

## APCM 2026 - Holy Trinity, Low Moor - Vicar's Report

Over the last 12 months or so, it feels to me like we've been on a journey together. Now that's the real point I'd like to make here - 'together'. I still have that real sense that, generally speaking, those of us who'd say that Holy Trinity was 'our church' are a loyal, dedicated, forward-looking bunch!

Together, we've planned for and finally brought into being, the regular use of a new sound and vision system in church. I'm grateful to those people (and you know who you are!) who literally put their money where their 'faith' was and donated financially towards the cost (which, I'll be honest, was pretty significant) because they believed it would be worth our investment of time, money, energy and patience. I have to say that it's a real joy now to be able to lead and present, both in terms of audio and visual, knowing that we can rely on the quality of the sound and vision in the building.

Together, throughout the whole of the last year we've been trying to be patient in terms of our hope to install a new and effective heating system in the building. Again, we've exercised a great deal of patience, and thanks to the time, energy and patience of those who have, behind the scenes usually, been driving this, we are pleased to say that it's looking as hopeful as it has ever been that we might be warmer next Winter than we have been for quite a while!

I'm encouraged, and not a little surprised, at the fact that a significant number of 'new' people have ventured into the building, and that a few of them have chosen to 'settle' with us. Some of this growth is as a result of the engagement that some of us have regularly with our local schools, and it's heart warming to see a growing number of families enquiring about baptisms. It's all good 'outreach', and just as important as those more 'direct' events such as Cake N' Bacon.

At some point during the next 12 months, I'll hit the 'halfway' mark in my time as vicar. It's no secret that (as things stand) I expect to retire around the May of 2030, having been appointed in the September of 2023. We've got (God willing) another 4 years together on this journey - let's see where God might take us together, shall we? I'm looking forward to it as much as I was when I was first appointed!

Grace and peace,



Rev. Paul Deo  
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