

ST CHADS ROMILEY
Minutes of the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024
(With Vestry Meeting)
Sunday 28th April 10.30am at St Chads Church

120 people were in attendance, 89 of whom are on the electoral roll.

The minutes of the APCM 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

A period of reflection and thanks was given to church family members who had passed away during 2023.

Richard opened the meeting by giving gratitude for all that had happened over 2023 (covered in detail in the Annual Report, which had been sent out in advance on the meeting).

In 2022 we set our vision: 'More people, more like Jesus' – so much of what has been happening this year has set out to see this under our three anchors; Glorifying God, Loving Community, Following Jesus.

Our desire is to see God glorified as we follow Jesus. So much of what we do seven days of the week has been through building and loving community and 2023 has seen so much growth in activities and connection through; Oasis, Prampushers, food provision, Warm Spaces, Later Life Issues, Cherry Tree, Pastoral prayers and visiting teams, The LifeCentre and all of our children and youth activities. Across all generations we are seeing people growing in their discipleship; with a new youth initiative TNT and Chads Central teaching reinvigorating small groups to almost double.

Finance Report from the Treasurer (Helen Bray)

The full statement of accounts had been made available in advance of the meeting, together with the annual report, which included financial headline figures. Helen thanked God for his provision and to all who give for their contributions towards the vision. A special mention was made to Frances Bingham for her generous legacy.

Helen also thanked John Simpson for his work as financial examiner and for Jane Higginbottom for all of the day to day financial records and management accounts.

The floor was open to questions. How new staff were going to be funded was asked. Richard highlighted that we have stepped out in faith for the new role and we have already seen God's provision, finishing the year with a surplus which has been part of the planning for the new vision of associate vicar and head of ministry.

Thanks were given to everyone who serves in the life of church.

Vestry Meeting

Special Resolution

It was proposed to dispense with the criteria for disqualification of Church Warden after six successive periods of office – Section 3 of Churchwardens' Measure 2001. All in favour.

Election of Churchwardens

Janet Ford and Andrew Goddard were elected as Church Wardens with unanimous support.

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Elections

Lay Representatives to the PCC

Paul Adshead, Andrew Cursham and Rob Williams were elected to serve as PCC members for a term of three years. Each had been proposed and seconded and were elected with unanimous support.

Richard thanked Hilary Bentley, Molly Dow and Craig Fairfield who are stepping down from their roles on the PCC for their service to the PCC and St Chads.

Appointments

Independent Examiner John Simpson agreed to continue to serve as Independent Examiner with unanimous support and was thanked for his service.

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator Adrian Bassett agreed to serve as Parish Safeguarding Coordinator with unanimous support. Jane Higginbottom is going to continue to serve as a Deputy Safeguarding Officer and was thanked for her service.

Electoral Roll

The roll was updated in February and March this year. There are currently 253 people on the Electoral roll.

Close of APCM