

**Minutes of the Vestry meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for the purpose of electing Churchwardens**

1. Rob Brighthouse was nominated by Anna Bushby and seconded by Sarah Smith.
2. Susan Jozsa was nominated by Richard Stevens and seconded by Anna Bushby.

Both nominees were unanimously elected.

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

1. The Rector opened the meeting in prayer.
2. **Apologies** : Sarah Smith, Christina Cross, Barbara Brighthouse, Anna Bushby, Emma McCulloch, Peter and Joy Taylor.
3. The minutes of the 2023 APCM were approved.
4. **Electoral Roll** : The number on the roll is 122, despite a few losses. The Rector thanked Christina Cross for her work in compiling the Roll.
5. **PCC Elections** : There were no elections as none of the members' terms of office had ended. The current members were all happy to continue. The Rector thanked them for their support.
6. **Deanery Synod** : Stella Gillingham and Greg Wall were elected as members of the Deanery Synod. Susan Jozsa had stood down from membership.
7. **Appointment of Church Auditor** : It was proposed by Greg Wall and seconded by Stella Gillingham that Robert Barclay be appointed as church auditor. All in favour.
8. **Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023** : These had been posted on the church website. As in 2022, expenditure has been strictly monitored, resulting in a small deficit of £1,000. The Stewardship campaign and Gift Aid have resulted in an extra £6000 in regular income and a one-off Energy Grant of £3340 had been received from the Diocese. The Common Fund has been paid in full. The heating of the church remained an issue, as reducing the temperature saved money but increased the humidity in the building. An application had

been made to the Diocesan “Give to go Green” campaign, whereby the Diocese would match fund a proposed new infra-red heating system. £5,000 had been received from the Diocese for Youth work in the community and this will go towards supporting the work of the Bridge project at the Recreation ground.

The Rector thanked the Treasurer for his report and his work in overseeing the church’s finances.

**9. Annual Report :** The Report was unanimously accepted and the reading of it was encouraged by the Rector as it shows how much is going on in the church.

**10. Rector’s Report :** The Rector expressed gratitude for all the support that she had received from all the churches in her new role as Team Rector. There is an increasing sense of being part of a true Mission Community.

Thanks were expressed to the many who participate in and contribute to the life of St. Petroc’s. The Stewards, the Cleaning Team, Readers, Intercessors, Sacristans, Bellringers, Richard, our organist, the Choir, Pastoral visiting team, flower arrangers, sound system team, David Brett for recording Sunday services – and many others.

Next year will be challenging – Laura, our curate, will be leaving - and the shape of the Ministry Team and the vision for the future are an opportunity being discussed by the PCCs. But remember that He is with us always.