



**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GROVE**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings**  
**held at St John the Baptist Church hall on Saturday 11th May 2024 at 7.30 pm**

Attendance: see page 4

**The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting):**

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Alec Gill opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and committing the time in prayer.

**2. Apologies**

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**3. Approval of the Minutes of last year's meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed by Alec Gill, Associate Vicar.

**4. Election of Churchwardens**

Nick Terrill and Nicky Gibbard were both nominated and proposed and unanimously elected.

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**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting:**

**1. Welcome**

**2. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed with the following minor changes:

Added attendance of one person

Changed 'Sunday School' to 'Sunday Club'

**3. Area of focus: Vacancy**

The parish representatives, Rachel Hutchin and Colin Moulds presented the progress to date on the Benefice vacancy for an incumbent.

They thanked everyone involved and asked for continued prayer.

4 workshops have been run with over 50 people attending.

The following question: "What excites you about St John's?" resulted overwhelmingly in the answers 'Growth and Community'.

The outcome of the workshops has been a focus on more community reach and on connection and discipleship.



Colin outlined the next steps – feedback on the draft Profile is being collected and it will be put for approval at PCC meeting the coming Tuesday. It is to be sent to the Diocese by 22<sup>nd</sup> May, with the Section 12 meeting set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> June to formally agree the Profile and agree advertising.

#### **4. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer**

Colin presented the report on behalf of Chris Grey, the electoral roll officer.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll is now 120 of whom 74 are resident in the Parish and 46 from outside the Parish.

#### **5. Election of Sides-persons (and welcomers)**

Delegated to PCC.

#### **6. Election of the representatives of the Parochial Church Council**

The following people stood to join the PCC to and were unanimously elected:

Frances Hobson, Chris Franklin, Chris O'Neil, Noel Baker, and Bev Rolls (who stood from the floor).

Existing members of the PCC staying on for another year are:

James Mabbett, Georgina Cook, Rachel Hutchin, Colin Moulds, Anne Cheeseman (PSO) & Sue Powditch (ex officio).

In addition the Deanery Synod Representatives on the PCC are:

Sarah Shackleton, Helen Harwood, Johanna Fadipe.

#### **7. Report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council**

Subcommittee reports were provided in advance of the meeting, and summarised therein for the following committees – Pastoral, Environmental, Mission, Children Youth & Families, FMG and Grow.

The following decisions of note were made:

- Thanks given to John Harris & Chris Franklin from the Environmental Committee,
- Thoughts on future Messy Church days to be sent to Sarah Shackleton,
- Thanks given to John Harris from FMG,
- Visibility of relationship between Church and Grow needs to be further discussed.

Frank Parnell presented the financial report, and discussed the new accounting software now being used. Cornerstone and Street Pastor funding was approved unanimously. David Cooke was reappointed as financial examiner. Thanks given to Sue Parnell and Pat Bates.

#### **8. Deanery Synod Report**

Sarah Shackleton summarised the changes and current issues in the Deanery.

The school chaplaincy Section 106 (developer's funding) grant application mentioned in last year's APCM was rejected.

Johanna spoke about the 'National Bid' of the Diocese for youth and families worker funding and our place in that process.

#### **9. Annual Report of St. John the Baptist 2023-2024:**

Alec gave a verbal report about the wider church work. He thanked everyone for their time, effort and energy in church life and commented that we are looking forward with excitement and hope.



## **10. Closing prayers**

We closed with the Grace.



| <b>In Attendance:</b> | <b>Apologies received:</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Alec Gill             | Lorna Swanton              |
| Georgina Cook         | Chris & Louise O'Neil      |
| Sue Powditch          | Angela & Peter Rich        |
| Nick Terrill          | Gary & Viv Sheffield       |
| Celia Terrill         | Katherine Staples          |
| Rachel Hutchin        | Barry Cook                 |
| Frank Parnell         | Emma Powditch              |
| Sue Parnell           | Gemma Gill                 |
| James Mabbett         | Andrea Morgan              |
| Johanna Fadipe        | Jane & Michael Wenham      |
| Ray Cordon            |                            |
| Margaret Harris       |                            |
| John Harris           |                            |
| Mary Mawdesley        |                            |
| Terry Mawdesley       |                            |
| Ann Summers           |                            |
| Frances Hobson        |                            |
| Barbara Talmage       |                            |
| Colin Moulds          |                            |
| Val Smith             |                            |
| Anne Cheeseman        |                            |
| Margaret Dodd         |                            |
| Trevor Dodd           |                            |
| Wendy Bywater         |                            |
| Mike Bywater          |                            |
| Chris Franklin        |                            |
| Kathy Franklin        |                            |
| Bev Rolls             |                            |
| Steve Aldridge        |                            |
| Bev Aldridge          |                            |
| Sarah Shackleton      |                            |
| Richard Shackleton    |                            |
| Nicky Gibbard         |                            |
| Helen Harwood         |                            |
| Peter Challis         |                            |