



## **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Meeting commenced 11.53am**

**Present:** David Bean; Sandy Clayton; Chelsea Considine; Elaine Collins; Sian Davies; Velma Dunne; Jean Francis-Wilkinson; Solomon Hans; Susan Martin; Richard Munday; Ndeko Ndemsamburo; Catherine Okrafo-Smart; Jeffrey Parker; Ceeley Rubio; Christine Rubio; Kanye Rubio; Glynis Rudge; Fr. Robin-Sims-Williams.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Elizabeth Dunne; Gertrude Porteus; Philip Voke.
2. **Items to be admitted any Consent for Any Other Business:** There were no items to be admitted.
3. **Minutes of Annual Meeting from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** The minutes had been on the notice board for three weeks preceding 18<sup>th</sup> May, and also circulated to the existing PCC.

The minutes were agreed and signed by Fr. Robin as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **Matters Arising from previous Annual Meeting Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

5. **The Electoral Roll Report:**

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Fr. Robin expressed his thanks to David Bean for taking over the roll of electoral roll co-ordinator after the passing of Frances Beskeen, may she rest in peace. The roll had to be completely revised and new forms completed by everyone. David reported that the roll now stood at 56 people, a drop of 30 from 2024, and reported that it was imperative that everyone was encouraged to complete an electoral roll form. Fr. Robin added that the crucial number was 50, as below this we, as a church, would lose a representative on the Deanery Synod, we throughout the year, however they would need to be on the roll for at least six months before being eligible to join the PCC or vote for candidates on the PCC.

**6. The Annual Report of the PCC – available in advance:**

Fr. Robin reported that there were more people writing reports each year which reduces his work load. There were no questions raised on the reports and Fr. Robin thanked everyone for all their work during the year and their contributions to the annual report.

**7. Financial Statements Report:** This had been available in advance and although the report showed a small deficit of £1,184 GR assured the meeting the church was in fact in a strong financial position. The Diocesan Fund for 2024 had been paid in full although this would not show on the accounts until 2025, as the cheque had not gone through by end of year. Fund raising over the year had been strong and the two charities nominated for funds from the Christmas Tree Festival profit had been paid. Fr. Robin thanked GR for all her work taking over as treasurer from Peter Rudge when he passed, may he rest in peace, as well as carrying out her other duties. Fr. Robin presented GR with a gift.

**8. Fabric Report:** This had been reported in the Annual Report. Fr. Robin added that new lighting had been installed in the Lady Chapel and was low cost, which should help reduced the electricity consumption. Planters had been installed on the red brick outside the front of the church which would stop cars parking on this area or using the area to turn the car around.

There were no questions and Fr. Robin thanked SH for his work as Chair of the Building Hall and Maintenance committee.

9. **Deanery Synod Report:** The two Deanery Synod representatives had each submitted a report on the workings of the Deanery Synod and the subjects which were covered in the meetings. COS added that everyone is welcome to attend meetings if there was a subject of interest to them. Fr. Robin said that an election of Deanery Synod member for All Saints would take place in 2026, and there was a three year term of office. The number of representatives from each church was governed by the number of people on the electoral roll. It was suggested, and agreed, that information on the workings of the Deanery Synod be available to all and could be in the e:newsletter and also a copy put on the back table in church.

Fr. Robin had mentioned in the sermon that morning the findings of the community survey, a copy of the findings of the survey were available at the back of church. This had been collated by Stephen West and the pamphlet gave useful information. There had been 118 respondents to the survey. The general feedback had been very positive about what we as a church carry out in the community.

#### 10. **Election of Parochial Church Members:**

There were three vacancies for new members and five nominations had been received, Ndeko had served three years, and Glynis and Stephen two years, GR and SW could therefore be nominated for 2025.

Thanks were expressed to NN, SW and GR for all they had done over the past year.

<b>Nominated:</b>	<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
Solomon Hans	Jeffrey Parker	Velma Dunne
Glynis Rudge	Anna Stanley	Ndeko Ndesamburo
David Bean	Velma Dunne	Ndeko Ndesamburo
Kelly Ormeod	Jean Francis-Wilkinson	Sian Davies
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An election took place and votes were counted by Richard Munday and Sandy Clayton. And those elected were: David Bean; Solomon Hans, and Glynis Rudge. Fr. Robin reported that some members of the church were automatically on the PCC, these were the ex-officio members, (Fr. Robin, Church Wardens. Deanery Synod representatives, Licenced Lay Minister and Treasurer, he added there was also the possibility of co-opting further members if this were felt useful. He also said how blessed we are and how thankful he is for all the support and help offered.

**11. Election of Youth Warden:** This position was currently held by Kanye Rubio. Kanye said he was willing to continue in the roll and Anwas duly elected.

**12. Appoint the Independent Examiner:** James Liew was currently the independent examiner and it was felt he would be happy to continue in this roll.

**13. Any Other Business:**

**13.1. VE Day Party:** GR thanked everyone for all their help and support in ensuring the VE Day Party was a great success. Fr. Robin added that he felt we were excellent on all hospitality events. He gave his thanks for all for working as a community to ensure everything worked well.

**13.2. Safeguard courses:** These would be run in June and July in church. All on the PCC need to do the training and it was open to everyone who was interested.

**13.3. Church Warden – Solomon Hans:** SH gave heartfelt thanks to Fr. Robin for all his hard work and support over the previous years for the church and wider community.

**14. The Blessing:**

The meeting closed with the Blessing at 12.44pm