

“Thank you’s” from the Churchwardens

8th March 2026

Our thanks, first and foremost, are to Tom and Kim for everything they have done in the last 12 months. It is hard to believe Tom has been with us for over a year now and it is wonderful to see how much he has achieved in such little time plus sharing his vision for the future. After all Rome was not built in a day. And not forgetting Kim’s never-ending enthusiasm, so a very sincere thank you to them both. You make an inspiring leadership team.

The Church could not function efficiently without the input of the many volunteers who tirelessly go about their duties. There is Rose Hughes with her team of cleaners keeping the church clean and presentable; Liz Squire with her team of baristas and tea makers to quench our thirst; Louise McMichael with her florists to keep us attractive; Martin Whittaker with his ringers to encourage us to come here; Our treasurer for keeping us on the straight and narrow and making sure we are using energy efficiently; Anne Harris ensuring two readers are available for every main Sunday service; Janet Steele who inputs in many different ways including sideperson duties and refreshment duties and is typical of a number of parishioners in quietly keeping the church alive and functioning; Alison Lewis and Rosie Padmore for leading the first Sunday service in the month and all the other work they undertake for the Church; and Harry Grove for playing the organ and providing music accompaniment’s where necessary. The list of people is endless, you know who you are and The Wardens very much appreciate your input.

The occasion cannot pass without making a special mention of Neill Robb who after several years as a Churchwarden has decided to step down. This is a role he has undertaken with enthusiasm, loyalty, constant attendance and determination, despite his own health issues and in particular the support he gave Kim in the post Covid years was invaluable. The current Wardens know you will agree Neill has set an example to us all and know he will continue to help wherever he can. Thank you, Neill and please accept this gift as a small recognition of what you have done for St Leonard’s Church over the years.

Neil Harvey
Nick Maybee