



St. George's Church, Brockworth

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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 7pm in the Church Centre

A total of 23 people attended the meeting: Rev. Mike Smith, Sarah Smith, Derek Harbottle, Liz and Richard Ashenden, Dave and Liz Hopkins, Linda Vogwell, Pat Hartwell, Claire Sandys, John Mayne, Tom Poulton, Claire Otter, Sue and Derek Conaty, Elaine Marsh, Graham and Elaine Ford, Emily Luckham, Les and Rachel Reilly, Marion Langley, Tony Wood.

The Rev. Mike Smith chaired the meeting. All members of the PCC had been emailed a pack prior to the meeting with the Annual Report and Accounts (which had previously been approved by the PCC) and a copy of all the reports which were to be presented.

The meeting opened with prayer, and we listened to Psalm 23.

Vestry Meeting

Churchwardens update

There are no Churchwardens.

Approval of minutes from 29th April 2024

Proposed Tom Poulton

Seconded Derek Harbottle

Mike presented a document which shows our responsibilities for when there are no churchwardens - we are a team and there are legal, practical and restoration implications etc. We do have avenues of help: PCC, Deanery, Diocesan and National. We will send this document out with the minutes.

Mike gave a prayer of thanks. Meeting ended at 7.15pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies received: Rachel Green, Ally Morgan, Lydia Wade, Chris Sandys and Judy Baldwin

1. Elections to the PCC

Ex Officio members:

Derek Harbottle (Treasurer)
Rachel Green (Safeguarding)
Liz Hopkins (Deanery Synod)
Dave Hopkins (Deanery Synod)

Re-elected members:

Derek Harbottle (Treasurer) : Proposed Dave Hopkins, Seconded Liz Hopkins
Pat Hartwell (Vice Chair) : Proposed Sarah Smith, Seconded Linda Vogwell
Elaine Marsh (Secretary) : Proposed Sarah Smith, Seconded Derek Conaty
Rachel Green (Electoral Roll Officer) : Proposed Tom Poulton, Seconded Liz Ashenden

Newly elected officers:

Rachel Green (PSO) : Proposed Liz Hopkins, Seconded Pat Hartwell
Liz Hopkins (Deanery Synod) : Proposed Liz Ashenden, Seconded Pat Hartwell
Dave Hopkins (Deanery Synod) : Proposed Liz Ashenden, Seconded Pat Hartwell

Continuing to serve:

John Mayne
Claire Otter
Ally Morgan
Tom Poulton
Sarah Smith

Newly Elected Members:

Nominated Derek Conaty : Proposed Elaine Marsh, Seconded Dave Hopkins
Nominated Sue Conaty : Proposed Elaine Marsh, Seconded Dave Hopkins

Liz Hopkins thanked by all for carrying out the Safeguarding role; now Liz and Dave have volunteered to be DS Reps.

Mike thanked all of the PCC and welcomed new members Derek and Sue.

All prayed for new members and old, and for a smooth transition for Liz and Rachel in the PSO work. Derek thanked and Lizbeth remembered.

John Mayne offered additional prayer.

2. Approval of previous minutes - APCM Monday 29th April 2024

Minutes of the previous APCM approved : Proposed John Mayne, Seconded Dave Hopkins.

3. Report of the Work of the PCC and Secretary's Report (APCM Report)

APCM report displayed as required - Mike explained the Legal display information to new members.

Mike thanked all who wrote reports, all professionally done.

Derek mentioned Bellringers - if anyone is interested in bellringing, please contact Derek Harbottle or Pat Wood.

4. Treasurer's Report

4a - Presentation from Derek

Derek Harbottle presented the Report and Accounts for 2024 and read out from the screen following the APCM Booklet.

The accounts were approved by the PCC at the meeting on the 17th of March 2025.

Derek confirmed independent examiners checked and signed off as a clean report.

Derek drew attention to a few points on the accounts, and summarized the funds

2024 was in deficit due to minimum wage increase, utilities increase, and the contribution to the Parish Share, which was paid in full (Parish Share 2024 was £59,080). The deficit was dealt with by transferring funds.

Derek went on to discuss the Kitchen accounts - cost was just under £26,000 and all covered by grants and donations.

We do have some left in the Grant Maintenance account.

