

All Saints' Church, Dedworth.
Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting
and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, All Saints' Church
Sunday 28th April 2024

(note that an Annual Report was also issued and is separately available)

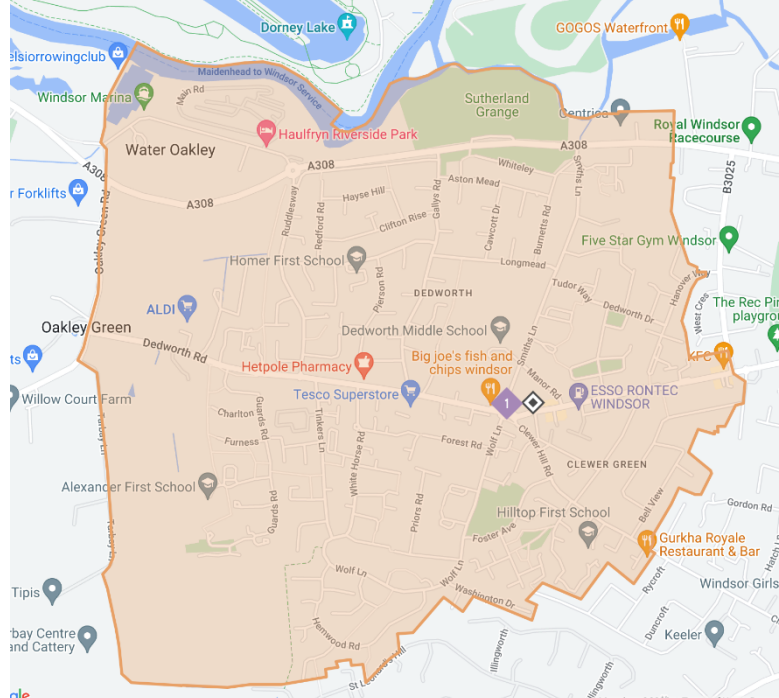
The meeting began at 4:00pm Face to face

Present: *Rev Paul Walker (Chair and leader of all items except where stated)*

Sarah Bissell, Kerry Giles, Mike Brooks, Andrew Giles, Reina Mansour (Minutes), Chris Phillips, Carol Phillips, Peter Norris, Ruth Norris, Christine Palmer, Jackie Thomas, Mike Thomas, Gloria Lock, Malcolm Lock, Sue Morgan, Trevor Morgan, David Beer, Jackie Wiggins, John Wiggins, Michael Bourne, Mike Louejor, Carol Hughes and Angela West

Apologies: Penny Roche, Sheila Lyons, Paul Bayliss, Barbara Carter, Christina Brooks, & Sheree Walker & Emma Wingrove (also present)

	MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 4:00pm
1	Opening prayer
2	Apologies as above.
3	Approval of Minutes from meeting 14th May 2023 - see below
4	Election of churchwardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All on the electoral roll present at the meeting were happy to vote by a show of hands • Many thanks to Michael Bourne and Sue Morgan for their hard work of the previous year. • Sue Morgan is stepping down and we are very thankful for Sue • Michael Bourne is standing for re-election on his third year • Tanya Applewhite standing for election for the first time All on the electoral roll present at the meeting voted in favour by a show of hands to elect Michael Bourne & Tanya Applewhite as our churchwardens for this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a prayer and we prayed for Sue, Michael & Tanya • Paul and Michael presented Sue with a gift to show gratitude and thanks for her support and hard work.
5	Conclusion: The meeting concluded at 16:15pm
	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 4:15pm
1.	Approval of minutes of meeting May 14th 2023 This and Meeting of Parishioners approved - Vote Enbloc with a show of hands
2.	Electoral Roll Report (Carol Hughes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul gave thanks to Carol and to God for the growing church • Total number on electoral roll 131 • 11 names have been removed as a result of their passing to glory or moving from the area. • 19 names have been added. • Rev Paul mentioned that the electoral roll will be open for more people to join after the meeting

		<p>131 People are on the Electoral Roll 19 names added</p> <p>11 names removed (either moving or passing away.)</p>
6	<p>Election of members to Deanery Synod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giving thanks to Peter and Ruth Norris who have been standing for 5 years• Ruth is stepping down• 3 places available on the D Synod• Sue morgan is standing for the first time• Joanna Kilner standing for the first time• Deanery meets every few months to discuss matters of importance to all the parishes in Windsor and Maidenhead <p>Vote Enblock with a show of hands for all in favour</p>	
7	<p>Election of members to the PCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 11 places on the PCC, 1 more can be co-opted if necessary• Mike Brooks, Angela West, Jackie Sadler, and Sue Morgan are standing down and we are very grateful for their presence and insight.• Those standing for election this year: John Sturgeon, Wisdom Da Costa, Philip Manning.• Those elected until 2025: Andrew Giles, Astra Parsons, Paul Watkins, Penny Roche• Those elected until 2026: Barbara Carter, Mary Findler, Gwen Strachan, Jackie Wiggins <p>All on the electoral roll present at the meeting voted in favour by a show of hands to accept these nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RPW led an anointing prayer for all members of the PCC and gave thanks to Mike, Jacki, Angela and Sue	
8	<p>Election of Sidespersons</p> <p>The following have agreed to act as sidespeople, also called stewards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trevor Morgan• Gwen Strachan• Phil Manning• Brad Applewhite• Jackie Sadler• Ken Kilner• Joanne Kilner• Sue Morgan• Mike Brooks <p>RPW led an anointing prayer for all and gave recognition to Michael and Tanya. Mike Thomas & Paul Watkins voted as proposers</p>	

