**Our Lady of Lourdes, Sawston, Community Open Forum**

**9th Meeting – 16th June 2025, in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm  
  
AGENDA**

1. Update of items discussed at the previous meeting:

* First Communion and Confirmation; Ignite camp
* Walsingham pilgrimage
* BBQ July 5
* Irish Folk Music Tea
* Food Bank box – 1 item a month? Make box more visible?

1. A parish retreat: in person or online? A day? A weekend? An afternoon? Multiple evenings? A poll on WhatsApp? Challis House as a resource/venue?
2. Jubilee Year / Live Simply:

* CAFOD director’s talk on 6 September + Live Simply Award to Haverhill parish
* A tree of pledges/actions
* Prayer at the end of Mass
* A Creation Mass on Sunday October 5, close to Feast of St Francis
* A Creation Walk to St Mary’s and St Andrew’s, Whittlesford
* A Jubilee/Pope Francis memorial tree
* Recycling electrical equipment in aid of Wood Green Animal Charity

1. Supporting the less well off in the parish.
2. Fr John would welcome some parishioners to join him on the evening of 1 July to welcome 1 Sawston Brigade. They are interested in visiting OLOL and finding out more about our community.  Fr John has recently been contacted by their Leader to see if they could visit the church on 1 July between 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm.
3. **Corpus Christi Procession 2026:** The idea of a deanery-wide Corpus Christi procession to be held in Cambridge in 2026 was discussed. It was recognised that planning and organisation would require considerable work. There would also be a financial cost. Each parish was asked to report back to the next meeting about the level of support (financial and attendance) there would be for such an event. The Dean agreed to explore the likely financial cost for policing or stewarding.
4. Entrance / Exit to the church: repaint lettering + add No Exit sign.
5. Date of next Forum: 13 October 2025.