

# St Nicholas' Church, Chadlington

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25th May 2025

11.15 am

### Minutes

**Present:** Revd. Mark Abrey (MA) Revd Ilona Cheyne (IC), Ceci Magee (CM), Michael Wigley (MW), Louise Cashman (LC), Sue Fane (SF), Julie Benson (JB), Viv Davies (VD), Liz Woolcock (LW) Ruth Allen, Jackie Radbone, Birdie Tallon, Mr and Mrs Butterworth, James Cockle, Andrew Griffiths, Louise Wigley

**Apologies:** Richard and Joy Ruddy, Nigel and Emily Lea, Catherine and John Hartz, Jackie Jones, Jean Heath

The meeting opened with a moment of silence to remember our dear friends Susan Myatt, who has recently died, and Jill Greer, whose first anniversary is this coming week.

#### Vestry Meeting

##### **1. Election of Churchwardens.**

Firstly, Mark expressed his enormous thanks to both MW and LC for all they have done in the past year, and in fact to Michael for all he has done as church warden since 2009, which was seconded by all those present.

Nomination has been received for Vivienne Davies (proposed by Ceci Magee and seconded by Julie Benson) The meeting approved her election to office. Mark, and also all those present, expressed thanks to Viv for her hard work during the handover period between herself and Michael.

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##### **2. Report on the Electoral Roll**

A new Electoral Roll has been prepared in preparation for the APCM. There have been three additions since last year, and the Electoral Roll now stands at 34 members.

##### **3. Presentation and Receipt of the Annual Report 2024 on proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and activities of the parish.**

The PCC's Annual Report covers matters concerning the parish during 2024. Appreciation was expressed Ceci and Julie for their help in compiling the report. Thanks were expressed to all those who have contributed so much to our common life: to Ilona and the retired clergy, to the PCC Members; to Gillie Galloway, Elsa and Rosy Nixon for their musical input (and to Louise and Julie for learning how to use the CD player!); to all those who helped out at services including visiting ministers; to Louise and Viv for setting up; to the sides people, flower arrangers, bell ringers, and all those who have provided refreshments, especially to Ruth Allen for making coffee; and to Phil Radbone for his work caring for the cemetery and churchyard.

**The report was unanimously adopted by the meeting with a show of hands.**

##### **4. Presentation and Receipt of the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31st December 2024 (previously circulated).**

Grateful thanks were expressed to: Michael for his work as Treasurer and his skill in investing church funds, and to George Bailey for agreeing to look after our investments following Michael's resignation as treasurer; to Mark for his efficiency and skill in financial record keeping; to Beth as book-keeper; and also to Alison as our Independent Examiner.

**The report was unanimously adopted by the meeting with a show of hands.**

#### **5. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church.**

The PCC will address the issues raised in the Quinquennial Inspection during the coming year. We received a quotation for all the listed works to be carried out whilst scaffolding is up - this amounted to £100,000, which is obviously prohibitive. The PCC have agreed to employ James MacIntosh, our architect, to work with us to produce an action plan which will result in the maximum work on our limited budget. Mark will meet with James early in June.

Grateful thanks were expressed to: the cleaners; to Phil Radbone; to Keith Mitchell and the bell ringing team; to Sean Magee for opening and shutting the church; and to James Macintosh for his advice in architectural matters.

**The report was adopted by the meeting with a show of hands.**

#### **6. Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod.**

Viv Davies is currently our Deanery Synod representative. Thanks were recorded to her for fulfilling the role. Mark expressed his thanks to Viv for taking on this additional role, as he feels it is important that as the only Inclusive Church in the Deanery that we have a voice in important decisions to come later this year.

**The report was adopted by the meeting with a show of hands**

#### **7. Election of Deanery Synod Members.**

No election this year

#### **8. Election of Parochial Church Council Members.**

Jean Heath and Louise Cashman retire by rotation this year, and we have one vacancy following Susan Myatt's death.

Michael Wigley was nominated by Viv Davies and Seconded by Louise Cashman

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Mark expressed his thanks to the whole PCC for all the work they do for the Church community.

#### **9. Appointment of Independent Examiner.**

Alison Parker was appointed Independent Examiner. Alison refuses payment, so in the past the PCC have bought her a £50 Burford Garden Centre voucher, in recognition of her excellent advice and scrutiny of the accounts. We agreed that we should increase this amount to £75, and along with money from other PCCs, purchase a voucher for Alison to attend a gardening course run by Sarah Raven.

#### **11. Comments from the floor:**

Ilona commented that when her grandchild attended church, her father was very impressed by the baby changing facilities.

Jackie Radbone told the meeting how much Phil enjoys his work keeping the churchyard and cemetery tidy. Everyone agreed that Phil does a wonderful job and that the churchyard looks immaculate.

The meeting expressed their thanks to Mark and Ilona for all that they do. Mark said that it is a pleasure and a privilege to be our Rector, particularly because of the people in the Benefice. He expressed some frustration with the Church of England as an institution, particularly regarding their response to recent safeguarding issues and clergy pensions, which are currently losing value.