9	<p>Report and Accounts for year ending 31st December 2023 (Paul Watkins) (See separate report and accounts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPW led a vote of thanks to everyone who wrote a report, pointing out all the amazing things God is doing through us. • We are not faced with a loss and are very thankful to the one – off donation of £32.000 to cover curate housing over the next 4 years. • We seek to increase charitable giving and discussed preferred method of payment will be via the Parish Giving Scheme. • Curate housing costs- 75% is paid by oxford Diocese and remainder by donations by 1 member (5 years and 3 months) • Charitable giving: Windsor Christian Actions, Christian Aid, Hear and Found • Telephone and internet has halved this year as from 2022 when it increased due to new equipment and added cloud <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In relation to preferred giving, Carole Da Costa asked if it was possible to gift aid and claim tax if have a declaration signed, has expressed dismay and mentioned was trying to do this for a year now. ○ Paul Watkins taken comment on board and relayed positive outcome and actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting agreed to accept the report and accounts <p>Paul Walker thanked Paul Watkins for his hard work, faith and commitment as treasurer.</p>
10	<p>Appointment of auditor (Paul Watkins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many thanks to Charlie Norman for auditing the accounts • The motion was put forward to re-appoint Charlie Norman as our auditor <p>Proposed: Mike Thomas and Peter Norris</p> <p>Reverend Paul Walker also gave a vote of thanks to Paul Watkins for all his hard work as our Treasurer and to the finance team</p> <p>Round of applause given to Paul Watkins and he was presented with a bottle of wine by Rev Paul Walker</p>
11	<p>Vicar's Report</p> <p>Paul said:</p> <p>During Paul's review he gave a token gift to a few. This was representative of all those who have given so much. A number of people were presented with flowers or wine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth in the Church <p>Paul mentioned this year growth continued at about 1/3rd with two very different, equally welcoming worship gatherings—9:15 and 11am</p> <p>He thanked all who serve in any way – including those who lead, read, play instruments, operated the screen, serve and prepare refreshments, welcome, set up for worship, clear down afterwards, pray with people and so on!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances <p>Paul thanked Paul Watkins again for all he did to support the review and for his faith-full approach to being treasurer. Wine was given as a gift and thanks</p>

- Welcoming: Adam, Emma Ellis and Levi

Following. Adam's ORDINATION, Paul thanked Adam for all he has done this year and to Emma and the boys for their contributions to Church life and sacrifices because of it. Please keep the Wingroves in your prayers!

- Wonderfully Made - summer event

Paul Welcomed new families and mentioned how this event had a huge impact on the community. It is for all generations to gather together for crafts, ice cream, games and gunge! Theme of Wonderfully made from Psalm 139 was focused on being alongside people at a time when there's a huge issue with identity and wellbeing in society.

- YOUTH

Paul thanked the volunteers who support in Flames and fire pit and noted the amazing opportunities it has bought to be alongside young people and how wonderful that the young people have at times brought their friends.

Paul mentioned that the light party on 31st October welcomed more families than ever before and wondered about holding a Youth Event this year for older teens—asking for more volunteers to have more people on the team

Thanks to: **Michelle, Kerry, Rebecca and Karren**

- ECO CHURCH Bronze Award –

Paul was very thankful to Peter and the Eco team for persevering in this and shaping the Church building up to be more eco friendly. Looking after creation is an area of mission that is so often left behind and trying to be attentive to growing in that area in All Saints' aiming to go for Silver award next year. Our response corporately is important—even more so is our individual commitment to caring for God's creation.

- New Wine

Paul mentioned that a good number of people went to New Wine last year and this year that group has grown significantly, which is great! New Wine gives the opportunity to spend time together, as we grow in faith through great teaching, worship and reflection together. Hoping for an even bigger group this year.

- Life groups

Paul has said that the life groups have continued to flourish and now have a new group that grew out of Alpha. Asked anyone not yet a member of a group, to please consider joining one! These groups are at the heart of pastoral care to those of all ages, from young children, to the oldest members of the Church. That said, he also seeks the groups to be alongside those who are housebound or in care homes—the Pastoral Care team and Adam and seek to serve in that area and take communion with careful thought that has been given to safeguarding during visits. We prayed for new groups and continued growth in this area!

- Sunday worship

Paul thanked those who help lead sung worship on Sundays and said the worship group is starting to meet on Monday to worship together—asked us to come along and join in if you play

instrument—or just want to worship together! He mentioned a safe place to worship, sing, play and grow in worship together.

