



**CHURCHWARDENS ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2025
PRESENTED APRIL 2026**

Members of Staff:

Rector	In interregnum until August Fr. David Bailey
Reader	
Churchwardens	Judith Hobbs Lesley McDonald
PCC Secretary	Vacant <i>JHobbs</i>
Minute Taker & Electoral Secretary	Alan Colton
Hon. Organist	Kevin Turner
Organ Tuner	W & A Boggis Organ Builders of Diss, Norfolk
Inspecting Architect	Ruth Brennan Architects 12 School Lane, Little Melton Norwich NR9 3NL
Benefice Safeguarding officer	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC (Current Account) Central Board of Finance, Church of England (Deposit Fund)
Independent Examiner	Mr John Hunt

Members of the PCC:

Ex officio

Rector	In interregnum until August Fr. David Bailey
Judith Hobbs	Churchwarden (Vice Chairman)
Lesley McDonald	Churchwarden

Elected

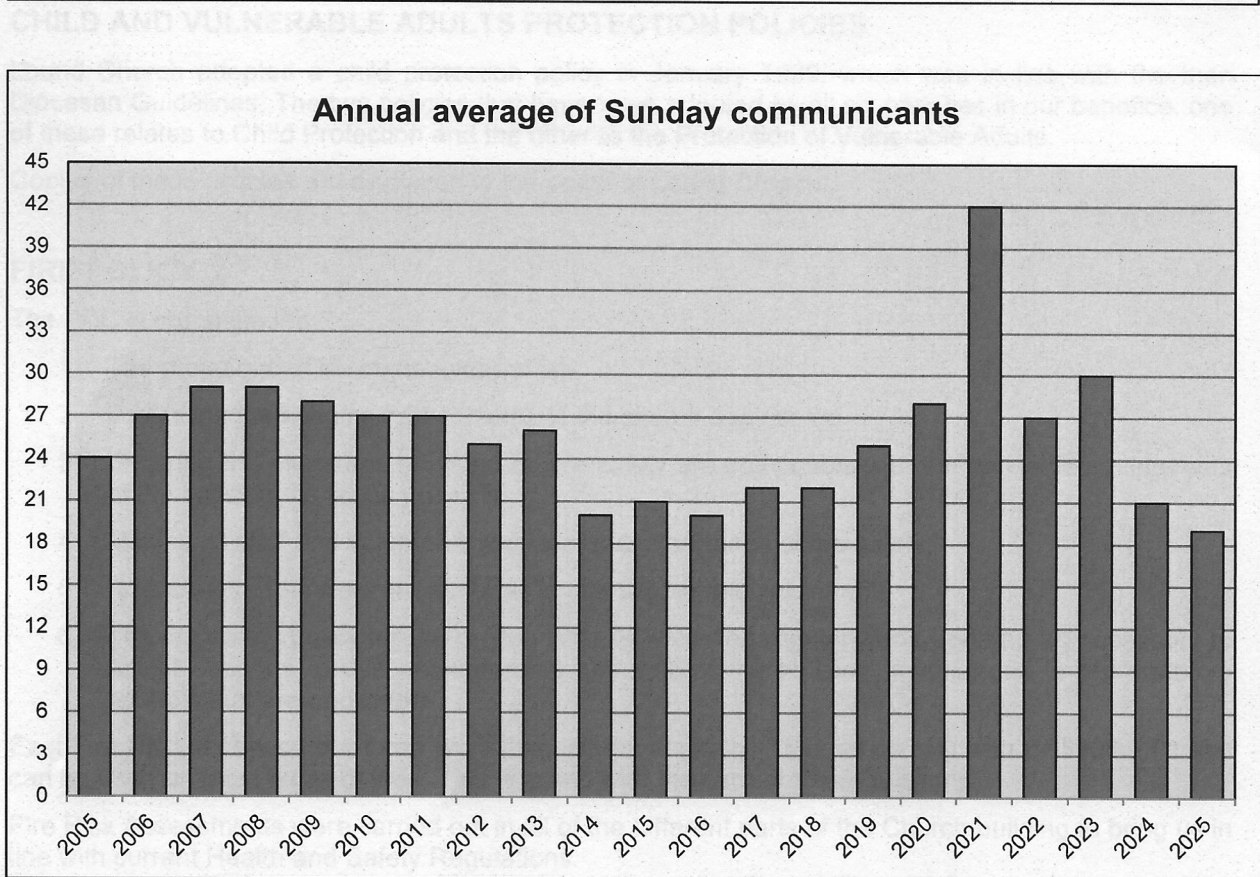
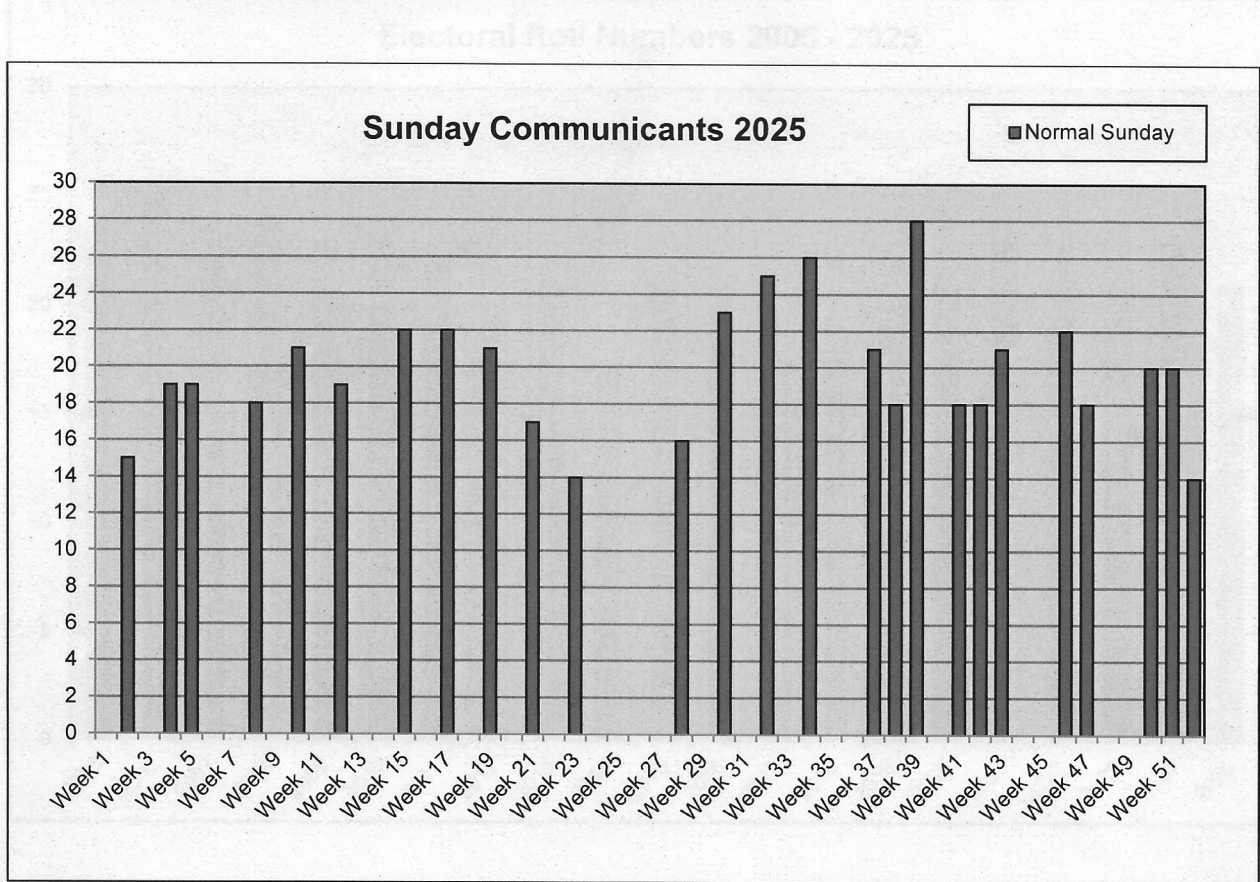
Judith Hobbs	(Vice Chairman) Treasurer
Miles Campbell	
Kevin Turner	Lay Chairman until August
Sarah Hill	
Paul Strowlger	
Susan Strowlger	

