



St Lawrence



Bourton-on-the-Water

with St James, Clapton-on-the-Hill

2024

Our Annual Parishioners' & Annual Parochial Church Meetings took place on Sunday 28th April, after a service of Holy Communion.

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners' Meeting 2024

1. There were 33 people present: Jim Adams, Doreen Alexander, Rev Hannah Allen, Irene Birt, Jan Carless, *Rev Brian Chave, Di Everest, Rachel Fisher, Dave Fisher, Mary Harris, Roger Harris, *Noreen Harrison, Cyril Jennings, Lindsey Jones, Terry Lewis, Mike Marshall, *Eunice Mulholland, *Jim Mulholland, Robert Nelmes, Rosemary Pike, John Pike, Helen Pike, Gill Shakeshaft, Doreen Shakeshaft, Brian Shakeshaft, Graham Simms, Patrick Smith, Julie Smith, Pat Taylor, Kevan Taylor, Chris Willett, Gill Willett, Brenda Wright.

2. Apologies for absence were received from:

Liz Alexander, Ann Grinnell, Alistair Meyrick, Chris Morphew, Heather Paterson, Pat Roberts, Janet Turnbull, Dave Turnbull.

3. Approval of 2023 Parishioners' Meeting Minutes It was proposed by Mike Marshall and seconded by Julie Smith that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was accepted unanimously and there were no abstentions.

4. Election of Church Wardens & Sidespeople

We are really grateful to our amazing wardens Julie and Pat for all that they do as churchwardens – unstinting hardworkers, always with enthusiasm... and are glad that both are happy to stand again for another year. Rev Hannah is in church most days, and it is a very busy church in vacancy, so thank you.

Julie Smith:

Proposed by Patrick Smith

Seconded by Gill Shakeshaft

Pat Taylor:

Proposed by Gill Shakeshaft

Seconded by Heather Paterson

Julie and Pat were unanimously accepted as Church Wardens.

5. Accounts of the Bourton on the Water Trust

Thanks to Dave Turnbull for preparing these accounts. It was proposed by Chris Willett and seconded by Kevan Taylor that the accounts be adopted by the meeting. All in favour, no abstentions.

6. Any other business – there being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.32pm



Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

1. **Apologies for absence** – as above. Those marked * are unable to vote in the APCM by virtue of either being clergy, or laity who are not currently on the church electoral roll.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 2023 APCM**

The minutes were proposed by Terryl Lewis, seconded by Rachel Fisher and approved unanimously, with no abstentions, to be an accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Elections to PCC**

There are 3 vacancies on PCC this year as Helen Pike, Rachel Fisher and Terryl Lewis' terms of office come to an end. Given that we are in vacancy PCC has approved people re-standing straight away, if they wish, to enable stability & continuity. Thanks to Helen, Rachel and Terryl for all they have done during their terms of office: all are willing to re-stand and were re-elected unanimously with no abstentions.

Helen Pike

Proposed by: Gill Shakeshaft

Seconded by: Julie Smith

Rachel Fisher

Proposed by: Terryl Lewis

Seconded by: Patrick Smith

Terryl Lewis

Proposed by: Lindsey Jones

Seconded by: Chris Wyman

Thank you from Rev Hannah to the PCC for their shared wisdom and care.

4. **Elections to Deanery Synod** – there are no elections to Deanery Synod this year.

5. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Thanks to Dave Turnbull who has again agreed to be our Independent Examiner for next year. He was proposed by Chris Willett and seconded by Doreen Shakeshaft. All in favour, no abstentions.

6. **Safeguarding**

Big thank you to Gill Willett who is our nominated safeguarding person and helps oversee all the safeguarding in the parish alongside the clergy. She also oversees the DBS checks for the whole benefice – thank you! We were reminded that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are following all current guidelines, and our policies are available via our Parish website (bourtonparishchurch.co.uk) and on our *A Church Near You* page. Concerns should be raised

with Gill Willett, Rev Hannah or Rev Nina. Bourton PCC check the policy each year and that will happen at their May meeting in a few weeks time.