- PARISH INSPECTION.

Our inspection was this year and everything went really well, Paul said. There were no significant areas of concern and our safeguarding, record keeping, building, safety, policies and outreach were recognised as coming together well. Thanks so much to so many who do so much to keep us moving forwards and give thanks to God! Paul gave thanks to Andrew Giles for his hard work.

- Baptism

Paul thanked **PENNY** for all she did to meet couples for baptisms and their wedding banns!

- Fabric Team

Paul gave thanks also to the fabric team, headed up by Andrew Giles and mentioned how It's wonderful to know that the 50 year old Church centre is being looked after. Mentioned we are exploring if God's calling us to modernise the building, remove the kitchen and allow a space to facilitate more people. We prayed into this

- Church Secretary

Paul drew to people's attention that **Andrew Giles** has faithfully been the Church Secretary for a number of years. He stepped back from that role this year and showed thanks for all he's done.
CLAP GIFT

- Health and Safety

Thanked **Mike Brooks** for leading our Health and Safety with such care and wisdom and offered him a gift

- Safe Guarding

Thanked **Jackie Wiggins** for leading and looking after our safeguarding matters with such care and gave thanks with a gift

- Church Administrator

Paul gave thanks to Reina Mansour who has taken up the mantle in the area of Admin going forwards and thanked her so much for all that she is already doing! Asked for Sunday to be a worship day, and to hold back from speaking to Reina about Admin work on Sundays—so she can come to Church not as administrator, but as Reina! Asked for prayers for Reina.

- Christmas

Paul mentioned the events at Christmas—from communion gatherings to a Scavenger Hunt! He thanked everyone who helped out in any way! Mentioned Emma who led our Nativity gathering and how we were overwhelmed with chocolate with Adam's talk at the Christmas Carols by the Christmas tree gathering.

- Ecumenical chaplaincy

This has started at Windsor Girls School we were shown a slide that includes support in Lunchtime Clubs and prayer and Wellbeing—for staff, children and parents. It's hoped a Christian club and

support for children transitioning from Middle to Upper school and opportunities for the kids to volunteer in community events will begin next Year. Paul mentioned how this term we've welcomed some young people to help set up the hall for Sunday's as part of the Duke of Edenborough scheme. We prayed for the development of this over the year and for relations to continue as the staffing at the school for the chaplaincy team changes this summer.

- **Hospitality**

Paul gave thanks to **Jackie** saddler for Hospitality and looking after the centre and gave a gift of flowers

- **Half Term**

Paul mentioned that Adam ran a PANCAKE party during half term which saw over 100 people from the community join in and so good to see just how open the wider community is to come to the Church Centre. We prayed to have more opportunities to serve the local community simply and joyfully!

- **Easter Explored: Ruth**

Two new events mentioned: Easter Explored for the Middle School and a Tenebrae meal on Maundy Thursday. Dedworth Middle were blown away by the hospitality shown and the care that people had gone into making the event special.

One child said:

"I liked how much effort they put into all the things we could take home. I loved how they put up all the different rooms and tents because it helped us learn more about it.

" Another said, "I think the workers put so much effort into everything. They even prepared the biscuits and the juice for us. It was a lovely experience."

And another, "I would like to say to the workers that I could tell they had put a lot of hard work into preparing our activities. With the clay section, some of the workers had prepared everything, gave new aprons for everybody, cleaned everything for us. The trail has a lot added into it. It was amazing!"

Paul said that these are all things that'll stay with those young people, knowing the Church cares is another step towards knowing Jesus! Thanked to all who served, lent anything or helped out in any way. Gave thanks to God too!

Paul gave thanks to Ruth and offered a gift of flowers, also asked for continued prayers for the 5 schools: Alexander, Hilltop, Homer, Dedworth Green first and Dedworth middle.

- **Michelle**

Paul thanked Michelle for her work in with the youth and Emerge and gave us some insight to how they are helping and always looking for more volunteers.

He went on to say that this year we're looking to expand opportunities to worship together, as well as opportunities to grow the Church community through involvement in the wider community in Dedworth. We have so many groups using the building and very good relationships with them. Asked for prayers as we seek to hear what God is calling us to next in that area!

Paul mentioned the church growth and said It feels the Lord has brought us all together at this moment as he prepares to grow the Church into a new and exciting season! Prayed and asked Jesus to clearly show us what role we may have in that!

Questions

	<p>Phil Manning asked about the ice cream machine Paul replied that we will be putting one in the café and the grant has covered the cost</p> <p>Tania thanked Paul for leading us on behalf of all community</p> <p>Rev Paul Walker, Incumbent Andrew & Jackie Wiggins – prozers</p>
11	The meeting ended with a final blessing and closing prayer

These minutes are a true record of the Annual Parishioners meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28 April 2024

Signed..... Date.....



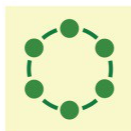
"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"
John 10:10

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