

The Parish of Marcham with Garford

Annual Parish Meeting

followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

at All Saints' Church Marcham, Sunday 27th April 2025

Present:

Rev Nick Weldon, Martin and Chrystal Poon, Tim Jack, Ash and Vicki Townsend, Denise Asher, John Scoble, Adam and Danni Grady, Mike and Liz Worthing, Bartle Frere, Doug Simmons, James Allan, Bryan Eccles, Joy Myatt, Caroline Manders, Vicki Tinkler, Alison Lyndon, Charles and Rachel Gaisford, Sara and Tim Glass, Neil and Jill Rowe, Campbell and Henrietta Paget, Sue and Hugh Lawton, Cathy Little, Debbie Flint, Carolyn Whiting, Di Hutchings, Bill Lawrence, Heather and Geoff Sandiford, Jill and Neil Rowe

Apologies for absence – Shelia and Eric Dunford, Ruth Atkins, Brian and Denny Hyder-Smith, Jane Weldon, Dave and Sarah Lunn, Jane Jack, Grace Grady, Rob Finch, Tamsin & James Gilbert

Annual Parish Meeting

The Election of Churchwardens – Chrystal Poon and Alison Lyndon were elected as churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, 21st April 2024 – approved as an accurate record

Matters arising – last year PCC pledged 50k towards building project – this was not needed due to generosity of giving, and grants.

Annual Reports:

- **Electoral Roll** – 127 – has been revised this year. It is down from 149.
- **Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements** – Hugh Lawton.

Thanks were expressed by Hugh to John Scoble and Christine Denton for their support in the day to day management. Thanks were also expressed to Mike Grieg, Independent examiner. He has agreed to do this job again next year.

A summary of the finances of the last year was given. Giving has increased by 29k in the last year. 109k was also raised for the redevelopment project.

The PCC approved these accounts at the last meeting.

- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

See attached report. Carolyn Whiting reported that there isn't a tap at St Luke's but the report states there is. The church wardens will look into this.

- Deanery Synod

Thanks were expressed to Tim Jack, James Gilbert and Caroline Manders for being our representatives on Deanery Synod.

- Safeguarding report

Thanks were expressed to Ruth Atkins and Shae Porter for ensuring we are compliant in all areas of safeguarding, for managing the safeguarding agreements we have, and for carrying out DBS checks on the volunteers.

Elections and Appointments:

- P.C.C. (3 vacancies – standing for election are: **Neil Rowe and Sue Lawton**)

Thanks were expressed to all those who have served on the PCC.

Deanery synod reps are in their 3rd year, they will come to the end of their term next year.

Danni Grady and Sue Lawton have come to the end of their term. Sue will stand again, Danni will step down. Dave Lunn is also standing down.

Neil Rowe and Sue Lawton are standing for election – Tim Jack and Bartle Freer proposed their election, this was unanimously agreed by those present. There is currently one space. Phil Rowlandson is coming to join us in June, he will join the PCC as a clergy member.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Hugh Lawton and Cathy Little proposed Mike Grieg independently examine the accounts next year.

Informal Reports:

- Youth Ministry

See report. Thanks were expressed to Rob Finch and his team for all they do for our young people.

- Mission Committee Report

10k pledged from general fund (represents 10% of our giving) to our mission partners. Previously giving was separate.

- Women's Ministry

See attached report. Thanks were expressed to Tamsin Gilbert and Chrystal Poon.

- Men's Ministry

See attached report. Thanks were expressed to Adam Grady.

- Children & Families Ministry

See attached report. Thanks were expressed to Jill Rowe for all her work with our children.

- Vicar's Report

See attached report.

Any Other Business

Tim Jack asked about Phil Rowlandsons ordination

Mike Worthing expressed his thanks to Nick for being an excellent vicar, which was applauded wholeheartedly.