

St Andrews Church Blo Norton.

The church and indeed the benefice of Harling and Gilt Cross continues in a period of interregnum, that is without a spiritual leader. The Vacancy is to be re advertised.

The church has continued to hold monthly communion services which take place on the second Sunday of each month and are open to all. Additional services are held at Easter, Christmas, Harvest Festival and other special occasions.

The PCC continues to hold monthly coffee and chat mornings, which take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the village hall, which is kindly provided free of charge. The events are well attended and provide a valuable opportunity for villagers to meet up, especially those living alone.

Local villagers, Barney and Myrte Davey, provided the opportunity for both the PCC and the village hall management committee to raise funds for St Andrew's church and Blo Norton village hall at the Vintage Tractor Display, which was held on their premises. Visitors were encouraged to donate on entry, and both the PCC and VPMC ran various stalls, including refreshments, a tombola, and a raffle. The total raised was £2755.77 which was split between the church and village hall.

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service was led by Rev'd Josh and took place on Sunday 5th October. Volunteers decorated the church with flowers and produce which was auctioned at the Harvest Supper, which took place in the village hall on the following Saturday, 11th October. Proceeds from the harvest supper were split between the village hall and St Andrew's Church. The church received a total of £362.50. The auction of produce raised £262.60, which was donated to YANA (YOU ARE NOT ALONE) a charity which provides mental health support to farmers, agricultural workers and rural businesses.

Our remembrance service was held on Sunday 9th November. A collection was made for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. Poppies were available in the church leading up to Remembrance Sunday, and a village collection was made. £262.34 was raised in total and passed to John Broughton (Kenninghall) of the Royal British Legion for banking.

The annual Christmas coffee and chat morning was very well attended. It was held in the village hall on Tues 25th November a total of £493.10 was raised for the church from the refreshment donations and various stalls, including a raffle and a tombola.

Our annual carol service took place on Sunday 21st December 2025, it was well attended, and the collection raised a total of £167.13 which was sent to the Children's Society by cheque.

Maintenance

The church continues to be maintained as required.

Work on the south side gullies are still planned, but have not been started yet. There are also plans to repair two of the leaded windows and we have an application completed for funding.

The church grounds are maintained on a regular basis, including grass and hedge cutting and general upkeep of the churchyard.

The PCC has six members and meets every two months.