



**Ss PHILIP & JAMES PARISH CHURCH**  
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Registered Charity No. 1144696

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

### **Held on Sunday 26th March 2023 in the Parish Hall**

Fr David opened the APCM with prayers at 11.27am, following on from the Easter Vestry Meeting. Praying for all who worship here, those we have lost in our community and those who serve & worship in this church including the PCC.

There were 35 people present at the APCM, the names are listed in Annex 1.

#### **1. Apologies from those who pre-notified the Hon Secretary are as follows:**

Joanna Cloake, Joan Greening, Edward Henson, Debby Johnson, Anne Johnstone, LLM Peter Lee (who has COVID), Chris Penson, Hugh Saville & Jacquie Saville.

#### **2. Matters Arising & Approval of Minutes of the APCM of Sunday 3rd April 2022**

The Minutes were accepted with no amendments, proposed by Russell Nimmo and seconded by Tim Furze. Therefore Fr David signed as a true copy.

#### **3. Reports**

##### **a) Electoral Roll Officer's Report and Approval of the Electoral Roll**

Anne-Marie Philp advised that this year is not a full Electoral Roll exercise as this last took place in 2019 and therefore will next happen in 2025. Anne-Marie reported that there were 176 members last year and since then, six have died. With six new members there remains 176 members on the Electoral Roll. Fr David gratefully thanked Anne-Marie Philp for her diligence in maintaining this work.

##### **b) Presentation of examined Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2022**

Fr David invited attendees to raise any questions they may have on the TAR & Accounts. As none was forthcoming, Fr David acknowledged, with gratitude, his thanks to those who put time and effort into preparing and producing the document. Thank you to the Finance Group for their work over the past twelve months but, in particular, to Jan Furze for her diligence in keeping our accounts so accurate and presenting them to each PCC meeting. The accounts show a positive picture of us recovering from the period of COVID. Thanks also to Karen Mackay, for the written account at the front of the Report, together with all she has done during her term of office as Secretary, with the necessary email reminders for input and dedicated attention to the requirements of the role.

Fr David advised the meeting that as the PCC had already received the TAR & Accounts 2022 at their last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, where it was proposed, seconded and adopted, it only required to be tabled at this meeting.

Fr David continued to say that it is always a pleasure working with the PCC in this parish. We all work well together which, in his experience, doesn't always happen in other parishes. Fr David invited anyone to make themselves known if they have a desire to join the PCC. Their views would always be heard and respected and therefore commended the PCC to the attendees. Fr David reported that both Karen Mackay and Linda Schubert are standing down from the PCC, as of today. He extended his sincere and grateful thanks to Linda also, for her time on the PCC, a further 12 months since stepping down as Vicar's Churchwarden last year.

c) Group Reports 2022 – for information

Whilst these are not an official requirement of an Agenda item for the APCM, this document offers a useful insight of good news for all that this Parish enjoys here at SsPJ, which may not be known by everyone. Our parish is very much alive and living, with lots going on. Thank you to Karen Mackay for her input into this, together with grateful thanks to all Group leaders for their valuable contribution to the document.

#### **4. Elections and Appointments**

a) Elections to the Deanery Synod for the Deanery of Hampton

Fr David explained that, due to the number on our Electoral Roll we have three vacancies for Lay Deanery Synod members.

We have received only two nominations: Anne-Marie Philp, currently the Deanery Synod Secretary and Rosemary Hodi. Both have been proposed by their respective people on their Nomination Forms. Therefore, the meeting voted as all in favour and therefore Anne-Marie and Rosemary will therefore remain in post for a further three years.

b) Elections to the PCC

There are six vacancies for lay members on the PCC and we have received six nominations, as below.

Those who will remain on the PCC for 2023 are:

Ian Clabon

Colin Downey

Jan Furze

Mark Johnson

Chris Penson

New PCC Member

Lucy James

- as at 26th March 2023

The above names had already been Proposed and Seconded by those who signed each individual's nomination form. All attendees voted in favour and therefore all were adopted as PCC Members for this year.

(Fr David advised that he will also co-opt Angela Bowman to the PCC in her role as Safeguarding Officer for the next season.)

Ex-officio members of the PCC are:

Angela Bowman - Safeguarding Officer  
Rosemary Hodi - Deanery Synod representative – 2023-2026  
Anne-Marie Philp - Deanery Synod representative – 2023-2026  
Jane Lewis - Church Warden Elect as at 26<sup>th</sup> March until being Licensed.  
Sue Hodder-Hesling - Licensed Lay Reader  
Peter Lee - Licensed Lay Reader

Church Ministry team, and therefore on the PCC are:

The Revd David Cloake (Chair)

The Revd Vernon Fray (as observer only as not licensed to the parish)

The Revd Christopher Henley (as observer only as not licensed to the parish)

Those no longer standing as of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 APCM:

Linda Schubert

Karen Mackay

c) Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Jan asked the meeting to agree that the Independent Examiners Ltd, (Unit 2 Broadbridge Business Centre, Delling Lane, Bosham, West Sussex PO18 8NF) should remain as auditors for a further year. This was therefore proposed by Jan Furze and seconded by Chris Raymond, with all in favour.

d) Appointment of Sidespersons for 2023

Those currently in position are as follows:

Libby Benjamin

Angela Bowman

Rosie Clark

Gavin Cowling

Mark Croucher

Colin Downey

Jane Lewis

Mike Ling

Karen Mackay

Denise Moore

Abbie Niblett

Chris Penson

Jacquie Saville

Pauline Tomlinson

Fr David explained that the role of Sidesmen is under the jurisdiction of the Wardens in the Parish. All names were called out, with no one to add. Therefore they were proposed by Mark Croucher and seconded by Chris Raymond, with all in favour.

