

# St Thomas à Becket Church | Ramsey

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Monday 27th April 2026 in St Thomas à Becket Church, Ramsey at 19:30

### AGENDA

**1. To elect the Chair should the Minister decide to vacate the chair.**

Revd Joe Magill continued as chair.

**2. Prayer and welcome**

**3. Apologies:**

Rachel Thompson, Martin Muir, Lynne Paul, Cathy Moulton, Pat Stokes, Diana Hyde, Julia Hayes and Jan Bowd.

**Present:**

Revd Joe Magill, Jackie Southwell, Adam Southwell, Judith Hyde, Shan Oswald, David Cusworth, Jane Cusworth, Yvonne Webster, James Carter, Jane Upward, Malcolm Bowd, Leo Knaggs, David Paynter, Lesley Barker, John Hayes, Lyn Pengelly, Yvonne Wright, David Stokes, Glennis Brown, Val Gore, Sharon Stokes, Richard Hyde, Val Gore, Rachael Bell-Berry, Ian Bell-Berry, Hayley Challinor, Pete Brindley, Jane Brindley, John Oram, Jeremy Summerell, Tracey Summerell, Jeremy Hyde, Bill Seeger, Jeanette Seeger, Charlotte Clark, Lorraine Knight, Adam Collins, Lois Collins, Val Molloy and Pip Cadman

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Richard Hyde and Seconded: Jane Cusworth

**5. Election of Churchwardens**

Nomination: **Adam Southwell** Proposed: Glennis Brown; Seconded: Hayley Challinor

Nomination: **Rachel Thompson** Proposed: Cathy Moulton; Seconded: Pip Cadman

Duly elected to serve as churchwardens.

Joe thanked the Churchwardens for their work this year with particular thanks to Shan for all she has done. Shan has gone above and beyond in her duties as Churchwarden.

**6. Conclusion of meeting of parishioners.**

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Monday 27th April 2026 following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

*All are welcome to stay but only those on the Electoral Roll can vote.*

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**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Lorraine Knight; Seconded: Richard Hyde

**4. Matters arising**

No matters arising

**5. Receipt of reports:**

**Deanery Synod Report** – received.

**Electoral Roll Report** - received

**Annual Fabric Report** – received. Lesley thanked everyone for hard work with re-ordering and repairs. Lesley, Shan, Martin, David P and Jeremy H.

**Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2024** – received. We Have less money overall, but day to day running has seen an excess of

£117 per week. This is mainly due to the stewardship campaign being very successful which in turn has led to more gift aid. Direct Debits are the most effective way of giving.. Biggest amount of our expenditure is the Ministry Share. Restoration – hole in roof, removing pews. Designated re-ordering from fundraising. No questions. Report received.

**Safeguarding Report** – received. Group training has made a big difference to signing up new volunteers. Jane is also Benefice Safeguarding Officer. Anyone who volunteers is requested to complete the basic Safeguarding training.

**Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish:**

Copies of the reports were made available at the back of the church and sent electronically by email and also through links in the bulletin.

**Bellringers** – Joe gave thanks to the bellringing team. Shan informed the meeting that they now have a warm and well-lit tower following works.

**Children and Families** – Hayley felt it has been a great year. We now have so many regular families that are part of our church community. Hayley thanked the meeting for making children feel so welcome in church which is obvious because they keep coming back. We have seen an increase in baptism bookings this year compared to last year.

Joe pointed out that Hayley's role is paid through CMT which ends mid-2027. We are looking at ways to sustain the role into the future.

Hayley is also working in the Diocese in addition to completing her LLM training.

**Cleaning** – more volunteers always welcome to help clean the church and the Scout Hut

**Craft Group** – this is growing, and always good fun. Anyone with ideas that could demonstrate is always welcome.

**Flower Report** – Joe congratulated them on making church look stunning for special events and festivals.

**Fundraising** – Richard highlighted the fact that it is a lot harder to get sponsorship at present. If people know of sponsors please let Richard know. Concerts in the community are well-received but there are many other organisations also promoting concerts. Richard promoted May concert.

**Lent Group** -

**Men's Breakfast** – this is growing and includes members from the Sacred heart and Methodist Churches.

**Mission Report** – Lesley offered grateful thanks for support. They have a couple more sponsors. On 17 May 2026, Rachel Harris is visiting to give an update on FNKD.

**Music** – Joe asked that we keep praying for Neville’s recovery. He gave thanks to Jackie for covering in Neville’s absence.

**Pastoral** – we now have a Pastoral Network which meets frequently to make sure that people do not slip through the net. Home communion is offered to those who wish. Chat to Val for more information if you would like help or would like to be involved.

Leo – thanks to Val for enabling Leo to get to places.

**Toddler Time** –

**6.**

**Election of Parochial Lay Representatives to Deanery Synod.**

Nomination: **Glennis Brown**: Proposed: Fiona Ward; Seconded: Valerie Molloy  
Nomination: Rachael **Bell-Berry**: Proposed: Jill Phipps Seconded: Dean Harris  
Duly Elected

**7.**

**Elections for the Parochial Church Council**

**Charlotte Clark**: Proposed: David Paynter Seconded: Jackie Southwell

**Shan Oswald**: Proposed: Cathy Moulton; Seconded: Pip Cadman

**John Hayes**: Proposed: Rachael Bell-Berry; Seconded: Judith Hyde

Adam Collins – to be co-opted at a later date.

