

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Council Review 2025–2026

‘Glory to God in the Highest’

Yearly Review

4th/ 5th July 2026



Parish Statistics (September 2025 – June 2026)

Category	Number
Church Suite Registrations	198
Baptisms	4
First Holy Communions	14
Confirmations	18
Marriages (including off site & paperwork)	8
Funerals (including off site)	4
Active Volunteers from ministries	50+

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Overview

This has been a year of prayer, service, and community building at Sacred Heart Parish. Through worship, fellowship, formation, and service, we continue to grow together as a welcoming and vibrant parish family.

Highlights

- First Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham with 22 parishioners
- Advent Retreat preparing for Christmas
- "Leaning into Lent" programme led by Fr John C.
- Winter Breakfasts after Sunday Mass
- Christmas Fayre bringing together parishioners of all ages
- Corpus Christi Procession
- Parish BBQ in aid of Margaret Clitherow trust.
- Continued growth and support of parish ministries
- Introduction of Church Suite to improve communication
- Ongoing collaboration within the Northwest Hampshire Pastoral Area

Parish Ministries

Our parish is blessed with many active ministries:

- Welcoming Ministry
- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Catechists
- Children's Liturgy
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Cleaning Ministry
- Ministry to the Housebound
- Many dedicated volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering for the Parish please contact the Parish Office in the First instance.

Finance

For the months September 2025 to May 2026

Our Income was £58,361.76 and our expenditure was £60,455.86 leaving us with an overspend of £2,094.10. Our expenditure includes the Parish Levy and insurance, wages, Supply Priests, Utilities and maintenance to the buildings and grounds.

Our income includes rental from the house and hall, Gift Aid and donations.

A full report of this years income and expenditure will be available at the beginning of October 2026.

Monies raised at the Christmas Fete.

During the year we have purchased 4 new tables for the hall, altar cloths and we are looking to order servers albs and a new ramp for the fire exit from the church.

PARISH LIFE AND COMMUNITY

Parish Life and Community

Our parish continues to flourish through the commitment of parishioners who participate in worship, ministry, and community life. Sunday Masses remain well attended, and the fellowship shared after Mass strengthens the bonds within our parish family.

The Parish Council continues to provide a forum for communication and engagement, ensuring parishioners' concerns and suggestions are heard and addressed.

Parishioners have also been invited to register with ChurchSuite, helping to improve communication and keep everyone informed about parish activities and events.

North West Hampshire Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish is part of the North West Hampshire Pastoral Area, working alongside five neighbouring parishes. Parishioners have been kept informed of developments and initiatives taking place across the Pastoral Area. Through collaboration, we are able to share resources, support one another, and strengthen the mission of the Church within our wider community.

North West Hampshire Pastoral Area Mission Plan Update

1. Established Shared Leadership Structures

New leadership structures have enabled clergy and lay leaders to work more closely together in preparing for the future parish.

2. Strengthened Financial Stewardship

An Interim Financial Stewardship Team has been established.

3. Formed the Pastoral Area Evangelisation Team

A dedicated Evangelisation Team is helping to coordinate Alpha, faith formation and outreach initiatives across the parishes.

4. Developed and Published the Local Mission Plan

The Local Mission Plan has provided a shared vision for renewal and mission through the B.E.C.O.M.E. journey.

5. Embedding the Vision Through Prayer and Preaching

The Local Mission Plan is being embedded through missional prayer, helping keep Christ at the centre of parish life, deepen our shared discipleship, and stay focused on mission as we move forward together.

6. Discernment of the New Parish Name

A parish-wide consultation and voting process has helped identify a proposed name for the future parish.

7. Growing a Sense of Missionary Community

A great spirit of collaboration has developed among the four parishes, fostering a growing sense of missionary community.

8. Ecumenical Engagement

Partnerships with other Christian communities continue to strengthen our witness and service.

Looking Ahead

From September, our focus will move from planning to implementation as we continue building a missionary parish.

Reflection

The Local Mission Plan is helping us grow together, centred in Christ, discipleship and mission.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move forward together as a parish community, we remain committed to deepening our faith, strengthening our ministries, and building relationships within our parish and the wider North West Hampshire Pastoral Area.

We look forward to:

- Growing participation in parish ministries
- Continuing faith formation opportunities for adults and children
- Strengthening communication through Church Suite
- Developing collaboration with neighbouring parishes
- Supporting young families and future generations of parishioners
- Building on the success of parish social events and community gatherings
- Continuing opportunities for pilgrimage, prayer, and spiritual growth

Sacred Heart Church – Hook

75th Anniversary Renovation Project

Objective:

Plan and execute a project to celebrate this milestone by renewing/renovating our church infrastructure so that it is fit for purpose now and in the medium to long term.

Why such a project:

The existing buildings are 70 years old, and an assessment of what would be needed for the next 50 years is required, considering the new Parish area and growth of Hook and the Sacred Heart community. The project is not a “nice to have” but a “need to have” given the age and state of repair of the current buildings.

The next steps

- Is to form a committee dedicated to this project - separate to Pastoral Council, but the PC will be kept updated of the progress during regular monthly meetings
- Invite parishioners to join this committee to guide this project during the 1st phase lasting till January 2027. People having the following skills would be desirable, but not essential: finance, construction, health & safety and communications.

If you would like to know more or join the committee, please speak to Rosie Janaway, Gill Byrne, Felix Fernando or Jan Hughes.

Email the Parish Office on office@sacredhearthook.org

Thank You

We thank Fr John, the Parish Council, ministry leaders, volunteers, and all parishioners whose faith, generosity, and commitment continue to make Sacred Heart Parish a welcoming and vibrant community.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven."