



**PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Opening Prayers. Paul Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting and prayed.

**Meeting of Parishioners.**

1. Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to be approved.  
Proposed Robin Newman  
Seconded Mark Tanner
2. Matters Arising. None
3. Election of Church Wardens for the coming year.  
Maggie Nichols and Bryan Ashton have agreed to stand again for another year.  
All in favour.  
Both elected for another year.  
Paul Peterson prayed for Maggie and Bryan.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to be approved.  
Proposed Andy McNeil  
Seconded Debbie Pastwa  
All in favour.
2. Dan Watts gave a summary of the life and mission of Christ Church through the Annual Report. All that we do supports our vision of learning to live life the Jesus way. Going Deeper, Wider, and Younger.  
Dan thanked everyone for their generosity towards last year's 'Growing Younger' gift day.  
There was a prayer session last Sunday focussing on the recruitment of a Youth Worker. A possible candidate has emerged this week.  
Thanks also for the generosity of monies towards helping families go to Lee Abbey.  
Many thanks to all the people who have got involved with different aspects in the life of our Church over the last year and who have given their time to serve.  
Thanks to Maggie and Bryan for all their time and effort in all that they do.  
Maggie and Bryan have stated that they would both like to stand down as Wardens at some point, so if anyone would like to become a Church Warden in the future please let us know.  
Dan also thanked Julia for her support in all that he does.  
Many thanks to all the congregation.

Any questions: Alan Harding mentioned the evening service slot. Warm thanks for the short courses and services on a Sunday evening.

3. 2025 Accounts and Finance Report (Paul Peterson reported on behalf of the treasurer)

We have had a positive but challenging year.

The accounts had been reviewed by the Giving 4 Life team and approved by the PCC. Special thanks to the Giving 4 Life Team, Gabrielle our bookkeeper, everyone in the office and Nick Gale.

At the beginning of the year a deficit budget of £8,000 was set. There was an actual deficit of £13,000.

There was significant expenditure on the heat Pump Project and building related expenses.

Restricted Funds were higher largely thanks to the 'Growing Younger' gift day. Unrestricted Funds were lower.

Jan Bacon asked why the income total figure in the Annual Report document was listed as £345k suggesting a deficit of £65k rather than £13k. After checking it became apparent that this was a typing error. The total income amount should read £397,263. (The report will be updated accordingly for the website)

The accounts were presented to the meeting for adoption:

Proposed Norman Lowe

Seconded Alan Harding

All in favour bar 1 abstention.

4. a) Election of lay members to the PCC for coming year.

All forms completed. The following were standing for election.

Lynda Lloyd. Nigel Stowe. Andrew Pound. Richard Bacon. Roseanna Wood.

Debbie Pastwa. Sally Green. Katie Allen. Julian Cox. Mark Tanner.

These PCC members had been proposed and seconded by members of the congregation. All in favour to be elected to PCC for next year.

Other members of the PCC are the Clergy, Church Wardens and Safeguarding Officer.

b) Election of Deanery Synod Members.

Maggie Nichols and Ali Rowe are our Deanery Synod members. We can have 3 members so there is one space available.

c) Appointment of Deputy Warden for Christ Church Centre.

Sally Green has agreed to stand again. All very grateful and many thanks.

All in favour.

5. a) Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.

Proposed by Sally Green and Seconded by James Gardner that Beth Mullings continue in the role. All in favour.

There are 226 names on the updated Electoral Roll

b) Appointment of Health & Safety Officer. Church Wardens take on this role.

6. Appointment of Treasurer.  
Proposed Mark Tanner and Seconded Peter Misselbrook that Nick Gale continue in this role. All in favour
  
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner/Auditor to the Council.  
Proposed Julie Gardner and Seconded Stephen Taylor that Burton Sweet continue in this role. All in favour. A few abstentions.

AOB. None.

Paul Peterson then said grace and thanked everyone for all their help.