7. To receive the Annual Reports and accounts of the PCC which have been made available previously on paper and via the website.

- *Deanery Synod report*
- *Electoral Roll report*
- *Financial Review of the Year*
- *Accounts and Financial Statement St Lawrence – Appendix B*
- *Fabric report for St Lawrence*
- *Accounts and Report, St James, Clapton on the Hill – Appendix C*
- *Fabric report for St James, Clapton on the Hill*
- *Reports for all other groups*

Thank you to Gill Shakeshaft for preparing the report which reflects the vibrancy of this church and its place in the community. Thank you to all those who contributed articles which show a rich range of kingdom building activities here. Thank you to all for just being in this community – we need God and we need each other. Thank you for the hard work and for each just being. You are all essential as we “receive God’s love in our lives and be Christ’s love in the world”. We are actively living this purpose statement out in our lives in this place. Whilst we entered vacancy in February 2024 - and this report is for 2023 – the strength of the community here is evident and we have entered vacancy on a strong footing. Please do take time to read the report if you haven’t done so already, thanking God for what he has done through the church here and being open to where he is leading the church in this next season.

Rev Hannah said thank you to everyone for supporting her when she was off for a few weeks with her dad.

> Question re our paying Parish Share – are we paying the full cost of a priest yet? We are not quite meeting the full cost within the parish but are meeting our commitment within the benefice. We have increased our commitment this year by £6000. We have spent more on energy this year already, than in the whole of last year as our fixed term deal came to an end.

> Clapton have had their Quinquennial and are progressing through it – they have 3 quotes for the works: £40K, £41K and £70K – are hoping to start work in Sept at latest. They will do a lot of grant applications, and fundraising. There is some money in the pot – but please support Clapton’s fundraising during the year.

We gave ourselves a Thank You clap!!

The report and finances were:

Proposed by: Jan Carless

Seconded by: Patrick Smith

All in favour, no abstentions.

8. The meeting closed in prayer at 12.46pm and was followed by a brief gathering of the new PCC.

Let us pray: *Lord thank you for the churches of St Lawrence and St James. Thank you for everyone who gives of themselves to serve you. Lord, continue to build **your** kingdom in these places through the works of **our** hands so that others may know your life-giving Word to them. Amen.*

From Rev Hannah “as we conclude this meeting, I’d like to read to you the words of Jesus. As we listen, let’s hear these as words for the church communities of St Lawrence and St James – and for the villages they serve...

Jesus says:



My peace I give you. *Do not be afraid.* I call you my friend. *Abide in my love.*

Even the hairs on your head are numbered.
Follow me. I am the way for you. *I am the life for you.*
I am the truth for you. Blessed are your eyes for they see.

You are my witness. You are my brother.

I am hungry, give me food.
I am in prison, come to me.
I am thirsty, give me drink.
I am a stranger, welcome me.
I am naked, clothe me.
I am sick, visit me.
Abide in me and I in you.



Ask and it will be given you. *Seek and you will find.* Knock and the door will be opened to you.

I am the vine, you are the branch. *I will give you rest.* You are the light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth. *You are my sister.*

Give and it will be given to you.

Love others as I have loved you.
The truth will make you free.



Feed my sheep. Watch and pray. I am with you always.



9. PCC Meeting

Election of Officers:

Chair: Julie Smith

Vice Chair: Pat Taylor

Treasurer: Chris Willett

Secretary: Gill Shakeshaft

Helen proposed and Terry seconded Julie as chair.

Gill S proposed and Rachel seconded Pat T as vice chair.

Pat T proposed and Kevan seconded Chris Willett as treasurer.

Gill W proposed and Helen Pike seconded Gill Shakeshaft as secretary with Helen Pike assisting with meeting minutes during the year.

Date of next PCC Meeting: **Monday 13th May at 7.30pm in Church.**