

Minutes

for the Parishioners Meeting & the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 10th May 2026, 11:55am

Draft minutes, pending approval at the 2027 APCM.

Parishioners Meeting (Anyone living in the Parish and/or on the Electoral Roll can attend and vote)

Attendees: Adriaan Goosen, Angela Stebbings, Ann Patel, Barbara Bird, Catrin Cox, Cherry Murdoch, Chris Henriette (priest), Clare Johnson, Conway Tearle, Daniel Bird, David Dannreuther, Elizabeth Bentley, Elizabeth Henriette, Elmena Britton, Fran Lechler, Gail Treves-Brown, Gill Keeler, Heather Taylor, Hugh Ridsdill-Smith, James Murdoch, Jean Parker, Jevan Green, John Murray (minutes), John Stevens, Judy Gibbon, Lucy Sawyer, Margaret Cadney, Merlin Taylor, Nathan Lechler, Pat McCabe, Pete Burns (chair), Philip Wood, Rachel Maby, Rosemary Thurbon, Sonja Goosen, Sue Tearle, Tim Keeler, Yinka Aina.

Apologies: Gillian Westwood, Hannah Burns, John Bramson, Louise Grace, Richard Burns, Simon Frewin, Stella Frewin, Tanya Hilborne, Trudi Bramson.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Pete Burns and Chris Henriette.

2. Apologies for Absence - see above.

3. Declarations of Interest - none declared.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Parishioners (Vestry) meeting 11th May 2025

Spellings of five attendee names were corrected. Approval proposed by Conway Tearle, seconded by Gail Treves-Brown. Majority in favour.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Election of Churchwardens

James Murdoch and Sue Tearle were elected unopposed. Both notified the meeting that they intend this to be their final year. On behalf of the meeting Pete Burns thanked them for their continuing service. Potential successors were urged to step forward in good time, so as to enable 'shadowing' and possible tailoring of duties.

7. The Parishioners meeting closed at 12:06pm.

Parish APCM (Anyone on the Electoral Roll can attend and vote)

1. Attendance

Attendees: Adriaan Goosen, Angela Stebbings, Ann Patel, Barbara Bird, Catrin Cox, Cherry Murdoch, Chris Henriette (priest), Clare Johnson, Conway Tearle, Daniel Bird, David Dannreuther, Elizabeth Bentley, Elizabeth Henriette, Elmena Britton, Fran Lechler, Gail Treves-Brown, Gill Keeler, Heather Taylor, Hugh Ridsdill-Smith, James Murdoch (churchwarden), Jean Parker, Jevan Green, John Murray (minutes), John Stevens, Judy Gibbon*, Lucy Sawyer, Margaret Cadney, Merlin Taylor, Nathan Lechler, Pat McCabe, Pete Burns (chair), Philip Wood, Rachel Maby*, Rosemary Thurbon, Sonja Goosen, Sue Tearle (churchwarden), Tim Keeler, Yinka Aina.

** indicates not on roll.*

Apologies: Gillian Westwood, Hannah Burns, John Bramson, Louise Grace, Richard Burns, Simon Frewin, Stella Frewin, Tanya Hilborne, Trudi Bramson.

2. Declarations of Interest - None declared.

3. Approval Minutes of the APCM on 11th May 2025

Spellings of five attendee names were corrected. Approval proposed by Elizabeth Bentley, seconded by Catrin Cox. The majority were in favour.

The Minutes, Trustees Report and Annual Accounts can be downloaded from the PCC page of the website (www.goodpeter.org.uk/pcc) and printed copies are available at the Good Shepherd.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Update on Vacancy - James Murdoch

The process went largely as outlined at last year's APCM. On 10th August 2025 the appointment of Chris Henriette as our next vicar was announced. The diocese permitted the Henriette family to move into the vicarage in November 2025 ahead of Chris formally becoming our vicar on 20th May 2026.

