



St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING held in St. Chad's Church, Pattingham on Sunday 11th May 2025

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. **Opening Prayers**

The meeting, chaired by the Vice Chair of the PCC, Philip Sims, opened with prayers at 11.35 am. A record of those attending and apologies for absence was completed. 38 parishioners were in attendance and apologies were received from 10 parishioners.

2. **Statement of Electoral Roll**

There are currently 128 residents and 34 non-residents on the roll, a total of 162.

3. **Election of Churchwardens**

Nominations had been received before the meeting for **Clive Pendrell** and **Dorothy Steel**. There were no other nominations and they were **declared elected**.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Minutes of the meetings held on 12th May 2024.**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 12th May 2024 were **agreed** and signed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

3. **Reports**

a) **The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the PCC**

This report had been approved by the PCC and had been available at the back of the church (and on the church website) for 8 days. It was **agreed unanimously that the Report and Financial Statements be received**.

b) **Other reports**

The following written reports were received:

- i) The Annual Fabric Report;
- ii) Deanery Synod Report;
- iii) Secretary's Report;
- iv) Electoral Roll Report;
- v) Chairman's Report;
- vi) Treasurer's Report;

- vii) Administration Informal Working Group Report;
- viii) Outreach and Growth Informal Working Group Report;
- ix) Spiritual Leadership Informal Working Group Report;
- x) Safeguarding Report;
- xi) Eco Church Report;
- xii) Dementia Friendly Church Report;
- xiii) Youth Group Report;
- xiv) Open the Book Report;
- xv) Organist and Choir Leader's Report;
- xvi) Flower Guild Report;
- xvii) Ringers Report.

The chairman said that a lot of work had gone into writing those reports and that they contained a lot of information about the various aspects of church life. He encouraged anyone who had not yet read them to do so.

4. **Election of representatives to the Parochial Church Council**

There were four vacancies until the APCM in 2028, two vacancies until the APCM in 2027 and one vacancy until the APCM in 2026. Written nominations had been received for Milly Colin-Stokes and Barbara Dias. Oral nominations were received for Tony Ainsworth and Tracey Williams. A written nomination had been received for Stephen Jones but he was ineligible for election as he had not been on the electoral roll for six months preceding the meeting. The secretary said that he could be co-opted by the PCC at the meeting immediately following this meeting.

Tony Ainsworth, Milly Colin-Stokes, Barbara Dias and Tracey Williams were declared elected and the other vacancies were not filled.

5. **Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens**

Gena Richards (administration of churchyard), Henry Ibberson and Philip Sims were **re-appointed**.

6. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

It was **agreed unanimously** that Muras Baker Jones LLP continue to be our independent examiners.

7. **Any Other Business**

a) **Stained glass**

Dave Sampson asked about the stained glass and in particular whether the PCC was intending to have any restoration work carried out. The chairman said a stained glass expert had attended in connection with the North Aisle project and he had inspected all the stained glass windows. He said that overall they were in excellent condition and the only improvement needed would be cleaning. There was some fading in some windows which was due to inadequate firing when they were made. He said that while it would be possible to address this with new glass it would be very expensive and would change the appearance of the window. The two windows either side of the reredos show signs of buckling which is not a problem at the moment but they should be monitored periodically.

b) **Heating in Church**

Dave Sampson asked about the heating in church and in particular whether the thermostat was working correctly. The chairman said that it has become clear that although the thermostat the position in which it is located is a cold spot. A better location has been identified and we are waiting for a quotation for the work to be done.

c) Interfaith Wolverhampton

Jill Parker reminded members that this church is a member of Interfaith Wolverhampton and gave a brief summary of its activities.

d) Thanks

The Dorothy Steel said that she has attended every PCC meeting in the interregnum and wished to place on record thanks to all PCC members for their work but especially the secretary and chairman.

e) North Aisle

The chairman gave a presentation on the proposals for the North Aisle which have been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for advice. It included images showing what it will look like. Members expressed general approval of the proposals and look forward to receiving the outcome of the application.

8. Closing Prayers

The meeting closed with the grace at 12.11 pm.