



# PUDSEY PARISH CHURCH

St Lawrence and St Paul - Diocese of Leeds

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Pudsey Parish Church**

**Present:** Gareth Howles (GH) (Chair), and 50 Members of the church

**Apologies:** Shirley Connell, Karen Eden, Josie Weeks, Frances Rhodes, Lynda Newbold.

Item	Action
<b>Meeting was chaired by Rev. Gareth Howles, who opened in prayer.</b>	
<b>Appointment of Secretary to the meeting</b> Tom Bright was proposed and accepted by all present.	Agreed
<b>Election of Churchwardens.</b> Nominations had been received from Trevor Newbold and Marian Ashby who were seeking re-election as Churchwardens. Marian and Trevor were elected by all present. Gareth thanked the wardens for the work they had done to smooth his transition into the church as the new vicar.	Agreed
<b>1) Annual Parochial Church Meeting Business – Trustees Annual Report &amp; Accounts</b> had been circulated and were available for all present. Those present were given an opportunity to look through the report and to ask questions.	
<b>a) Electoral Roll report. (page 10 of the annual report)</b> Notice had been given on the 23rd February that a new roll was to be prepared and 105 members (down from 116 last year) had applied for membership by the 6 <sup>th</sup> April. Of these 80 live inside the Parish and 25 live outside the parish.	Noted
<b>b) Proceedings of PCC and activities of the parish. (pages 5-12)</b> No questions were tabled to this section.	
<b>c) Financial Statements Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 of the report (pages 13-30)</b> Of particular note was the increase in giving, paying the parish share in full and the plan for further growth in both giving and costs in 2025. Gareth thanked the finance team for the work that they had done to keep good records and present regular reports to PCC that were easy to understand.	Noted
<b>d) Fabric, goods and ornaments Report (pages 8 &amp; 9 of the annual report).</b> Trevor advised that work had been done to address the water ingress in the roof, a building group had been established and that more works were planned to get the terrier and inventory up to date.	Noted
<b>e) Proceedings of the Deanery Synod:</b> Verbal report given that Deaneries were going through some changes and hopefully would report more positively soon.	Noted

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<p><b>2) Elections and appointments.</b></p> <p>a) Deanery Synod: All 3 reps places are filled so no elections this APCM</p> <p>b) PCC: There are 3 places available this year. 4 Nominations had been received but 2 were ineligible as either not currently on the electoral roll or not having been on the electoral roll for 6 months or more. Christopher Dunford-Kelk and Louise Douglas were therefore elected unopposed for 2 of the positions.</p> <p>c) Independent Examiner: PCC recommended Wyatts and Co to continue to be retained as independent examiners.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>3) Vicars report</b></p> <p>a) Gareth was inducted as Priest in charge at the end of June 2024. Gareth noted with gratitude that our church had grown during the Interregnum. Thanks were given to Chris Dunford-Kelk as chair of PCC at that time, and to the PCC. We were also in the middle of our Bicentenary celebrations which included the visit of the Archbishop of York. We ran an Alpha Course, hosted an evening with Jamie Jones Buchanan, reintroduced the 9.00 am service, an evening service, and a midweek communion. We have expanded Sunday school and the connect home groups. Church attendance has been rising. This has been a great team effort.</p> <p>b) Looking ahead we are looking at more ways to interact with our community, with the Leading Your Church into Growth programme. We have planned a Parish weekend away in September and trusting that the costs will be covered.</p> <p>c) Gareth offered a challenge to the congregation of getting more young people and their families into the church, alongside all the things we currently do and will need to continue to do. Gareth concluded his report by thanking all the church For the welcome that he and his family had received.</p>	
<p><b>4) Questions / comments from those present.</b></p> <p>a) Minor corrections to mistakes in the Annual report were highlighted.</p> <p>b) Baptisms: These will now normally be in the 10:30 service.</p> <p>c) Marian and Trevor spoke for the church in thanking Gareth and his family for the gifts, joy and the enthusiasm that they had brought to our church.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 12:25 with the grace and was followed by a meal.</p>	