



HAMSTEAD MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

At the ordinary meeting of Hamstead Marshall Parish Meeting on Thursday, May 28th, 2026, the parish council unanimously supported the vesting of 'The Church of St. Mary, Hamstead Marshall' into the care of the Church Conservation Trust (Church of England).

The Parish Council acknowledges the work by the former Parochial Church Council in arriving at the decision to vest the church, to safeguard its enduring future.

This has been a ten-year process, involving dedicated work, care of the parishioners and due diligence required by the Church of England process. The Church of St Mary has given centuries of service to the parish of Hamstead Marshall, and the vesting provides heritage for this venerable church.

The parish council wishes to thank the Vesting Committee who kindly made their presentation and provided updates to members of the public at the parish council meeting. Parish councillors recognize and applaud their unstinting commitment to ensure that the Church of St Mary remains an important element in community life.

Please note, the church grounds remain open and are kept immaculately, Friends of St Mary's and volunteers. The church will be under the care of the Church Conservation Trust. It will be available for special gatherings, by prior arrangement.

Anne Budd, Chairperson, Hamstead Marshall Parish Council, on behalf of Mr Chris Moss, Mr David M Hadnutt and Mr Steve Masters, parish councillors.

Date: June 3, 2026