

Minutes of the St Mary Redcliffe
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
12pm on Sunday 18 May 2025 in Church

SMR APCM 2025

Introduction

Welcome and prayers: Dan Tyndall welcomed all in prayer, and advised some of the accompanying documents for the meeting were unavailable due to a printing oversight but urged attendees to share. It was unanimously agreed that members of the public would be allowed to stay as observers for the meeting. Roma Widger: departing member of the St Mary Redcliffe's PCC was appointed Minutes Secretary, and shared apologies received from Laura Verrall-Kelly, John Steeds, Angela Hogg, Alex Knott and Joan Semple. 55 people and 2 clergy Dan Tyndall and Simon were in attendance.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Election of Church Wardens: Richard Dyton and Liz Hewitt were elected. Belinda Phillipson will stay on as Church Warden until 21st June.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved nem con.

The appointment of Sidesmen continues to be the role of the PCC and not the APCM.

Electoral roll: This year the Electoral Role had to be re started from scratch. Last year there were 319. When the list was previously renewed in 217, there were 229 names but new names on the list can be added 'from tomorrow'. Preparation of a new electoral roll takes place, which means that everyone must come off and reapply. Dan suggested a three week window and general reluctance because of not understanding the process might account for the drop in numbers.

Some facts relating to the Electoral Role; - 2021 – 127 +62
children

2023 – 137

+32 children

2024 – 166 +2

children

In 2013 there were 350 on the Electoral Role. By 2024 65 people had died, and 78 people were the same people as previous.

The death of Judith Reading was mourned. She leaves a huge gap and a great shock to the Church and its Community.
A new Verger has been appointed.

Financial statements: Treasurer Samuel Williams presented an overview of the current financial situation and offered thanks to Finance Manager Maria Holcombe.

*Last years turnover topped £1million.

*SMR was pronounced 'A Stable & Going Concern.

*Full audit this year. Showing the best transparency ever with a forecast possible to understand.

*Guiding Principle... "We exist for a purpose".

*£147,000 Planned Giving last year but no details are allowed for legal reasons.

*Income up over 15% since January.

The meeting looked at

Policies

Accountability.

Giving Policy

Parish Share

Commitment

Sustainability

Looking forward to Ministry

Best practise for giving

There is a 22% increase from giving, regular giving, community giving, trading giving and events. So despite increased expenditure SMR is £15,000 better off and confident and stable.

Samuel has resigned as Treasurer and is replaced by William Lew. (William gave a self introduction.

The Trustees Financial Report was approved.

Belinda Phillipson led a tribute to Richard Wallace, co Churchwarden and Fabric Officer who died recently.

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Recent concerns have included...

- Sawdust in the Tower.

- Re leading of glass.

- Handrail provision.

- Repair to the West window.

- Boiler provision. Should we get a heatpump. (Our role as a sustainable

- Church requires 'the art of the possible'.

- Interpretation board.

Belinda has resigned from her position as Church Warden. This role is a bridge between Clergy and Congregation and there was a tribute to her efforts.

Elenor gave a report on Deanery Synod, the voice of the Parish heard beyond the PCC. Because of 2 vacancies in the Deanery Synod the group have not met recently but will do so on 29th May at St Barnabus in Knowle.

Election

Paul Bassett and Roma Widger have completed their terms as PCC Members, and the PCC consists of;

- 5 Lay Members for three years

- 2 Lay Members for 2 years

- 2 Lay Members for 1 Year

Chris xxxxxxxxxxxx Helena Doyle and William Lew were proposed and voted in.

The Meeting ended with Prayer.