transferred from Warm Space to support our utility costs.



Savings of approximately £850 were made on pulpit supply and cleaner wages. In addition, £800 budgeted for SWMA (Cong Fed) has not been requested and therefore remains unpaid.

As always, we are deeply grateful to everyone who supports the church financially — whether through standing orders, envelope giving, freewill offerings, or donations to the many activities we hold. Your generosity continues to sustain our ministry and mission.

The budget for 2026 was presented to, and approved by, the November 2025 Church Meeting. Based on current income levels and known or anticipated increases in expenditure, we are forecasting a deficit of £7,000 for 2026.

The following proposals were approved:

1. The 2026 Budget was approved as presented, with the £7,000 shortfall to be met from general reserves.
2. Hanging baskets to be funded by donations before ordering.
3. Christmas Lights (£50) to be funded by donations or by the value of donated items.
4. All mission giving supported by the church — such as Harvest, RBL and

Christmas — will be funded through retiring collections only, with no top up from general funds.

5. Gifts and flowers to be funded by donations.
6. All buildings maintenance and reactive repairs to be funded from the restricted Buildings Fund, with further fundraising and grant applications to increase available funds.
7. The updated Reserves Policy was approved.

Final accounts will be presented at the Annual Church Meeting.

Debbie Wilson

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club continues to meet every other ... er ... Tuesday, although we missed a couple of meetings earlier this year because of inclement weather. We have had the pleasure of a new member, Susan, joining us. She is very sociable and has got to know everyone – all eight of us! The Welsh Road Warblers came to sing and entertain us before Christmas, and the week after that we enjoyed our Christmas meal at the Hub. We had a full turnout for our recent Beetle Drive, but our attempt at a jigsaw fizzled out – despite the efforts of a couple of us! As usual I thank all the members for their continued help and support.

If you would like to come along everyone is welcome and we meet in the Church Lounge on alternate Tuesdays, details in The Storyboard or phone 812695. All you need to bring along is your best smile!

David Hudson

Southam & Bishop's Itchington Congregational Church Minutes of Church Annual General Meeting 18th February 2025

Chairman: Neil Chappell

Attendance: 17 members

Apologies: received from 3 members

Devotions: Neil led devotions on Luke 15:4-7 'Everyone Matters'.

Minutes of the previous meeting: 20th February 2024. These were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Annual Reports: Neil thanked all those who have contributed and recognised the work that goes into each report. Thanks were expressed for all those who contribute to the life of our church. The reports were positively received and are evidence of how many people are working behind the scenes.

Dianne Surgey proposed and Helen Rowlatt seconded that the reports were accepted. All agreed.

Finance: The final accounts cannot be completed until the Congregational Federation provide the 2024 valuation of our investment funds. Hopefully the accounts will be presented to the March Church Meeting.

Officers and Deacons:

- Secretary: Nomination David Hudson. Proposed Dianne Surgey, seconded Brian Meacham. Elected unanimously by show of hands.
- Treasurer: Nomination Debbie Wilson. Proposed Philip Clarke, seconded Chris King. Elected unanimously by show of hands.
- Deacons:
Nomination Chris King. Proposed Philip Clarke, seconded Debbie Wilson.
Nomination Philip Clarke. Proposed Chris King, seconded Caroline Johnson.
Nomination Caroline Johnson. Proposed Debbie Wilson, seconded David Hudson.

All 3 elected unanimously by show of hands.

Appointments: These have been displayed on the noticeboard in the Lounge for the previous 3 Sundays. All appointments were voted for en bloc. Proposed Viv Parsons, seconded Chris King. All agreed.

Everyone who served in all roles in 2024 were thanked for their work and faithfulness, ensuring that the church and its activities continue to run.

Membership: Our current membership is 44.

Church Family News: We shared news of several church members and friends.

Dates of Next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 17th February 2026 7.45 pm
The meeting was closed at 8.15pm by sharing The Grace together.

Southam & Bishop's Itchington Congregational Church
Church Annual General Meeting 2026
7.45pm Tuesday 24th February 2026

Agenda

1. Devotions
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 18.02.2025
3. Annual Reports
4. Finance Report
5. Election of Officers & Deacons
6. Other Appointments
7. Membership
8. Church Family News
9. Date of Next Meeting - 16.02.2027