

CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026

Good evening and thank you for attending this years Parish Council AGM. We have been fortunate in that we have had a complete committee, unfortunately one of our esteemed councillors Mr Ivan Wimhurst has decided to stand down. On behalf of myself and the committee I would like to thank him for his contribution to the Parish Council.

All the usual topics blocked drains, rat run through the village due to a new housing estate under construction. We have addressed the situations as best we can but regardless of our concerns our voices are not heard.

We have made donations for the upkeep of the Burial Ground by having the grass mowed regularly and the trees cut back. The Friendship Club have enjoyed day trips and theatre visits. The Village Hall has had a donation towards the improvements to the Meeting Room and once again three skip visits were made with the usual request of two at the Village Hall and one on the Hollybush Car Park.

I believe that with major changes for a new political map for Staffordshire consisting of new boundaries for its council divisions will affect small Parish Councils like ours with unknown consequences for the future.

I would also like to thank Borough Councillor Karin Aspin for all her support in keeping us informed with impending changes and for her regular attendance.

I would also like to thank County Councillor Andrew Mynors for his frequent attendance and support.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their contributions and support and a special thank you to our Clerk David Croxford for his hard work and diligence which is greatly appreciated.

Appendix 2.

Report from Salt Church to Salt & Enson Parish Council: May 2026

The Church has continued to play an active part in providing for the community of Salt, as well as for people beyond the village.

The porch has continued to be used a facility for the delivery of villagers' bread from Parkside Bakery and as a collection point for food for the House of Bread, Stafford, which receives very generous donations on a weekly basis.

Trent Lane Burial ground has been maintained to the usual excellent standard by TGM, thanks to the generous donation towards the costs from Salt & Enson Parish Council. Visitors to the burial ground greatly appreciate this care.

This year, PCC has been focussed on the very expensive (approximately £50,000) repair to the Church chancel, in order to make it water-tight, which has been achieved. The Church has been very appreciative of the extremely generous donations from Salt & Enson Parish Council towards this cost.

During the year, the Church has organised social and entertainment events which have included lunches, another very successful Murder Mystery night and a Christmas Fair with a soup lunch, all of which have been very popular and well supported by the village community, as well as raising important funds for the Church, for the repairs.

In addition, the PCC has supported the Village Hall in joint events such as providing cake stalls at the 'Bacon Butty' mornings.

Compass continues to be much appreciated, especially by elderly residents who may not have a computer, giving a lot of useful information across the Benefice, as well as advertising church and village hall events. We would like to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for the generous donation towards its publishing costs, as well as to the villagers who help to distribute the magazine. Both are vital to its success and continued distribution.

This report summarises much of the work of Salt Church; a lot more goes on behind the scenes. I would particularly like to mention the Churchwarden, Janet Stubbs from Hopton, who has worked extremely hard this year, applying for grants and faculties, monitoring the progress of the repairs, together with other aspects of her role. Salt Church and the community would be all the poorer without her dedication.

This is the report from the Secretary to the PCC.
Margaret Walls