

# THE SALINAS ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

## Congregational Meeting Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### MINUTES

FATHER LOUIS OPENED PROCEEDINGS WITH A PRAYER.

#### PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees: Father Louis, Rev Doreen, Father Hilary, Neil Hollow (Chair), 9 Congregation Members, 4 Apologies.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting (2025) had been circulated and there was nothing arising.

#### CONGREGATIONAL WARDEN'S REPORT

Neil's report had been circulated and he read it to the meeting. He highlighted that we had very little (€322,36) cash in hand as at 14 February 2026. Neil's report is attached to these minutes.

#### ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

As Neil is retiring from the position he was thanked for serving in this role for the last seven years.

#### SALINAS CHAPLAINS REPORTS

Father Hilary's report had been circulated and he read it to the meeting. He is carrying out a number of vital roles for the Chaplaincy and is a credit to us all.

Reverend Doreen, who has been unwell but is now on the mend, reported to the meeting. It was good to see her up and about and she will be officiating at the next service.

#### ELECTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONAL WARDEN

Neil asked for nominations and Neil nominated Rachel, seconded by Rose. There being no other nominations Rachel was confirmed to be our new Congregational Warden.

Congratulations and best wishes.

#### ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

It was agreed that the roles of Treasurer and Secretary would be combined. Father Hilary nominated Neil, seconded by John. There being no other nominations Neil was confirmed.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rose suggested thanking the Roman Catholics for the use of their church and Father Hilary undertook to do so as he meets with them occasionally.

Reverend Doreen mentioned the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March in Torre del Mar and urged members to attend with her.

There being no further business Neil closed the meeting.

## **SALINAS ANGLICAN CONGREGATION CONGREGATIONAL WARDEN'S REPORT 2026**

This is the report of the activities of your Congregational Warden since the AGM held on 10 May 2025. No parish council meetings were held during the year as it was a one man council.

Our congregation shows 13 members and average attendance at services is 15.

We continued with our working method for the conduction of services where John is responsible for what I term Choral Services and I am responsible for the Piano Services. One of each type of service is generally conducted each month. Reverend Doreen naturally officiated at all services. I am happy to recommend that this continues for the foreseeable future. Father Hilary preaches on occasion and Father Louis has attended.

I produce the Service Sheet for the Piano Services and John does the Choral Service. The production of Service Sheets is not a responsibility of the Congregational Warden and there is no reason why these tasks cannot be separated in the future.

As regards finances the income from funerals conducted by Reverend Doreen has completely dried up; probably due to the increase in cremation only services. Our diocesan dues are now paid by St Georges and the church rent is paid up to end April 2026. We started the year with a balance of €508,18. Our income for the year was €2309,30 (€2778,26) and expenditure totalled €1742,12 (€1880,25). During the year we have sent St Georges €600 for banking (Down from €1100 last year). This leaves us with a petty cash balance of €322,36 as at 14 February 2026. We continue to operate within our budget but only just.

The function of Treasurer has become a responsibility of the Congregational Warden but this isn't necessarily so, I also undertake the Secretarial duties.

I would like to thank Reverend Doreen and Father Hilary for their unstinting support. Finally thanks to all of you for worshipping and it is particularly satisfying to see that our congregation remains buoyant.

We look forward to the future together with some confidence.

**Neil Hollow - Salinas Congregational Warden**

## Salinas Church AGM 2026 – Report from Revd Hilary Oakley, Assistant Priest

I am a retired priest, with Permission to Officiate, and I am Assistant Priest here in Salinas, within the Malaga Chaplaincy. As explained a year ago, alongside preaching, taking occasional services and playing the piano, and sometimes covering at St George's Church, my ministry is often behind the scenes –to make the chaplaincy's systems work better.

Church music – As you know I play the piano for roughly every other service and keep a note of the hymns that I play so I can see which ones we sing only once & which we repeat more frequently. A year ago I reported that, of the 571 hymns in the book and the 15 or so we have added, we had only used about 16%. This year I can report the figure has risen to 18%!

Future funding – As you know, we are part of St George's Malaga, and their problems have an impact on us. At their AGM two years ago, after an annual loss of some €2,500, they were told their position was “not sustainable, even in the short term”. As a result, myself and others pooled efforts to address this, resulting in a small surplus of €1,613 and 2024 and a much bigger one in 2025 of some €9,000. I am now lead on their Finance Group, which is now tasked not only with financial management but also with finding new sources of funding – this year to include a Gala Dinner in June, more high value concerts over the summer, a speaker evening with BBC correspondent John Pienaar in September, and a much improved Christmas market. The church attracts an engaging range of people, which this year has included an interesting guy called Daran Little, the only person to have written over 100 episodes of both Coronation Street and EastEnders – who is keen to support the church.

Mission Action Plan and Church Assessment – For the past three years the chaplaincy has been talking about starting work on its 5 year Mission Action Plan, and this finally kicked off in 2025, a major component of which was an online attitude survey of our congregations, which attracted 68 responses, a quarter of which came from this congregation, which means we probably punched above our weight! Thank you for those who contributed. The Mission Action Plan will be launched at St George's AGM and you will be able to download a copy.

Websites – The other bit of my ministry here is managing the Chaplaincy's websites, <https://stgeorgesmalaga.com/> and sites on the CofE website, AChurchNearYou.com – one for Malaga and one for us here (you can also access at <https://salinaschurch.es>). In the last 365 days, St George's AChurchNearYou site got 38,497 views, but was beaten by Salinas, with 43,605, that's 840 a week! I struggle to believe these figures, but am assured they are right!

And finally and most importantly, our Parish Priest, Mother Doreen – Doreen, as you know, has not been well. But thanks to Rachel's wonderful care and what the Bible calls 'steadfastness', Doreen has sprung back and is back among us. Fr Louis and I had the unenviable task of asking her to step back from ministry to focus on her recovery. Without knowing how it would play out, we planned for he and I to cover leading our worship until the end of March. But it seems to me that that was roughly right. Doreen will lead us for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and I think we will take it from there.

Revd Liz – Good news I am pleased to say that Rev Liz McLean, whom most of you will know, will shortly be receiving her Permission To Officiate, here within this chaplaincy of Malaga.

Hilary Oakley, for Salinas Annual Congregational Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026