

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
OF THE PARISH OF GRIMSBY, ST MARY & ST JAMES & ST HUGH  
Held in Grimsby Minster on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 12.15pm**

Chris Daniel, Lay Vice-chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chris Daniel chaired the meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Apologies**

Sue Mitchell, John and Julia Foulds and Julian Aistrop.

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were presented. Everyone was in favour that they be signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**Election of Churchwardens**

The following people were elected as Churchwardens for another year (nominations had to be in before the meeting).

Two from Grimsby Minster and two from St Hugh's.

The following people were elected:

**Grimsby Minster**

Bob Lockwood - proposed by Chris Daniels and seconded by Mike Bull and Chris Daniels - proposed by Bob Lockwood and seconded by Mike Bull and

**St Hugh's**

Christine Plant MBE - Proposed by Victoria Wilkin and seconded by John Foulds. They are all Parish wardens.

Mary Topliss has stepped down as Churchwarden after many years. She was thanked for all her hard work. She has got a new title Church Warden Emeritus.

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The Minutes of last year's meeting were presented. Everyone was in favour that they be signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**Safeguarding Report**

Dr Tim Bruning was not available to give his Safeguarding Report. He will give his Safeguarding Report at a later date.

Chris Daniels thanked Dr Tim Bruning for all the work he does.

Canon Peter Mullins pointed out that the PCC had adopted a new Safeguarding policy this year.

### **Electoral Roll**

2025 was the year in which a full renewal of the Electoral Roll was undertaken and members of the congregation had to fill new forms in. The Electoral Roll is now available for people to view. New members can be added to the Electoral Roll after this meeting.

There were 132 members on the roll in 2024. This year there are 88 people.

### **Lay Members PCC**

Chris Daniels explained who the ex officio members are on the PCC and how it is made up. He said that Mike Bull, Julia Foulds and Lois Maudson were due for re-election this year.

They were duly re-elected and will serve until the APCM in 2028.

The PCC was thanked for their work during the past year.

### **Report Financial Affair of the Parish Year 2024**

Mike Bull, Treasurer, went through the annual accounts. He said that they had been compiled in a certain way for the Charity Commissioners.

He said that it was the first time the accounts had been ready for the APCM for a number of years and that this was a positive. He said that everyone should read the Trustee Report prepared by Chris Daniels.

The Treasurer then clarified certain aspects of the accounts.

The café broke even last year and was making £1000 a week on average.

Grimsby Minster had made a loss of £53,281 and this is not sustainable. This is £1000 per week.

St Hugh's Church had made a small profit.

The Parish share had been paid.

St Hugh's Community Centre has now got more rentals and is now on a good financial basis mainly due to the RCCG church.

The Minster café had made a profit and thanks must go to Sharon and her team.

Mike Bull said that he hoped that the accounts were a true reflection of the current situation.

Mike Bull was thanked for all his hard work.

It was agreed that Forrester Boyd be appointed independent auditor/examiner.

### **Fabric Report - Minster**

Chris Daniels reported on the fabric of the Minster. He said that the Development Trust were meeting regularly.

### **St Hugh's Report**

Chris Plant MBE gave a short resume of what was happening at St Hugh's Church.

### **Deanery Synod**

Chris Daniels explained how the Deanery Synod is made up. He said that Grimsby/Cleethorpes Deanery Synod now meet jointly with Haverstoe. We do not know how many members we will have on the Synod as once an electoral roll goes below 100 numbers alter.

### **PCC and Parish Generally**

The PCC meet on average once a month and the Standing Committee meet once a Week usually.

Thanks were recorded to all those Churchwardens, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and PCC members for their hard work.

### **AOB**

Ben asked if it would be possible to look into purchasing a trolley for moving the chairs as the way the chairs are moved at present is not safe. Chris Daniels said that he will take this forward to the next PCC meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.