

# **Holy Trinity Church, Ascott under Wychwood**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Sunday 11th May 2025**

**Present** Mark Abrey, Sarah Tribe, Stuart Fox, Sarah Witheridge, John Witheridge, Avril Rance, Fred Russel, Mark Dawbarn, Rosemary Dawbarn, Ann Braithwaite, Ash Ismail, Sue Boyer, Sue Smith.

**Apologies** Ilona Cheyne, Debra Cull, Jill Stedeford, Wendy Pearce, Jim Pearce, Charlotte Wood.

The meeting took place in Holy Trinity Church following the morning service.

### **Vestry Meeting**

**1. Election of Churchwardens.** There were no nominations for Churchwarden. Mark thanked all those on the PCC who take on the various duties carried out by the Churchwardens particularly Stuart. He also commented that Churchwardens are normally those involved in the appointment of a new incumbent and whilst he has no intention of resigning when the time comes it will be important that Ascott is represented on the interviewing panel.

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**2. Report on the Electoral Roll.** In preparation for this meeting a new Electoral Roll for the Church has been prepared. The Electoral Roll now has 24 members - up from 22 last year..

**3. Presentation and Receipt of the Annual Report on proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and activities of the parish.** The meeting received and accepted the report, which had been previously circulated. There were no questions raised. Thanks were given to all who help with the everyday running of the church. Including: Ilona, PCC members, retired clergy, Stuart for playing at each service, Avril for setting up, fundraisers, bell ringers, flower ladies, Mary Barnes and all who have helped with the running of Holy Trinity during the last year.

**4. Presentation and Receipt of the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31st December 2024.** The meeting received and accepted the report, which had been previously circulated. Stuart reported

that we had managed to “pay our way” this year and ended with a small surplus, aided by the continued fundraising that the PCC undertakes. Costs were under control and we have paid our Parish share. The meeting recorded grateful thanks to Stuart Fox for his work as Treasurer and to Beth the book keeper and Alison Parker our Independent Examiner.

**5. Report on the fabric, goods, and ornaments of the Church.** The Quinquennial report is on going. Thanks were given to Mary Barnes and all churchyard helpers. To Peter Rance and his team, for organising the church opening and closing rota. Due to the church being open every day the card machine is used regularly by visitors. Also to Stuart for arranging and meeting contractors when necessary. The report was received and accepted.

**6. Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod.** The meeting received the report. The meeting expressed its thanks to Sarah Tribe for representing Ascott. Sarah didn't have any extra comments and the report was accepted by the meeting.

**7. Election of Deanery Synod Members.** No election this year.

**8. Election of Parochial Church Council Members.** There are 2 vacancies on the PCC, but no nominations. Mark expressed thanks to all members of the PCC for all the work they do on behalf of the church community.

**9. Appointment of Independent Examiner.** Alison Parker has offered her services again for the coming year. For a number of years now we have given her a £50 gift voucher and Mark suggested that this should be increased to £75.00. The meeting approved this gift and was very pleased to re-appoint her.

**10. Comments from the floor and suggestions for the new PCC.** Fred Russel asked about the possibility of installing solar panels to the church. Mark commented that when the heating system does fail, there are various methods to explore. One of them being under pew heating. On behalf of the PCC, Sarah Tribe thanked Mark for his continuing hard work and ministry of our parish.

The meeting closed at 11.25am.