

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting from St Peter's Church May 18th 2026 Levington Village Hall

- In the Spring it was confirmed that Stratton Hall, which had previously been seen by the C of E as 'extra-parochial' – i.e. as not belonging anywhere - would be incorporated into the ecclesiastical parish of Levington. The church parish boundaries, established centuries ago are not currently aligned with the civil boundaries. (This has little effect on the day to day running of our parish church.)
- We have only five members on our PCC at St Peter's, we hold two services a month, one service of Morning Prayer and one of Holy Communion. We have a couple of weddings and funerals each year and the area at the back of the churchyard for car parking on the grass has proved invaluable for occasional offices and big services.
- I have to report that our worshipping community is in decline. We attract an excellent turn out for Carol services and at Easter and also for services such as Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Houses have changed hands in the village quite regularly but no one moving into the village in recent years has joined the congregation. While we attract a congregation of about sixteen to each 'ordinary' service those numbers include people from other villages in the Benefice. While people in our village do generally feel positive about the church and will assume it to be there for them when they need it, no one wants to take on any leadership roles or tasks of responsibility. This is no surprise as they are all very time consuming, bound in bureaucracy and red tape.
- As a PCC this coming year we will be looking at ways to deal differently with the essential administrative tasks required in the church. There are options we can explore. Meanwhile we intend to pursue our efforts to re-order the church to make the space more flexible for services and related activities.

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