

St Mary's Church, Ideford

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd May 2025

Present: Rev David Wilkie (Chair), David Aylmore (DA), Christine Cole (CC), Libby Ellison (EE), Jane Hill (JH), Tom Hill (TH), Nicki Horseman (NH), Vanessa Morby (VM) + Ebony

Apologies: Janet Aylmore, Vicki Gardner, Liz Lucas, Liz Rice, Alan Wooderson

Annual Parishioners Meeting

Minutes of the previous Annual Parishioners Meeting held on 19th May 2024 were reviewed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Election of Churchwardens – no candidates had been nominated and the Church continued to operate without a Churchwarden. It was noted that the lack of a Churchwarden resulted in tasks being picked up by others. NH indicated that she was no longer prepared to continue as Secretary with the current format. It was agreed that tasks would be more widely distributed (EE and JH offered to take notes, VM offered to prepare documentation for the APCMs). This would be addressed at the first PCC meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 19th May 2024 were reviewed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Annual Report - The meeting received the annual report that described the activities of the church and the extent to which the wider community supported the church. NH was thanked for the report, a shorten version of which had been read out to the civil Parish Council meeting.

Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll for St Mary's had been renewed in line the church procedures. There had been one addition and some removals resulting in 29 people being listed. EE was thanked for undertaking this extensive task.

Financial Statements - The Financial Statements and the Independent Examiners report which has been approved by the PCC were commended to the APCM. A correction was included in the accounts to ensure the carry forward amount reconciled with the bank balance. This had been resolved in consultation with the Diocesan finance team. Gift Aid had been claimed and the Church's reserves moved to higher interest notice accounts. It was noted that for the current account, Lloyds would be introducing a monthly fee. Thanks were expressed to CC for preparing the statement and to Frances Tilley for her work as the Independent Examiner.

Safeguarding Action Plan – Safeguarding was on the agenda at each PCC meeting and the relevant training and work was undertaken except one outstanding action relating to St Mary's. Other actions related to St John's Luton.

Clergy Report – DW reported that he was enjoying life in Devon and was still learning about the area and the mission community. Each church in the team had its unique character. He had been given a

brief to 'light fires and see what happens'. Initiatives started relating to young people such as Pop Up Café and Create Church were having impact.

Election of PCC members – the three-year term of office of the PCC members had expired. The electoral roll numbers meant that six PPC member places were available. Completed nomination forms had been received for Libby Ellison, Vicki Gardner, Jane Hill, Tom Hill, Vanessa Morby and Liz Rice and these were to be members of the PCC.

Independent Examiner – the Independent Examiner for the next set of accounts would be Frances Tilley

Rev DW expressed his thanks for all those involved in the life of the Church including postholders and all villagers who support the church many practical and financial ways.

The PCC officers were confirmed as:

Vice Chair – Jane Hill

Treasurer – Christine Cole

Secretary / Admin – Nicki Horseman (TBC)

Electoral Roll Officer – Libby Ellison

PCC

The PCC members met briefly after the APCM.

The tentative date for the next meeting was Thursday 17th July 2024 at 7:30pm venue to be confirmed (TBC).