

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
held at St Peter's Church, Oundle on 18 May 2025**

Chairman: Revd Canon Stephen Webster (SJW)

Hon. Secretary: Ian Baker

Parishioners present (16 and over) 54

Parishioners present (Under 16): 20

Apologies: As below

Parishioners present (16 and Over): Jane Webster, Ian Baker, Louisa Baker, Louise Foote, Sian Fytche, Eleanor Rayden, Alan Rayden, Jo Nicholls, Ben Saunders, M Stokes, Annette Coales, Althea Strzebrakowska, Pam Weatherington, Daniel Tarleton, Len Johnson, Anne Johnson, Rob Duff, Jo Goodwin-Duff, Chris Monton, Claire Weston, Liz Ford, Kim Treverton, Judith Hodgson, Tanew Averdieck, Rosemary Viccari, David Varley, Anne Varley, Emily Taylor, Adam Nolan, Anabelle Herbert, Ingrid McGregor, Tim Devere, Judy Rusher, Jeremy Rusher, Sue Oakes, Lorraine Swift, Elizabeth Clayton, Margarat Dowd, Ron Dowd, Rob Dillarstone, Sally Saunders, Anne Jewels, David Adeney, Ann Adeney, Victoria Draycutt, Stephen Draycutt, Emelda Evans, Jason Poku, Lindsay Hipwell, Jean Hawman, Rob Hawkins, Helmut Cartwright, Peter Taylor, Georgina Jeffery.

Apologies: Ian Goldsmith, Catherine Goldsmith, Sarah Vogt, Caroline Hawkins, Andrew Hawkins.

This morning's meetings took place within an Act of Worship – 10:30 Sunday Morning Together

Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM)

AVM 24.01 Minutes

The minutes of the AVM held on Sunday 12 May 2024 were accepted as a true record.

AVM 24.02 Election of Churchwardens

Churchwardens were elected as follows:

Sian Fytche Nominated by Richard Dimmock; seconded by Catherine Goldsmith

Louisa Baker Nominated by Emma Kirby; seconded by Andrew Hawkins

No other nominations. Sian and Louisa were unanimously elected, no abstentions or objections.

SJW led prayers for the Churchwardens and thanked them for their service. He then closed the meeting.

Date:

Signed:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

APCM 24.01 Minutes

The minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 12 May 2024 were accepted as a true record. SJW reminded parishioners that the Accounts and Annual Report had been sent via email, and printed copies were available at the back of the church as usual.

APCM 24.02 Electoral Roll

Peter Taylor, the Electoral Roll Officer, presented the Electoral Roll Report for the past year.

Year	TOTAL	Died	Moved Away	New Joiners
2019 (Full review)	262	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020 (Covid)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2021	237	11	21	7
2022	243	5	9	20
2023	230	17	4	8
2024	235	2	3	10
2025 (Full Review)	220	5	44	32

APCM 24.03 PCC Elections

SJW advised that Peter Taylor, Angela Newell, Ian Goldsmith and David Gooda were stepping down from the PCC and thanked them for their support and service to the PCC.

The following candidates were elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions:

Sally Saunders

Kim Treverton (Proposer Louise Foote; seconder Pam Weatherington).

Sarah Vogt

Fiona Fraser (Proposer Angela Newell; seconder Lindsay Hipwell).

SJW thanked Dan Saunders and Carenza Treverton for continuing to act as Youth Voices on the PCC. He then led prayers for the work and members of the PCC.

SJW then offered thanks for the work of Jeremy and Judy Rusher who were retiring from their work on the Church Green Group and all they had done to care for nature in the churchyard over the last 15 years.

24.04 Treasurer's Report

Rod Dillarstone, the PCC Treasurer, gave a summary of the church finances for the year ended 31 December 2024 with reference to a PowerPoint presentation displayed on the church screens.

Church income was up 2% from the previous year and expenditure had increased by 17%, with the main additional costs being on utilities. However, the deficit for the year was £33k, lower than the budgeted deficit of £64k.

Mr Dillarstone concluded by thanking parishioners for all their support, with special thanks for Kath Tonks, the Parish Giving Officer, and for Lindsey Wallis for the work done in financial administration. He reminded parishioners about making a provision in their wills for a gift to the church.

SJW pointed out God's blessings had been received with a good response to the Autumn Thanksgiving appeal and this was a factor in having a lower than expected deficit. He offered thanks to Rob, Kath and Lindsey for all their work.

There were no questions on the Accounts or for the Treasurer.

24.05 Annual Report – including Questions Arising

SJW introduced this item and asked those present if there were any questions on the Annual Report.

Alan Rayden had asked a question about the use of the new organ. SJW replied that the Young Organ Scholars Trust had been approached to see if they could support organ lessons for local young people. There had been some delays but it is expected that there will be lessons offered during the Oundle Music Festival in the summer of 2025.

Judy Rusher asked what was happening with the old organ. SJW explained that the organ must be offered to other churches first. If there were no other churches interested in taking the whole organ, there is a possibility that parts may be offered to other churches operating this type of organ. If there are no churches interested, St. Peter's can apply for a Faculty to remove and dispose of it.

There were no further questions.

24.06 Any Other Business

There were no matters raised, so SJW closed the meeting.

Date:

Signed:

