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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Monday 12th May 2025 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 Joseph Magill agreed to continue as Chair.

2. *Prayer and welcome*
   The meeting opened with a short prayer.

3. *Present:* Revd Joseph Magill, Adam Southwell, Cathy Moulton, Kay Rawlinson, Jane Upward, Lyn Pengelly, John Hayes, Julia Hayes, David Paynter, Pete Brindley, Jayne Brindley, Jeanette Seeger, Bill Seeger, Revd Maggie Tate-Druiff, Judith Hyde, Chris Mudd-Wingham, Jeremy Hyde, Glennis Brown, Shân Oswald, Neville Palmer, Sam Moss, Charlotte Clark, Rachel Thompson, David Stokes, Hayley Challinor, Lesley Barker, Lynne Paul, Martin Muir, Pip Cadman, Pat Stokes, Jackie Southwell, Jane Cusworth, Richard Hyde, Lorraine Knights

   Apologies: Ian Bell-Berry, Rachael Bell-Berry, Val Molloy, Jan Bowd, Malcolm Bowd Jeremy Summerell Tracey Summerell Diana Hyde and Audrey Manchett

4. *Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th April 2024*
   Proposed: Richard Hyde
   Seconded: Glennis Brown
   No matters arising

5. *Election of Churchwardens*
   Joe thanked Shan and Glennis for their work as Churchwardens and for continuing to do so once he started. They have provided a great foundation for Joe starting his ministry here.

   Both Churchwardens are looking to step down but a robust transition has been discussed. Rather than having a straight switch, there will be a gradual transition. Adam Southwell and Rachel Thompson have both been exploring the role of Churchwarden. Shân will continue for one more year. Glennis will step down this year to be replaced by Adam Southwell. Rachel Thompson will be preparing to step in as Churchwarden next year.

   Nominations:
   Shan Oswald
   Adam Southwell
   As the only two nominations, there were no objections so both were duly elected.

6. Conclusion of meeting of parishioners.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 12th May 2025 following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

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

AGENDA

1. *To elect the Chair should the Minister decide to vacate the chair*
   Revd Joseph Magill agreed to continue as Chair.

2. *Present*: Revd Joseph Magill, Adam Southwell, Cathy Moulton, Kay Rawlinson, Jane Upward, James Carter, Lyn Pengelly, John Hayes, Julia Hayes, David Paynter, Pete Brindley, Jayne Brindley, Jeanette Seeger, Bill Seeger, Revd Maggie Tate-Druiff, Judith Hyde, Chris Mudd-Wingham, Jeremy Hyde, Glennis Brown, Shân Oswald, Neville Palmer, Sam Moss, Charlotte Clark, Rachel Thompson, David Stokes, Hayley Challinor, Lesley Barker, Lynne Paul, Martin Muir, Pip Cadman, Pat Stokes, Jackie Southwell, Jane Cusworth, Richard Hyde, Lorraine Knights

   Apologies: Ian Bell-Berry, Rachael Bell-Berry, Val Molloy, Jan Bowd, Malcolm Bowd Jeremy Summerell Tracey Summerell Diana Hyde and Audrey Manchett

3. *Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th April 2024*
   Minutes accepted
   Proposed: Jane Cusworth
   Seconded: Rachel Thompson

4. *Matters arising*
   None

5. *Receipt of reports: (All reports were published prior to the meeting and were available online, at the back of the Church and filed with these minutes.)*
   a. *Electoral Roll Report*
      Ian Bell-Berry, the Electoral Officer was unable to attend. This year involved a full revision of The Electoral Roll. Our current roll stands at 104.

   b. *Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish.*
      Bellringers: Joe thanked the Bellringers, particularly for their participation in the recent VE 80 celebrations.

      Children and Families: Hayley Challinor commented how good it is to see families attending more regularly.

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Cleaning: Cathy Moulton stressed the need for more cleaning volunteers but was grateful to Tracey and Jeremy Summerell who have recently stepped in to help. She also thanked Lesley Barker for organising the big church cleans.

Craft Group: Shân thanked Rachel and Judith for running the Craft Group which is bringing in a lot of people not connected with the church.

Fundraising: Richard Hyde asked people to put the fundraising dates (displayed in the church porch) in their diaries. Many people from outside the church support these events but it would also be good to see more members of the congregation attending.

Men's Breakfast: Joe encouraged others to go.

Mission report: Martin stressed the strong support from the congregation for the work in Uganda. Many have supported children who have now become professional adults.

Music: Joe thanked Neville and others for their musical input to worship in the church.

Pastoral Report: Val Molloy was unable to attend the meeting. She is beginning training as an Anna Chaplain which is an authorised national ministry that the Ely Diocese participates in by training and commissioning chaplains in local contexts. They work specifically with the elderly and housebound.
There is now a small pastoral network who meet regularly to ensure that no one slips through the net and ensuring that the most vulnerable people in our church community are safe.

Toddler time: Pip Cadman reported that it is very encouraging to have so many parents and carers coming along to Toddlers. Numbers are growing so they may be putting in a request for another set of tables and chairs.
There is also a Refresh group for parents and grandparents which is run termly – an adult version of Toddlers which offers a safe space to talk and ask questions. Rachel Thompson (a grandparent) offered thanks.

Flower group: thanked by Joe for stunning decorations at Easter.

Safeguarding Report: Joe offered thanks to Jane Cusworth for her role as Benefice Safeguarding Officer. Glennis Brown pointed out that all volunteers have undertaken Basic Safeguarding training. Rachel Thompson pointed out that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

c. *Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2024*

Please refer to written report for more details. (Included in the Report Booklet). There are four accounts: day to day, restoration, re-ordering and the chancel account. In 22 years of Jeremy being treasurer, we have not spent any money from the chancel account.
It costs £1600 a week to run church. At present there is a shortfall of £32 a week. Jeremy gave thanks to all for their giving.
Our Ministry Share is £46,000.
More information available from Jeremy.
He gave thanks to Judith Hyde for doing the banking.

Jane Cusworth enquired about the impact of the card machine. This paid for itself in 2 months. There are two or three payments made each week when the church is open to visitors.
Cathy Moulton asked why cheques are still being used. It was explained that cheques have to be used until new churchwardens can complete paperwork at the bank so that electronic payments can be made.
Joe gave thanks to Jeremy.

d. *Annual Fabric Report*

Lesley stressed that many people help to keep the church in good repair aside from the committee.
We are at the consultation stage to remove the pews, to replace the interior doors at the back with clear doors and to reposition the stained glass above it. The Victorian Society have visited and English Heritage also has a say.
There is a DAC meeting this Thursday.
There is a folder at the back of church with architect drawings if people wish to look. Joe is happy to listen to comments.
A smaller group of people has been set up to liaise with architects etc. which consists of David Paynter, Shan Oswald and Ian Bell-Berry.
Richard Hyde has asked for guidance so that money can be raised for a specific project as people are more likely to give.
Jane Cusworth asked if there is any timescale on the removal of the pews. Shan explained it is all dependent on the DAC. There are many stages before anything can happen.
Cathy showed concern about what will happen between events when chairs have been moved for specific events. It was agreed that this would need thinking about once it has happened. Volunteers are needed in general for setting up etc. we need to try to increase the volunteer pool.
Samples of chairs have been at the back of church for us to try. However, our choice is limited by the C of E.
Shan reiterated that we will be able to cater for much larger numbers once the pews are removed which would also make the space much safer.

e. *Deanery Synod Report.*
At last meeting received short talk about generosity and giving which was used in one of our services in February.

6. *Election of parochial lay representatives to Deanery Synod*
Glennis Brown and Rachael Bell-berry are our both happy to continue. Joe offered our thanks to them both for being our Deanery Synod Reps.

7. *Elections for the Parochial Church Council*
Lesley Barker, Judith Hyde and James Carter have come to the end of their term. Emily Ward and Val Molloy have resigned.

There are three nominations for new PCC members:
Lynne Paul: proposed by Pip Cadman and seconded by Rachael Bell-Berry
Rachel Thompson: proposed by Glenns Brown and seconded by Adam Southwell
Lorraine Knights: proposed by Charlotte Clark and seconded by Lynne Paul

8. *Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Parochial Church Council*
Roger Taylor has agreed to audit our books. Proposed by Jeremy Hyde and seconded by Martin Muir.

9. *Rector's reflections.*
Joe gave thanks to everyone for the way in which he and his family have been welcomed to the Parish. They needed to be closer to Naomi's family and the welcome they have received has made such a huge difference to the whole family.

Joe thanked all those who do things – he noted that we are very active and vibrant and that it is the people who make the church what it is.

Future: vision and strategy. When Joe started, we were already on a journey. He was keen to not throw that out the door but to continue that work. Part of this has involved the Leading the Church into Growth Conference which was attended by 8 members of the PCC. From that, ideas have been brought together for how we might grow into the future. This thinking needs to come to the PCC as a new plan to grow the church. There 7 clear steps to form strategy with three forms of growth: Spiritually, Missionally and numerically.

10. Questions
Pete Brindley as chair of Ramsey Branch of the Royal British Legion gave thanks for the Church's support during the year, especially to Pip, Joe and Cathy.
Joe gave thanks for the Monday VE Day team.

Glennis asked for a show of thanks to Joe and Maggie.

Pat Stokes thanked Jackie Southwell for her work as Administrator.

Lesley asked Joe and Maggie to thank their families for their support.

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

11. Any other business
    a. Cathy: highlighted morning prayer online each weekday morning 8.30am. Thanks to Judith. All welcome to join. And for whoever

    b. Maggie thanked those who pray wherever

    c. Pat offered cake left over from 3 in 1 which had the new version of the Lord's Prayer

    d. Thanks to Martin for being our runner!

12. The meeting closed with the grace.

PCC MEETING

To follow the APCM – this meeting should be for PCC members only. Anyone else should vacate the meeting at this point. Ordinarily this meeting would address only the business below and not be a full PCC meeting, 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
    a. Secretary – Jackie Southwell
    b. Treasurer - Jeremy Hyde (ex-officio)
    c. Vice-Chair – Shan Oswald
    d. Electoral Roll Officer – Ian Bell-Berry (not on PCC)
    e. Deputy Wardens (if applicable) – Rachel Thompson
    f. Parish Safeguarding Officer – Jane Cusworth (not on PCC)

2) Confirmation of Sidespersons.
   Glennis gave a list of current sidespersons:
   Proposed and accepted by all PCC

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3) Dates of next / future meetings
   19 May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut

Present: Hayley Challinor, James Carter, Rachel, Thompson, Lynne Paul, Jane Cusworth, Shan Oswald, Lorraine Knight, Charlotte Clark, Jeremy Hyde, Maggie Tate-Druiff, Glennis Brown, Adam Southwell, Joe Magill (Jackie Southwell taking minutes)

Apologies: Rachael Bell-Berry

Maggie asked if there was any induction for new members. The Diocese offer training. Further research will be made to help new members.

Administrator to send round volunteer role description round to all PCC members.