

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Two nominations were received proposing Paul Tweddle and Rosie Hilliard as Churchwardens for the next year. Both were elected unanimously to serve as churchwardens until the 2024 APCM. Paul for his 4th year, Rosie for her 1st year. John Appleton was thanked for his tireless service and prayer as churchwarden over many decades.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Welcome:** Revd Oliver Petter welcomed those present to the annual meeting and opened in prayer.

2. **Apologies:** Mark Sherratt and Julie Walters

3. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

The combined minutes of the APCM and Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry meeting) held on 29th May 2022 were accepted and approved. Proposer Paul Tweddle, seconder John Appleton. The minutes were signed by Rev. Oliver Petter.

4. Electoral Roll

There is a vacancy for an Electoral Roll Officer currently. The number of people on the electoral roll is 56.

5. Proceedings of the PCC and other Church Groups

A report on the proceedings of the PCC and other church groups, and the Rector's annual parish report was presented at the meeting by Revd. Oliver Petter.

January 2023 was the first time we got back to pre-pandemic attendance. We've seen a gentle but definite sense of growth in the life of our community, against a background of the cost of living and Ukraine crises.

Thanks to God and to the many volunteers who enable our activities. Particular thanks were given to Jill Rowbotham for organising the wonderful Flower Festival. Also, to Charlotte Raynor for her 12 years leading Little Sheep and to Rachel Petter for taking on Little Sheep coordination and continuing Junior Church.

The Community Drop In, run since September, has been popular. Mary Clark from the village has been key, alongside church member helpers. We gained our Eco Church bronze award in the summer and continue efforts to be an environmentally friendly church.

Thanks to clergy; Barbara, Jim, Richard and others who supported Oliver's ministry. Thanks to the PCC members and to Penny Small for her years as PCC Secretary. A special note of thanks to John Appleton for his monumental contribution to church life over decades of service. As well as churchwarden he has been verger, sacristan, deanery secretary and more. Thanks for his incredible care and dedication, his love of God and of God's people.

6. Financial Statements 2022

Gary Brewerton, PCC Treasurer, started with thanks to John Appleton for all his support.

The Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2022 were circulated and key items highlighted.

Planned giving has dropped slightly, but more donations received via the card reader and in services. Using Direct Debit or Standing Orders helps for budgeting and as Gift Aid can be collected.

A big thank you for Pauline's sponsored cycling, Sue Fincher's collections, Rosie's Christmas fundraiser and for the Flower Festival inspired donations.

Church running expenses for energy and insurance remain high. Payment of the Parish Share to the Diocese continues but below our full amount. We still managed to pay £20,000 through generous donations.

Substantial restricted funds received towards church roof and other things. Our deficit is less than last year. Moneys are tight. Grateful for all gifts. Gary thanked Oliver and Rachel Petter.

The 2022 Financial reports were approved and signed. Proposed by John Appleton who thanked Gary for all his work and seconded by Rosie Hilliard.

7. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

John Appleton gave the Churchwarden's Report for 2022.

John thanked Oliver for all his hard work. Would like Oliver to have some secretarial help.

Annual maintenance actions carried out through the year, gutters and down pipes cleared, boiler serviced, fire extinguisher checks and PAT testing done. Paul Tweddle is renovating the memorial bench.

Exeter College to be contacted about chancel. Roof repair project ongoing, Gary Brewerton working hard on this and conversations with architect ongoing. Currently compiling quotes with aim of grouping roof repairs with electric heating in one fundraising appeal.

8. Deanery Synod

The annual report of the proceeding of Woodstock Deanery Synod 2022 was presented by Penny Small, Deanery Synod representative. They met three times in 2022, it is a forum for hearing what is happening in other parishes and hears speakers on topics to do with mission within the Deanery. Penny continues as Deanery Synod representative. Oliver thanked Penny.

9. Safeguarding Report

The annual safeguarding report was presented by Charlotte Rayner, the parish safeguarding officer.

We work in line with CoFE Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Safeguarding is a standard report at every PCC meeting. DBS certificates being arranged for all who need them. Everyone understands the importance of safeguarding. Oliver thanked Charlotte for her time and expertise in this involved role.

10. Election of Lay Members of the PCC

There were no new members of the PCC proposed this year.

Neil Small is stepping down from PCC at this meeting and was thanked for his years of service, wisdom and prayerfulness.

PCC is currently Jill Rowbotham, Julie Walters, Douglas Fairhurst, John Appleton and Charlotte Rayner (Parish Safeguarding Officer) as PCC members. Rosie Hilliard and Paul Tweddle (Churchwardens), Gary Brewerton (Treasurer) and Penny Small (Deanery Synod Rep) are members ex officio. There is a vacancy for a second Deanery Synod representative. Alison Riggs took over from Penny Small as PCC Secretary in July. Thanks to Penny for her years of service.

11. Independent Examiner

The Treasurer proposed re-appointment of Astral Accountancy Services as Independent Examiner of the PCC's Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2023. This was approved. Proposed Paul Tweddle, Seconded Ann Moss.

12. Any Other Business

Plans for supporting Christian Aid Week and the Village Litter Pick in 2023 were shared.