**8.**

**Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Parochial Church Council**

Roger Taylor: Proposed: Jeremy Hyde; Seconded: Rachael Bell-Berry

**9.**

**Rector’s reflections. (See attached strategy doc)**

Many members of the PCC attended the Leading your Church into Growth conference in March 2025. The PCC have been following this up and worked together to produce a vision and strategy.

UP: relations with God worshipped and glorified, filled with hope for one another

IN diverse and generous and hospitable

OUT: a visible presence in the wider community making a positive impact where we are not limited by doors.

Vision is a destination: how do we get there?

Joe made reference to the visual Tree which is representative of the living organism that our church is:

Trunk – leadership

- Mission
- Worship
- Community

Roots – Discipleship

Like a tree, the church will change: it will multiply, they don't exist by themselves. Encouragement to start new worshipping communities.

We must look for gaps and things that need changing going into the future.

Four priorities:

Sustainable serving and leadership – equipping people to lead, widen the net.

Pruning are we doing the right things? We should always review what we are doing.

Connected community – becoming a hub for Ramsey. How do we make the most of the connections we already have?

Effective communication – how do we communicate what God is doing as well as what we are doing to the wider community?

Confident Discipleship – we need to deepen our roots. Going deeper into our relationship with God. This is our greatest priority.

Where do you all fit into this? For this to work, we need the whole church to have ownership of this – to be excited by it. Could you be part of team to have oversight over one of the areas?

Where do you see yourself on the tree?

Values – represent culture. It is what people encounter when they first come into church.

## Questions

*Under Rule M7, Any person who is entitled to attend the annual meeting may ask a question about parochial church matters or bring about a discussion of any matter of parochial or general church interest*

No questions were asked.

## 11.

### Any other business

- Joe Magill informed the meeting that we have permission to remove some pews. We are currently exploring ways we can remove some pews and adapt others. Sub-group: Joe Magill, Shan Oswald, Ian Bell-Berry and David Paynter.
- Richard Hyde referred back to meeting at George in 2022 when an identified area of need is that Ramsey is changing. Do we have plans for new-builds?  
Joe's response: New builds: we need effective communication to new builds. Flyers have been sent to new builds at Christmas etc. People from new estates are finding their way to church.  
Shan Oswald informed the meeting that a grant had been sought for a new Estate worker which wasn't granted. When thinking about new estates, we need to be aware of parish boundaries. We are being seen in the Community – Memory Support Café and Youth Space which touches some people from the new estates.
- Richard commented on the change of worship styles which has required a lot of adaptation for some members.  
Joe's response: worship styles are diverse and generous in every way. There is an element of challenge when changes are made for people who have been worshipping in a particular way. However, we have a regular pattern of worship to cater for everyone – Holy Communion with Choral Tradition alongside Worship Together, Fen church, Evensong and a said Communion service.

### Welcome comments:

Lyn Pengelly – praised the number of people coming into Youth Space that otherwise wouldn't come into church.

Pip Cadman – a fireman who unblocked our church guttering wanted to give something back to church as his son attends Youth Space.

Glennis proposed thanks to Joe for all the thought and energy he has put into leading the creation of the Vision and Strategy framework.

**12.**

**Closing prayers.**

### **PCC MEETING – held straight after the APCM.**

*To follow the APCM – this meeting should be for PCC members only (including newly elected members). All others should vacate the meeting at this point. Ordinarily this meeting would address only the business below, but other urgent items of business can be brought, provided due notice is given.*

**The purpose of the meeting is to appoint:**

#### **1) PCC Roles**

Secretary: **Jackie Southwell:** Proposed Rachael Bell-Berry; Seconded: Glennis Brown

Treasurer – **Jeremy Hyde:** Proposed: Rachael Bell-Berry; Seconded: Glennis Brown

Vice-Chair: **Adam Southwell:** Proposed: Jeremy Hyde; Seconded: James Carter\*

Electoral Roll Officer: **Ian Bell-Berry:** Proposed Charlotte Clark; Seconded: Adam Southwell

Deputy Wardens (if applicable) NA

Parish Safeguarding Officer – **Jane Cusworth:** Proposed: Rachael Bell-Berry; seconded: Adam Southwell

**Jeremy Hyde** co-opted; Proposed: Lorraine Knight; Seconded: Charlotte Clark

**David Paynter** – co-opted: Charlotte Clark; Seconded: Jeremy Hyde

#### **2) Confirmation of Sidespersons.**

Kay Rawlinson

Linda Tinkler

Judith Hyde

Richard Hyde

Diana Hyde

Jane Cusworth

Janet Reed  
Sharon Stokes  
Jeanette Seeger  
Bill Seeger  
Lyn Pengelly  
Derek Barker  
Liz Morgan  
Audrey Manchett  
Dean Harris  
Val Molloy  
Yvonne Webster  
Yvonne wright  
Paul Robson  
Stephen Whittome  
Jayney Marsland

The list of sidespersons was accepted by the PCC.

### **3) Dates of next / future meetings**

May 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in Scout Hut