

Report on the Activities of The Church of SS Peter & Paul Algarkirk 2024-25

Introduction

1. SS Peter and Paul Parish Church Algarkirk is a Festival Church of the Local Mission Partnership of Boston South, within the Deanery of Boston. It is currently closed for regular worship, but as a Festival Church remains available for services at major festivals (Easter and Christmas) and for weddings and funerals. The Churchyard remains active. The Diocese has commenced the process to join the parochial parish of Algarkirk with Wyberton. It was previously linked to Kirton, which is now with the Pilgrim Group.
2. There is no PCC. Care of the building is maintained through the support of the Parish Council and the PCC of Wyberton parish church. There has been some vandalism damage, but the church and churchyard are well maintained.
3. The Rector is Revd Canon Sudharshan Sarvananthan, and the nominated Treasurer and Warden is Mike Sharp, who has the same appointments at Wyberton. Sudharshan is also the Rural Dean of Holland (Boston) and Partnership Dean of Boston,
4. The Annual Statistics for Mission 2024 recorded an average of 4 attendees at the Festival services. There were three funeral services in the churchyard, There is one booking for a wedding in 2026.

Changes to the Diocesan Structure

5. As noted in the introduction, Holland Deanery has been retitled Boston Deanery. The Diocese is planning a reduction in the number of deaneries from 26 to 9. Boston is not affected, having amalgamated Holland East and West deaneries.

Parish Matters

6. As the Time to Change Together project continues there are developments at Parish level which are of significance to Wyberton and Algarkirk.. The introduction of Focal and Oversight Ministry has provided training for volunteer lay ministry for each parish, and the first such appointments made. This provides parishioners with a point of contact within the parish, in touch with and overseen by the designated rector.
7. Wyberton PCC has identified funding to provide a Youth and Children's Worker for the parish, and has identified a suitable candidate
8. A local team has been recruited and trained to enable the Roadhog Youth Mission Bus to now visits Wyberton.
9. The future of the Parish of Algarkirk with Wyberton is open to development, and participation in any of the above would be welcome. The Wyberton PCC will welcome closer liaison with Algarkirk Parish, and as a first step look forward to identifying a lay Focal and Oversight Minister for this new role. We could also have an Algarkirk member of the PCC

Mike Sharp
Nominated Treasurer/Warden