SERVICES:

During 2025 there were 41 services in Lound Church. We had 3 funerals, 3 interments of ashes, 1 Wedding, Maundy Thursday service, St John the Baptist service, Ascension Day service, All souls service and Christmas Eve service. There was also an Advent Service. Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Day Said mass. There was no service for the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

We had a Eucharist at Lound on a total of 26 Sundays during 2025.

The tables below show the Sunday communicant numbers:

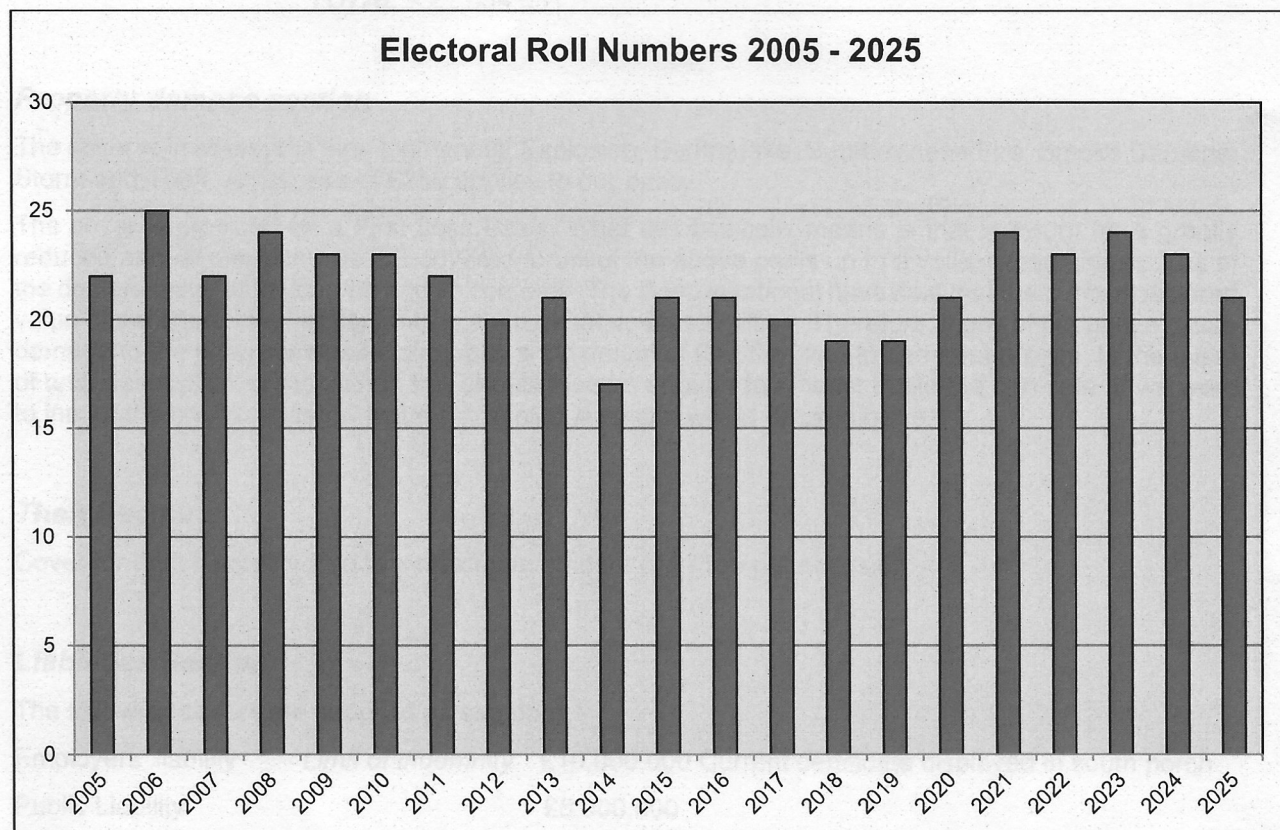


ELECTORAL ROLL:

We had 21 people on our electoral roll in 2025.

This year we have lost one members – Graham Harrop. Mr Stephen Conway has joined the electoral roll.

The table below shows the numbers over the past twenty years:



CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION POLICIES

Lound Church adopted a child protection policy in January 1999, which was in line with the then Diocesan Guidelines. The two policies that have been adopted by all six parishes in our benefice, one of these relates to Child Protection and the other to the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.

Copies of these policies are displayed in the porch at Lound Church.

FIRE POLICY

The PCC is committed to:

1. The protection of life in the event of fire.
2. Protecting the building and contents of the church against fire.
3. Ensuring the measures provided for fire safety are compatible with the conservation interests of the building, as far as possible.
4. Making all staff and volunteers aware of the importance of fire safety.
5. Reducing danger from fire as far as is practicable and reasonable.
6. The fire safety policy for the church is to be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary to reflect changes to use, management or fabric of the building, or changes to the statutory controls that are applicable.

East Fire UK Ltd service our three fire extinguishers annually. They all comply with BS5306 PT3 and can be used on most types of fires. This is in line with the current fire regulations.

Fire Risk Assessments were carried out in all of the different parts of the Church building to bring us in line with current Health and Safety Regulations.

CHURCH INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy is with Congregational & General Insurance the cover is:

Buildings £2,462,231

Contents £41,304

Organ £151,116

TOTAL = £2,654,651

Property damage section

The cover is in respect of Fire, Lightening, Explosion, Earthquake, Subterranean Fire, Smoke Damage, Storm and Theft. An excess of £250 applies to our policy.

The cover is provided on a First Loss Basis. What this basically means is that in return for a greatly reduced annual premium, we are covered for all of the above perils up to a value amounting to 20% of the declared value of the church and its contents. The Congregational have said that the current declared value of the church and its contents is approximately £9.19 million. Therefore, if any of the above cause damage to the church we can claim up to a maximum of £1.85 million to carry out repairs. In the event of total destruction of the church this should give us enough to at least make the ruin safe. If we were to insure the church to its full value the annual premium would be prohibitive.

Theft Section

Cover for theft if provided up to a maximum amount of £7159 per occasion.

Liabilities Section

The following covers are supplied as standard:

Employers' liability	Limit of indemnity	£10,000,000	Current certificate displayed in south porch
Public Liability		£5,000,000	
Products Liability		£5,000,000	

Legal Expenses Section

Cover for legal costs incurred in defending a criminal or civil action. *Limit of indemnity £100,000*

DISABILITY ACCESS AND UNIT

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) placed a responsibility on all churches to enable and encourage the full participation of all people, including those with disabilities and special needs. Because of this all PCC's were strongly urged to undertake an assessment of their Church building and prepare an Accessibility Audit Report.