

## St Mary's Wavendon – Annual Church Meeting 2026

### Electoral Roll report

Church membership stands at 103 adults and 17 associate members (5 adults & 12 u18s) – this compares to 95 and 17 in 2025, and 91/24 in 2024, and continues to reflect our growth as a congregation.

The 103 full members identify as 67 Anglican and 27 non-Anglican (with 1 ecumenical & 8 'not stated').

Our reported Electoral Roll is **76** (vs 69 in 2025 and 72 in 2024) – this is calculated in a fairly esoteric but consistent way, to avoid double counting church members with our parent denominations.

Anglican	67
Methodist	8
URC	1
Baptist	4
Roman Catholic	4
Other: Salv Army/Pentecostal/FIEC/Orthodox	10
<i>Non-Anglican</i>	<i>27</i>
Ecumenical	1
Not stated	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>

*MJT, March 2026*

### Walton Churches Partnership (WCP) & Deanery Report

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 we celebrated 40 years of Walton LEP. When the Partnership was created, the population of the parish – essentially the four villages of Wavendon, Walton, Broughton and Milton Keynes Village – was just 1,000 people. It is now approximately 45,000 and counting! That's an average of more than 1,000 new residents per year. Bishop Dave advised us recently that Walton Parish is now bigger than three of the deaneries in Buckinghamshire – quite a thought...

Following significant changes in 2024-25, this last year has been one of relative stability in the staff team of our Partnership. Rev. Alison is well into her second year as curate (and many of us joined her in celebrating her priesting last June), Rev. Ruth continues as half-time minister at Church Without Walls (the other half given to Newport Pagnell URC) and Rev. Ian has been appointed as minister of Christ the King Community Church on a two-year contract, which could be renewed at the end of 2027.

Our growth at St Mary's has been mirrored by similar growth at All Saints, albeit from a slightly smaller base. There are encouraging green shoots at Christ the King, and although Church Without Walls has reduced a little in size since Ruth went part-time, it retains a committed core and a big presence in its local community. We continue to share important ministry together as a team of churches – midweek children's and youth work, a new youth group for older teens, as well as Lent Groups, which this year became 'Practicing the Way' groups. A total of 12 groups across the Partnership was our biggest ever shared course. All in all, we remain on a sound footing for ministry and mission in the year(s) to come.

Wider church life in MK has seen a number of the other LEPs reviewing their shared life. The deanery is also in the process of making significant appointments in Bletchley, Stony Stratford and, in coming months, at Christ the Cornerstone. The Deanery Leadership Team continues to do an excellent job, and I give particular thanks to Jonathan Bailey and Carolyn Sanderson who have represented us with distinction.

The new Bishop of Buckingham has now been in post for just over a year, and we were delighted to welcome him to St Mary's and All Saints in January. We look forward to further news about possible investment in MK in the near future.

*Matt, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026*