

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 11th May 2025
immediately following the Meeting of Parishioners

PG opened the meeting at 11:20.

Present: Rev. Canon Paul Gully [PG] in the chair, Revd Deb Henning-Vears and 41 parishioners - Marina Horner (Minutes Secretary), Michael Horner, Christine Watkins, Jim Booth, Mervyn Doyle, John Upton, Linda Upton, Monica MacFarlane, Michele Voysey, Geoff Wilson, Anthony Purser, John Burwood, Paul Wells, Amanda Wells, Hannah Emerton, Thomas Mather, Amber Vincent-Prior, Richard Jempson, Andrew Walker, Hilary Walker, Sheena Day, Simon Lemieux, Karen Lemieux, Marcus Saunders, Sarah Saunders, Jill Collings, Chris Batstone, Vivienne Batstone, Paul Harrison, Ruth Taylor, Len Taylor, Revd Linda Denness, Miriam Sampson, Philip Sampson, Eileen Ward, Ann Goldsmith, Joan Walters, Fiona Jordan-Harrison, Chris Gibbons, Rosalie Glead, and Marion Avery.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Maretta Nelson.

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The minutes were presented in written format and were available on the Parish website prior to this meeting. There were no questions arising from the minutes.

Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Roll Officer:

The number on the new Electoral roll prepared this year is 86. (down from 109 last year). Marcus Saunders is happy to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. **Unanimously agreed** that Marcus should continue in the role.

Election of PCC members:

PG pointed out that as the number of people on the Electoral Roll has dipped below 100, only 9 lay members are permitted on the PCC rather than 12. Therefore, there are currently three 3-year vacancies and one 1-year vacancy on the PCC.

Three nominations for the PCC have been received as follows:-

- John Upton was proposed by Michael Horner and seconded by Marcus Saunders.
- Hannah Emerton was proposed by Hilary Walker and seconded by Andrew Walker.
- Richard Jempson was proposed by Paul Wells and seconded by Amanda Wells.

All were duly elected **unanimously** for a 3-year term.

Appointment of Treasurer:

PG explained that the appointment of the Treasurer for the parish is a matter for the PCC, but that the PCC would wish to be guided by the recommendation of the APCM. PG proposed that the PCC would wish to invite Hannah Emerton to continue as Parish Treasurer. The APCM **agreed unanimously** to the proposed appointment of Hannah Emerton to continue as Treasurer.

Appointment of Secretary to the PCC:

There have been no nominations for Secretary to the PCC, therefore PG proposed from the Chair that we continue with the current Secretarial team. The meeting **unanimously agreed** that the Parish should continue with this arrangement.

Appointments to the Deanery Synod:

Deanery Synod representatives are elected every three years and the existing members were elected last year; therefore, there are currently two vacancies. No nominations have been received.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was proposed by the Chair (with the agreement of the Treasurer) that we continue to use Morris Crocker, Chartered Accountants in Havant, as the Independent Examiners for a further year. As a result of previous questions being asked about whether it was appropriate to continue using the same person as Independent Examiner, enquiries were made about how the Examiner was allocated. As the examination is allocated to different people on a regular basis, the PCC is content to continue with Morris Crocker for the time being, but will review periodically whether they are providing the best value for money for the parish.

The meeting **agreed unanimously** to the appointment of Morris Crocker as the Independent Examiner for the coming year.

Appointment of Deputy Wardens:

At last year's meeting, Paul Harrison and Anthony Purser were elected as Deputy Churchwardens for St Andrew's and Michael Horner for Church of the Resurrection. PG has not yet confirmed their willingness to continue in these posts, but asked if the meeting was content for them to continue if they are willing to do so – **unanimously agreed** by the meeting.

Agreement that Licensed Readers should serve as ex-officio members of PCC:

PG explained that Amber Vincent-Prior has now become a Reader with Licence to Officiate and is therefore entitled to be an ex-officio member of the PCC but does not wish to do so. PG also explained that Simon Lemieux serves as a member of Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council and so is an ex-officio member of PCC already.

Treasurer's report on the 2024 accounts:

The approved accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 were presented as a separate document and have been available on the parish website prior to this meeting. Questions were invited; there were none.

PG took the opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of the parish to the Finance Team for their work in maintaining the smooth running of the parish finances during the past year.

Safeguarding Policy Statement:

The Safeguarding Policy Statement had been included on pages 24-26 of the Annual report and the Safeguarding Report at pages 22-23. A couple of changes have been made to the Messy Church section of the Policy Statement. There were no questions about Safeguarding. PG thanked Christine Watkins for her continuing work as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church by the Churchwarden:

The churchwarden's report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church was included on pages 12 - 14 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Churchwarden.

PG thanked Amanda Wells for preparing the report for both churches with the assistance of members of the Fabric Committee.

A fabric report by the convenor of the Fabric Committee was also included at page 15-16. John Upton asked if the quinquennial report for St Andrew's had been received yet – it is still outstanding but a 97 page report on the Church of the Resurrection has been received.

Report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary:

The report was included on page 14-15 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Secretarial Team. In the absence of any nominations to fill the post of Parish Secretary, the Secretarial Team will continue to carry out the functions of this post. Marina Horner appealed for a volunteer to take on the role of Parish Secretary, supported by the current Secretarial Team if required.

Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod:

The report on Deanery Synod proceedings was included on pages 15 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to Deanery Synod representatives.

Other Reports:

Reports from the various church committees/congregations/ groups were published on pages 18 – 23. These include reports from the Fabric Committee, Eco Church, Messy Church, Drayton Film Club, 'Looking After Each Other' group, Friends of St Andrew's and the Safeguarding Report (already covered under the Safeguarding Policy Statement section).

Miriam Sampson pointed out that there was an error in the Eco Church report – there are only two birdboxes at St Andrew's not three.

There were no questions about the reports.

Chair's remarks:

The Rector's remarks were published on pages 11 - 12 of the Annual Report. PG highlighted the potential 5th Sunday joint service at St Andrew's and invited anyone with strong feelings about that to contact a member of the PCC with their thoughts. There were no questions to the Rector.

Any questions about parochial church matters:

There were no further questions about parochial church matters. John Upton expressed on behalf of the parish, how well he felt PG was doing in his role as Rector.

PG closed the meeting at 11.32.

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