## **5. Any Other Business**

5.1 No AOB was received by the Hon Secretary prior to the meeting.

### **5.2 Vicar's Address & Thanks**

Fr David took the opportunity to mention that, as he had looked around the room during the meeting, he observed people who are happy, making him glad his ministry is here. This hasn't always been his experience in other parishes he has worshipped in. He is especially grateful for how we all managed to keep our church going whilst living through COVID.

Fr David thanked Fr Vernon for his care and gentleness in his ministry, with an awareness that he personally doesn't always have this quality. Also, for Fr Vernon's ministry of choosing our hymns, which he does with such diligence and care. Also, thanks to Fr Christopher, whose ministry has grown during his time here, acknowledging he is licensed as a Priest with St Stephen Hounslow. It was also acknowledged that Fr Christopher works with us on a volunteer status. Fr David went on to thank our Home Groups and Pastoral LLM Chaplains, Peter Lee and Sue Hodder respectively, who, together with our associate priests and since the pandemic, meet weekly as our Ministry Team, along with our Director of Music, Rosemary Hodi, Joy Beauchamp, our Ordinand and Debby Johnson, LLM-in-training. Under Sue, our Bereavement Café continues to go from strength to strength. We see other churches adopting the model instituted in this Parish under Sue's care to start up their own Bereavement Cafés, which is a credit to us here. The Home Groups also continue to grow under Peter's ministry. Grateful thanks to both for their continued ministry.

Another great joy of this parish is to be chosen to welcome those who wish to train. This can be a very vulnerable time and space for those assigned to a parish, not knowing anyone or how we conduct our services and life as a parish. We remember, with fond memories and enjoyment, Nathan's ministry. We are now experiencing the presence of Joy Beauchamp amongst us as we look forward to seeing her being ordained into God's church as she completes her training. Fr David is proud to say that SsPJ is seen by the Diocese as a safe place for people to come and train and we are blessed with this recognition. We should all be commended for providing a placement of training for Joy in this parish, particularly at this time when Fr John Wheeler, Joy's father, has recently died, and remembering his ministry here prior to Fr David arriving.

We have 25 or more young people in our church and Fr David offered his grateful thanks to all who nurture our young, whether it be those involved with junior church, CHAT room, or the junior choir. We continue to grow, have fun and that's good. The Church of England is having a rough time at the moment for one reason and another, but it's Fr David's job to help us to grow closer to God, which he can do with our acceptance of his style of ministry and the support of all getting involved, which is good. He continues to trust that we can exercise our desires for our spiritual growth going forward.

In 2023 Fr David is very much looking forward to us taking further action on our plans for the re-ordering of the church. It is the Church of the Whitton community and we must remember this as we make these changes for the benefit of all. We must also continue to discern God's will in our relationship with St Stephen Hounslow and Fr David thanked all at SsPJ for affording him the time to minister there as well, which he appreciates takes his time and presence away from us. Finally, Fr David thanked all just for being you, which means he can be him, mentioning his approach to the raffles on a Saturday and his position and responsibilities also as a family man and for making Joanna, Jessica and Rebekah all continuing to feel so welcome.

**6. The Meeting closed at 12.00 noon with prayers by Fr David.**

With specific mention for those who had sadly died during the past twelve months: Mary Downham, Peter Greening, Bob Lewis, Elsie Morley and Ken Riley. For their example of faith, legacy of prayerfulness, together with their good works whilst worshipping at SsPJ. Also, as mentioned before, for Fr John Wheeler who died this month and as we remember his legacy of work in our parish and his family as they grieve. Also, for the young families who contribute to making our life here so enjoyable, our organ scholar and the teenagers who continue to want to worship here which is a delight. To those who have moved away but still stay in touch and, finally to all in the parish of Ss PJ Whitton and all that they bring.

Karen Mackay  
PCC Hon Secretary  
26.03.2023

**Annex 1 - List of those present at the meeting (x35)**

Ministers (x2)

The Reverend David Cloake (Chair)

The Reverend Vernon Fray

Electoral Roll members (x33)

Joy Beauchamp

Anna Benson

Angela Bowman

Heather Clabon

Ian Clabon

Gavin Cowling

Mark Croucher

Colin Downey

Marjie Edwards

John Evans

Mary Evans

Jan Furze

Tim Furze

Anne Gray

Pete Hesling

Sue Hodder

Rosemary Hodi

Lucy James

Mark Johnson

Chris Lee

Sarah Leggett

Jane Lewis

Karen Mackay

Harriet Muir

Russell Nimmo

Anne-Marie Philp

Christine Raymond

Christopher Raymond

Linda Schubert

Diana Sell

Ian Swann

Madeleine Swann

Pauline Tomlinson