

Minutes

of the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on

Sunday 23 March 2025

at 11.30am

at St Stephen & St Agnes Church

Present:

Revd Canon Sally Lodge	Jane Burr	Colin Oakley
Revd Richard Terrado-Reardon	Mike Bailey	John Hicks
Trevor Parsons	Catherine Wisbey	Estlyn Davies
Michael Harding	Megan Gent	Richard Cox
Penny Wells	Sally Stevens	Trevor Kirby
Steve Holton	Susan Hinds	Ken Boshier
Katy Kerr	Don Church	John Halsey
Karen Allott	Jill Church	Estlyn Davies
Mary Delaney	Steve Smith	John Lodge
Brandon Mudditt	Karin Oakley	Victoria Stevens (minutes)

Apologies: Anne Casson, Mary Skelton, June Faulkner, Jane Clark

1. Opening Prayer

11:38 Revd Sally welcomed all to the meeting. She read from St John's Gospel and led the meeting in prayer.

The Annual Report for 2024 is a transition report as it reviews the year as three separate Parochial Church Councils.

The meeting is not preceded with the Vestry Meeting as this was held on 19 January and the wardens and clergy formed an interim PCC ahead of the APCM (which is being held on the earliest date it was possible). Revd Sally thanked everyone who had contributed, Victoria Stevens, Treasurers, Wardens and PCC Members. The agenda follows what is legally required at an APCM.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Minutes of 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

11:44 There was a set of minutes from each of the three former parishes. Revd Sally requested a show of hands from those who had been present at each of the APCMs last year and subsequently requested anyone who it did not approve to raise a hand

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New Windsor – approved by a show of hands (nobody didn't approve)

Clewer St Stephen – approved by a show of hands (nobody didn't approve)

Holy Trinity – approved by a show of hands (nobody didn't approve)

These were the final APCMs for the three former parishes.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from any of the previous minutes.

5. Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to report in any of three PCCs in 2024. Revd Sally expressed her grateful thanks to three safeguarding officers: Steve Holton; Estlyn Davies; and Laura Betteridge.

6. Rector's Report

11:47 Revd Sally said her report was both a review of process to where we are now with the new parish and those things that achieved and happened in 2024. There were some really good highlights: Fr Richard was appointed as Children & Families Leader. A worship highlight was Ascension Day (our choir was joined by Stockholm Cantus Choir); along with Corpus Christi (joined by the choirs and congregations of All Saints' Boyne Hill and Burnham Parish Church); the Faure Requiem and Hymns and Pimms (which will we will be repeating again this year). The Deanery Confirmation was one of Bishop Olivia's final episcopal acts. Bishop Olivia had also been due to come to the 150th Anniversary Service for St Stephen's but Archdeacon Stephen came instead. The two Carols by Candlelight were very well attended. The normal pattern of worship continued. We said a sad goodbye to previous congregation members listed in the annual report. Revd Sally expressed thanks to all who have played any part in last year. All about how we have worked together to get to this point in our history. Plenty of good things that have happened.

Penny Wells thanked everyone who had worked so hard and especially Revd Sally for finally getting us to one parish. This was endorsed with applause.

7. Electoral Roll Report

12:53 There are x136 people on the new roll. There are some people who aren't on the roll that will be encouraged to join.

8. The Parish of St John the Baptist with All Saints

a. Annual Report

SL thanked Katy Kerr for PCC report which has the activities of PCC and mission giving for 2024.

b. Financial Report

Mary Delaney had taken over as Treasurer midway through the year. Neil Beaton provided some notes along with the report in the standard format.

Regular sources of income have been maintained, the hire activity at StJB is busier than ever. Heating and lighting costs are marginally lower. A new Concert Fund has been created with a donation of £2,500. There was no major expenditure on StJB in 2024 meaning there was a surplus of £4,000. Donations of £30,000 for The AS Organ Fund and

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£10,000 for the new Community Upgrade Project ensured a surplus of Income over Expenditure in restricted funds of £43,000. StJB Organ Fund and AS Lighting Funds were closed during the year as these projects were completed. Available reserves increased to £58,000 (2023 £50,728) just sufficient to maintain the reserves policy. There is a surplus but there is also a lot of work that needs to be done. Estlyn Davies thanked Mary Delaney for all the time and work she has put in.

c. Fabric Reports

Michael Harding, St John the Baptist Church, and Karen Allott, All Saints' Church, had nothing to add to their reports bar Michael's observation that hire bookings were up so the workload had increased. There is still a vacancy for a warden at St John the Baptist Church.

9. The Parish of Holy Trinity

12:00 a. Annual Report

Revd Sally thanked Brandon Mudditt for his report and also for his work as Treasurer of the interim PCC for the new parish, which is a huge task. Revd Sally also thanked Mary Delaney, Assistant Treasurer of the new parish, as well. Brandon said the highlights are that: Holy Trinity continues to be in the black after a huge effort to improve finances; £13K was raised at Carols by Candlelight for the clock which is in need of repair. Brandon thanked Mary Delaney and Diane Betteridge for the huge amount of work they have done towards new parish, along with Revd Sally and Victoria Stevens. There were no questions.

b. Financial Report

As above

c. Fabric Reports

Steve Holton and Penny Wells, wardens, confirmed that they had nothing to highlight.

10. The Parish of Clewer St Stephen with Spital

a. Annual Report

Revd Sally thanked Diane for continuing with the Treasurer role, in an unofficial capacity, managing the day to day role as well as producing the financial statement. There were no questions.

b. Financial Report

As above.

c. Fabric Reports

Unfortunately, this had been omitted from the Annual Report available at the meeting [it has been subsequently incorporated to hardcopy reports available in churches and the report on the website]. Revd Sally read it to the meeting.

11. Deanery Synod Report

12:12 There were three meetings held in 2024 and details set out in the report by Thomas Walton, Deanery Secretary.

There were a number of other reports which were available to the meeting as hardcopies and are otherwise accessible via the website.

12. Election of Representatives to Deanery Synod for Parish of Central Windsor

The Deanery Lay Chair had advised Revd Sally that those elected to the former parishes can continue until 2026 [Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for a three-year term]. Mary Skelton has stepped down from Deanery Synod and would like to stand for the PCC instead. Deanery Synod members are: Estlyn Davies, Steve Smith, Robin McConnell and Jane Burr.

13. Election of PCC Members for Parish of Central Windsor

12:15 Revd Sally said that there are twelve vacancies for PCC members. She had received nominations for nine people via forms (so all have been nominated and seconded) for:

Richard Cox

John Halsey

Mary Delaney

Mary Skelton

Brandon Mudditt

Megan Gent

Trevor Kirby

Martin Shea

Laura Betteridge

There was no need for an election and Revd Sally declared the nine standing duly elected to PCC, this was endorsed by a round of applause by the meeting. There are three elected PCC vacancies, although it is still a large PCC with DS representatives and wardens. New PCC members can be appointed for up to two months before next APCM. All PCC members are also charity trustees.

If you would like to stand to be on the PCC, you are required to be on the Electoral Roll. There will be a short PCC meeting after the APCM and Revd Sally requested that those on the PCC stay behind.

14. Appointment of Independent Examiner or Auditor

This item was adjourned, an auditor will be appointed by 31 May.

15. AOB

Sally Stevens asked if there were plans for a quiet day and recalled an amazing one at St James the Less a few years ago. Revd Sally confirmed that she and Fr Richard were planning a quiet day later in the year.

Fr John will be coopted to the PCC.

Revd Sally thanked everyone for staying for the meeting.

12:24 Meeting closed with the Grace.