



The Past



St Mary the
Virgin - rebuilt
circa 1350

A Christian presence has existed in Britain since Augustine arrived in 597 A.D. to spread the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



St Michael &
All Angels –
built in 1863

The Domesday Survey lists a Parish Church and a Priest in Frampton in 1086 AD.



The Present



The church is primarily about serving God and the people of God in our community – sharing the 'Good News'.

it's not just about our buildings as beautiful as they are!



Many generations have and God willing - will be continue to be served by the church in Frampton – in a wide variety ways...





Remembrance



Framfest



Hospitality





Plough Blessing



Christmas Tree Festival



Harvest Festival



Craft Fair



Jubilee Celebrations



Heritage Visits



Songs of Praise





In 1992 the congregation of the church in Frampton was regularly 50 – 80 people. Over the years the post office, shop and pub have all gone. But the Church and our buildings remain.

Sunday Service attendance has gradually reduced over the years but we still have a faithful group of people who attend worship - either in person or online. Festival services and social events do attract more people from the community.



The impact of Covid 19 is still being felt and people are still very cautious about attending church and community events.

During lockdown, we were fortunately able to keep in touch by phone, zoom and facebook.

A decrease in church members means that our income has also reduced substantially.

The previous lead thefts from St Mary's roof wiped out our reserves. Grant funding amounted to £50,900 but the roof repair project cost over £90,000!



The more than 30 year old gas warm air heating system in St Mary's is no longer usable!

Thus, we have closed up for the last 2 winter seasons – continuing to worship at St Michael's, St Leodegar's and make services available via facebook.

A replacement heating system is likely to cost £75-£100,000 (plus annual fuel costs).



The Future?



A major housing development is about to commence on the edge of the parish in Middlegate Road West.

Frampton and Wyberton are not alone in experiencing a reduced level of income and major repair/replacement costs. The Diocesan budget is running at a serious deficit – to the tune of several million pounds per year!



'A Time to Change Together' is an initiative not just to balance the books but to ensure we can continue to serve our communities.

There are both mission and premises costs. (E.G. Stipend, Travel, Insurance, Maintenance, Heat & Lighting)

It is necessary to restructure – in order to survive!



Frampton PCC have been tasked with identifying how we might fit into a future model of a sustainable church to continue to serve our community.

We currently work in partnership with St Leodegar's Wyberton.

In future we will need to work within a larger group structure.



TTCT - Resourcing Sustainable Church

Type 1 Key Mission Church

Type 2 Local Mission Church (Able to cover all costs and contribute wider. 40+ congregation – grow to 60- 100 in 5 years.)

Type 3 Community Church

Type 4 Festival Church (no regular worship - Festival or Celebration events only– occasional services)

Type 5 Temporarily or permanently closed



Resourcing Sustainable Church

The PCC believe that St Mary's and St Michael's could meet the criteria to be a

Type 3 Community Church

- A church in a small but significant community.
- Open and available for private prayer and community activities. Regular worship.
- Concerts, meetings, social gatherings, heritage visits and spiritual tourism.

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Sharing in
Worship

Sharing
Activities in
different
venues



Sharing
skills and
gifts

Sharing
ministers -
Priest or Lay

Sharing
Resources



Do you wish our churches to remain open?

What can you do to help sustain the church in Frampton?

Questions?

More information and documents:

www.wybertonandframpton.org

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