

The Parish of All Saints' Church, Catherington, Hampshire

Minutes of the VESTRY and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm

This APCM covers the period from January 2024 to December 2024

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with Rev Richard Hutchins leading us in prayer

Present Rev Richard Hutchins(chair) and 15 members of the electoral roll.

Apologies Ruth Beaver, Penny Evershed, Tobias Giles, Caroline Rose, Chloe Peett and Jessica Peett

Vestry meeting for the election of two churchwardens

Churchwardens:

Jason Peett Proposer: Ian Shapey Seconder: Peter Davies

There being no objections to his appointment and no call for a vote he was elected.

There remains a vacancy for churchwarden. Joe Edwards was thanked for his work as churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Those present and apologies for absence.....see above
2. Minutes of the APCM held on 17th May 2024 were agreed and signed (with a request that names be in full and not just initials.)
3. Appointment to Deanery Synod (1 vacancy) **Deanery Synod:**

Wendy Haxell remains as Deanery Synod representative but there was no nomination for the vacancy.

4. PCC Elections: only 2 nominations

*K Peett Proposed W Haxell seconded Lesley Poulter
Lesley Poulter proposed I Shapey seconded K Shapey*

5. There being no objections to their appointment and no call for a vote they were elected for a term of 3 years .
Others may be invited to observe before joining the PCC to fill a casual vacancy in September.
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner Proposed that Antony Rose be appointed
Proposed Richard Hutchins Seconded Jason Peett Unanimous
7. Electoral Roll Report presented by Nicola Ellis
RH thanked her for her work in doing the new roll.
8. The PCC secretary report was taken as read and Rev Richard Hutchins then spoke of the key things that had occurred during the year (2024) details of which can be found in the year book.

The blue Christmas service which will be continued. Rev Amanda Sim was sent to Petersfield prior to completing her title curacy (we have just heard of her forthcoming licensing to Blackmoor and Whitehill).

Reports were received Mothers Union, Children's church, Churches Together, Flowers, Illumin8, school governors, Messy church, Open the book, Scrabble, Toddle-on and the small bible study groups.

Richard Hutchins thanked everyone for their efforts.

A highlight was the collation and installation of Rev Richard Hutchins as Vicar. We said goodbye to Revd Angela Johnson and Venerable Adrian Harbridge who moved away and also Deb Vears in her move to ordained ministry.

In the financial review it can be seen that income doesn't match outgoings as usual. Ended the year £34000 less. This was not helped by the bee problem and the scaffolding matters.

Heating project still to come and awaiting installation in Fareham to see if this cheaper version is worth pursuing and may also help us with EDF and the 3 phase situation.

There being no further questions on the Finance Statement the APCM received the report.

9. Fabric report

Some QI work done. Archdeacon Bob White came for an inspection which was a good report.

Money from the field is being used to help work done by churchyard working party. Thank you to Sara Schillemore for funds towards work on the church path. The new gate is good and accessible.

A big thank you to Chris and Alison Keech for their work and a gift was made to them by the PCC.

Question about the 100 year old Lychgate where the gate has fallen... is it in the QI report and if not ask Horndean to come and sort it out.

10. Deanery Synod Revive, Revitalize, Renew remains the focus. Horndean Junior school has the Flourish project ongoing.

11. Safeguarding report taken as read we are well advanced in our standing. Joe Edwards will be standing down and passing over to Caroline Rose who will work with the others at St James.

We are reminded that any safeguarding statements should be recorded formally.

12. Matters of Parochial or General Church Interest

Richard thanked the PCC and all the volunteers who help to organize groups. Due to falling numbers the baby group has now closed. Thanks to Toddle on for the donation of toys for the Who Let the Dads Out. Further details of activities are in the year book.

Bill Evershed thanked for collecting information.

Sara Schillemore congratulated Outreach for the younger people but asked if we could have more outreach for the older people.

Nigel Steward stated that if you looked for the charity you found the old website with nothing on it but he has paid for another year but a link needs to be set up to take you to the current information.

Comments were made about the car park holes which need more chippings and a roller to grind them in. Is it possible that a local building development would be willing to make good as a good will gesture?

Heating in the hall has been replaced and a notice gives instructions on use.

Bequeathed land has restrictions on use and must retain its rural designation.

Although the diocese was happy with the Catherington cemetery being extended the council (EDHC) said it was not possible as it has a water source protection status 1 (most protected).

Need to look at ash die back and how it affects the land. Also is the width of the path being compromised by fencing.

The meeting closed at 2050 with the grace.