



**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GROVE**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings**  
held at St John the Baptist Church hall on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 7 pm

Attendance: see page 3

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed by Alec Gill, Associate Vicar.

**4. Election of Churchwardens**

Nick Terrill was nominated and proposed and unanimously elected. There is a casual vacancy remaining for the second church warden.

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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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed with no changes.

**3. Annual Report of St. John the Baptist 2024-25**

Alec provided a summary of the main activities of the church, highlighting the support from the community for the Messy Church events held this year and the Volunteer Sunday event.

He mentioned the re-constituting of the PCC standing committee, the opening of the new local church school and all of the positive activities occurring.

**4. Area of focus: Where are we going?**

Alec spoke about where we have been as a parish and within the context of the benefice. He talked about the Vacancy process and the dual role of a vicar here working with the benefice.

**5. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer**

There was a complete revision year of the electoral roll.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll is now 124 of whom 78 are resident in the Parish and 46 from outside the Parish. (98 of the 124 were on the previous roll).



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

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

John Culverwell, Lorna Swanton.

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

Noel Baker, Bev Rolls, Georgina Cook, Rachel Hutchin, Frances Hobson, Colin Moulds, Anne Cheeseman (PSO).

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**

Fabric Report: John Harris presented the highlights from the FMG report, especially the boiler and related investigations of the environmental sub-committee.

Big thank you to all those that help, however more help is always needed.

Finance Report: Frank Parnell presented the financial report.

The APCM approved the final report for 2024 and the budget for 2025.

David Cooke was reappointed as financial examiner. Thanks given to Sue Parnell and Pat Bates.

Deanery Synod Report: Sarah Shackleton summarised the changes and current issues in the Deanery, especially focusing on the loss of the school chaplain and youthwork bid.

## **8. Any Other Business**

A thank you was raised to all volunteers.

## **9. Closing prayer**

We closed with the Grace.



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

