

Christ Church Crookham

Election of Church Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
7pm, 27th April 2025

Minutes of the Election of Church Wardens

The meeting started at 19.00

1. Opening prayer

The chairman invited everyone to stand in silence for a short time in recognition of the four people who had died in the last twelve months and who had served the PCC at some point: David Holdway, Malcolm Inglis, Martin Redgrave, Ian Coward.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2024

The minutes were unanimously accepted. There were no matters arising.

3. Election of Church Wardens

There were two nominations for two positions, so an election was not required.

Briony Allen, proposed by Mike Gibbons, seconded by Kevin Fox, was duly elected.

Peter Roberts, proposed by Robert Harborne, seconded by Mike Gibbons, was duly elected.

4. Discussion/comments

There was no discussion.

The meeting finished at 19.06

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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1. Attendees & apologies

Apologies were received from Keith Mundy and Liam Sleath.

There were 28 attendees. A special welcome to Hannah Inglis, headteacher of the Infant School.

2. Minutes of the APCM held on 28th April 2024

The minutes were unanimously accepted.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish (normally by incumbent)

As we are in a vacancy period without an incumbent, there were no additional comments to what was already presented in the APCM report. There were no questions.

5. Report on the Electoral Roll

It was noted that the electoral roll had reduced from 146 in 2019 to 107 this year. Being more than 100 meant we could continue to have 12 elected members on the PCC (fewer than 100 would mean we could have only nine). Thanks was given to Sue Foster, our Electoral Roll Officer, for her diligence in ensuring the roll was completed.

6. Safeguarding Compliance Report

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

7. Report on the Fabric of the Church

It was noted that this year we will need to have a quinquennial inspection. This along with important potential projects of the North Door and Eco-church would suggest that we should have a Buildings and Churchyard Committee to manage these tasks.

8. Deanery Synod Report

Currently we have two lay representatives, Ros Fox and Keith Mundy. As our electoral roll is greater than 100 we are permitted three.

9. Financial report & statements for 2024

Mark Cross has retired from the position of treasurer, having held that role for ten years. The last year has been a hand-over period with Andrew Munnings expected to be appointed to the role by the PCC.

It was noted that our financial position is not as healthy as in the past, with expenditure as much as £30,000 more than our income. Therefore, it is intended to put greater emphasis of fundraising activities as well as a planned giving campaign.

10. Election of Deanery Synod reps

This year is year two of the three year cycle, so no election was required this year.

11. Election of Members to the PCC

There were four nominations for four positions, so an election was not required.

Eric Barnfield, proposed by Martin Dakin, seconded by Robert Harborne, was duly elected.

Mark Cross, proposed by Marion Foreman, seconded by Jenny Baker, was duly elected.

Marion Foreman, proposed by Jane Ash, seconded by Briony Allen, was duly elected.

Liam Sleath, proposed by Laura Roberts, seconded by Andrew Munnings, was duly elected.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Thanks were given to David Sprot who after being independent examiner of the accounts this year has retired, having carried out the task for the last ten years. Andrew Munnings will endeavour to find a replacement. Andrew pointed out that due to the amount of income/expenditure this may require to be done by an audit company.

13. PCC Sub-committees & Groups reports – Infrastructure

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

14. PCC Sub-committees & Groups reports – Worship

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

15. PCC Sub-committees & Groups reports – Fellowship

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

16. PCC Sub-committees & Groups reports – Community

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

17. PCC Sub-committees & Groups reports – Children & Youth

There were no further comments. There were no questions.

18. Questions/comments

There were no questions.

The chairman gave thanks to a number of people:

- Eric Barnfield for his 12 years of service as Church Warden.
- Briony Allen for her work as Church Warden, and particularly for her endeavours to fill the rota for presiding and preaching at services during the vacancy.
- David Sprot for his work as independent examiner.
- Andrew Munnings for taking on the role as treasurer.
- Kevin Fox for managing the preparation of the APCM report.

David Pooley gave thanks to Mark Cross for his service as ten years as treasurer.

19. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was provisionally proposed to be Sunday 26th April 2026

20. Closing prayer

The meeting finished at 19.35.