6. Receipt of Trustees' Report on the past year (May 2025-April 2026)

- a. Aims and Purposes
- b. Objectives and Activities
- c. Achievements and Performance
- d. The Electoral Roll
- e. Safeguarding Report
- f. Fabric Report
- g. Deanery Synod

- h. Financial Report
- i. Reserves Policy
- j. Plans for Future Period
- k. Structure, Governance and Management
- l. Administrative Information
- m. Approval

One question had been submitted in advance of the meeting: Do we have a plan in place to help us work towards the Church of England's goal of net zero by 2030? If so it would be great to hear an overview of it, or if not, what steps should we take to go about developing one?

Sue Tearle responded:

- Completing the refurbishment of the lobbies was a first step which has noticeably reduced heat loss through draughts.
- The next step will be to get an Energy Action Plan done. We were recently offered one through the diocese, but timing meant we couldn't take it up on that occasion. We are currently trying to get this rescheduled.
- The cost of heat pumps and solar panels are well beyond our budget. We would need to investigate what grants we could get. Volunteer(s) will be needed to drive that process.

One correction was requested: In section F "Benefit Trust" should be "Benefact Trust".

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Angela Stebbings, seconded by John Stevens and the majority were in favour.

7. Receipt of Annual Accounts for 2025

Tanya Hilborne (PCC Treasurer) was unable to attend, so James Murdoch (Churchwarden) stood in.

- Good to have almost broken even, with deficit of less than £2k on a turnover of about £260k
- Reserves appear healthy, but bear in mind that the £680k book value of the Weigall Road property is subject to significant restrictions. Of the remainder, £30k covers our reserves policy of three months' operating expenditure (see Annual Report section I), and the imminent appointment (God willing) of a part-time youth leader (see section J) will incur costs for the second half of 2026.
- Financial challenges ahead include meeting the 2030 Net Zero target (see above) and continuing to meet diocesan targets for contributing to shared costs.
- Thanks to all for continuing generosity in supporting the work of the parish; 2025 income from Financial Stewardship donations was up more than 20% compared to 2024.

Proposed we receive accounts: Heather Taylor, seconded Nathan Lechler. All in favour.

8. Reflections - Sue Tearle

A year ago we said our goodbyes to Bridget, Nick and the family and entered a period of vacancy, although our vacancy process has been a little different than most. In July we interviewed the candidates applying to be our new vicar, including Chris, and were delighted to appoint Chris to be our new vicar. We were however still in vacancy as he was required to complete his curacy training first. Now we are only ten days away from his installation.

It has been a busy time for the Church Wardens, who are technically responsible during a vacancy. I am very grateful to James for all that he has done this year and for his support. We both want to thank all those who have helped this year.

All the details of our the past year are included in the Annual Report, so I won't mention them all again now, but I do want to include a few key items.

You will have noticed the installation of our new draught-proof doors, including the new automated accessible entrance and the lobby refurbishment. We had our 5-yearly "Quinquennial" inspection in October, which thankfully didn't reveal anything major. There have also been plenty of small scale maintenance issues to deal with.

Of course, we can't forget the Wall. It has been a mammoth task and taken a long time, but is now finally complete. A huge thank you to James for all the work he has put in on the project.

I also want to thank the St Peter's Management group, who have worked to enable the use of St Peter's as our focus for social justice, serving the community and especially the relationship with Lee Green Lives (LGL) and AFRIL (Action For Refugees In Lewisham).

I want to give a huge thank you to Fiona our administrator for all the work she has done this year and her support of Chris and the Wardens. She has taken on a lot of extra work and we are hugely grateful.

Finally I want to thank Chris who has managed to successfully juggle the demands of his curacy training, his Masters, his pioneering ministry, his family and being our Priest.

Chris, we pray that your installation service will be a special time and we look forward to your leading of our church.

9. Elections

- a. Deanery Synod: 4 spaces for a 3 year term: Adriaan Goosen, Gill Keeler, James Murdoch, Simon Frewin
- b. PCC: 4 spaces available for a 3 year term: Daniel Bird, Petra Woodford. 2 spaces will remain vacant.

10. Independent examiner

- a. John Howard was the Independent Examiner of our 2025 accounts.
- b. The majority of those at the meeting were in favour of delegating to the PCC the appointment of an Independent Examiner for our 2026 accounts. This was proposed by Elizabeth Bentley, seconded by Margaret Cadney.

11. Any other business

Prayer to close. APCM closed at 12:35pm.