

**PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**



**Sunday 18th May 2025**

**Meeting of Parishioners**

**Paul Peterson** welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the proceedings in prayer.

71 members present. Apologies. James & Julie Gardner

Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 12th May 2024 were approved and signed.

**PROPOSED Maggie Nichols**

**SECONDED Norman Lowe**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Election of Church Wardens**

**PP** thanked Bryan Ashton and Maggie Nichols for their hard work as Church Wardens and was happy to announce that they would both be standing for re-election for a further year.

Bryan Ashton - Proposed by Adam Parfit. Seconded by Alan Harding

Maggie Nichols - proposed by Alison Rowe. Seconded by Helen Rees

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**PP** prayed for MN & BA

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 11th May 2024 were approved and signed.

**PROPOSED. Anita Dobson**

**SECONDED. Debbie Pastwa**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

## **A summary of the life and Mission of Christ Church through the Annual Report- Dan Watts**

**DW** reflected upon the past year and thanked Bryan and Maggie and Paul for all their hard work and support, Thanks also go to the wider leadership team for all their hard work. It is a pleasure to be at CC as our Vicar.

**DW** then proposed to receive the Annual Report

**PROPOSED. Nigel Stowe**

**SECONDED. Katie Allen**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

## **Accounts and Finance Report**

The accounts had been made available for inspection in advance of the meeting.

PP thanked Gabrielle Foster who helped produce the report, Nick Gale who had stepped in as acting treasurer to review the accounts, and Burton Sweet the auditors.

The PCC has approved the accounts.

Income £345,195.00

Expenditure £333,313.00

Thanks to the congregation for their generous giving.

Question from Jan Bacon. What is the breakdown of giving to local and overseas missions?

PP briefly explained the breakdown, but will get fuller figures to Jan in due course.

Question from Terry Grigg. What is the Parish Share?

PP explained its purpose and rationale.

**PP** asked for APCM approval of the 2024 Accounts

**PROPOSED. Norman Lowe**

**SECONDED. Peter Misselbrook**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

One abstention.

## **Growing Younger Update.**

Total cost for employing Children's Worker, Schools Chaplain and Youth Worker/Intern for 3 years is £111,000

Grants and legacies received £32,000

Growing Younger Gift Aid Day made £53,000

Advert for Youth Worker/Intern is now in circulation and praying for the right person to apply.

### **Election of lay members to the PCC for the coming year**

**PP** expressed his thanks to all the PCC members who have served on the PCC for the past year. **PP** reported that the PCC had met bi monthly.

The following were standing for election Richard Bacon, Katie Allen, Nigel Stowe, Debbie Pastwa, Lynda Lloyd, Roger Cholmondeley, Sally Green, Andy Pound and Mark Tanner.

These PCC Members had been proposed and seconded by members of the congregation.

Other members due to their positions are the clergy, Ali Rowe, Laura Green as Safeguarding Officer, Maggie Nichols and Bryan Ashton.

### **Meeting affirmed their appointment.**

Caroline Plummer stood down as PCC Clerk in the summer of 2024. Hilary Stadden has taken over the role.

### **Elections to Deanery Synod**

Ali Rowe will continue in her role as Lay Chair for Kingswood and South Glos Deanery Synod for the coming year.

### **Deputy Warden for Church Centre**

Sally Green was nominated to continue her role as Deputy Warden for the Church Centre for the coming year. **PP** thanked Sally for all that she does.

### **Electoral Roll Officer**

**Elissa Wiltshire** is standing down as Electoral Roll Officer.

Beth Mullins will be taking over the role.

**PROPOSED. Maggie Nichols.**

**SECONDED. Mark Tanner**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Appointment of Health and Safety Officer**

PP announced that the Church Wardens will carry on with this role at the moment, in the absence of a specific Health and Safety lead.

It would be good for someone separate to take this on. Any interest see PP, DW, MN or BA.

**Honorary Treasurer**

Simba Muzururwi was happy to take on this role

**PROPOSED Katie Allen**

**SECONDED Julia Watts**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Appointment of independent examiner/auditor to the Council for the coming year**

Burton Sweet to continue in this role.

**PROPOSED Adrian Harding**

**SECONDED Anita Dobson**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Any Other Business**

**NONE**

PP closed the meeting in prayer and invited everyone to stay and join in with the Bring and Share lunch.

**Signed .....**

**Date.....**