Due to the income of over £100k, we have now had to register as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Liz Ashenden asked what are the implications:-

DH: we have always been a charity, but now there are additional things to do Annually - File Accounts (DH) and prepare an Annual Return (EM).

All members of the PCC received a Trusteeship Booklet last year, this will be re-sent.

MS: having a charity number makes grant applications easier.

DH: Lower income this year - we need to push the "Regular Giving Scheme" to try to increase this.

MS: Alarm bells are ringing re being strategic about income, he would like to set up a working group to make ourselves financially viable. Derek agreed, and noted that usually the treasurer is assisted by churchwardens, so it has been difficult.

ACTION: Mike Smith to set up Finance Working Group

Liz Ashenden mentioned that it may be worth investigating setting up a "Friends of St George's" as there are lots of people in Brockworth who want to give.

Derek reminded everyone that Easy Fundraising still exists, no change there.

No questions were asked re the report and accounts.

Thanks and prayers said for Derek for all the hard work he puts into his role of Treasurer.

4b Appointment of Independent Examiner

Nominated Harper Sheldon : Proposed Linda Vogwell, Seconded Dave Hopkins

4c Registered Charity

Mike mentioned our Registered Charity Number - 1213020 (sent out prior to meeting, charity discussion above).

5. Safeguarding Report

Liz Hopkins kindly read out the report from the APCM Booklet.

No questions were asked. Liz was thanked for all of her hard work, and for doing the handover. John Mayne mentioned that it is nicer to do the Safeguarding Training as a group.

6. Presentation from Mike Smith.

6a Comments on APCM report

None

6b Presentation

Mike thanked Elaine, Rachel and Chloe. Karen did a great job. Volunteers stepped to cover the gap. Now all systems are being brought up to date, thanks to Rachel (Admin) and Chloe (Comms).

To have these three is a blessing. A lot of energy and enthusiasm.

Everyone gave thanks.

The Summer Activity programme in 2024 was for local families and was well attended, it was brilliant to connect.

Lights in hall (from Grant) - they are saving us money and are good for the environment.

Kitchen - a better space, and more rentable (community outreach).

Numbers at all services are increasing.

Good Friday Messy Church was great - chaotic and wonderful.

The Sunday 5pm Prayer Service started at the beginning of 2025.

Everything we do should start with prayer.

We are connecting to local people - lots of mums and dads coming.

We are here to worship, pray and for people to give their lives to the Lord.

The Dasei Course run by Chris and Claire Sandys was mentioned.

It is great to talk to people about our faith.

Mike read Matthew 6.

The Future

Summer Clubs - Collaboratively working with Link Lib. & Youth Team & URC.

14 events over 6 weeks (including Ice Cream Sunday).

We have asked for £2,500, £1,700 received and pending £800.

We are having donkey rides, walks with hawks.

How do we stay connected? We need to hang on to those that come occasionally, start inviting folk to Parenting Courses, Alpha courses etc.

Prayer- keep on with the 5pm Sunday Service.

Comments -

Sarah Smith: All very exciting!

John Mayne: could we have a sharing Bookcase for folk to swap their Christian literature/books - there is one in Church already. Discussed bringing it to the Centre.

Derek -suggests what about both venues?

Emily -would be nice to have some literature, scripture available.

Liz Ashenden: if people are interested it would be good to update the Welcome Sheet that is in Church.

Mike: if anyone has the energy to take these jobs on - it would be great!

Prayed and gave thanks for all.

PCC Time Away

This PCC Time Away is to look at the CofE Prayers of Love and Faith. The Church of England came up with a set of prayers to be used in same-sex blessings.

We need an open and frank conversation and give people space to say what they believe, hence away day. Even if we disagree, we can disagree well.

(To look at the question: will St. George, Brockworth commend the Prayers of Love and Faith for private or as part of a regular worship service?)

Discussed 7th June OR 21st June OR 5th July

Vote was 07/06/25 = 8
 21/06/25 = 4
 05/07/25 = 10

Therefore the date chosen is the 5th of July, venue and exact time to be determined, but will be morning.

Prayers of Love and Faith to be emailed to all prior to the meeting - one hard copy printed out.

Note re Standing Committee, who are -

Mike Smith, Derek Harbottle, Pat Hartwell and Elaine Marsh.

Meetings discussed for the year to come (dates have been sent out).

7. Any other business - none

Date of Next Meeting APCM: 27th April 2026

The meeting closed at 8.20 with the Grace