

St Peter's Church, Shipley, APCM

18th May 2025

Present: The meeting was conducted as part of the main service, starting at 10:30am on Sunday 18th May 2025. The service was led by Rev Natasha Thomas with the full congregation and online participants present.

Vestry Minutes 2024

- The minutes from the 2024 APCM were previously reviewed and approved by the PCC. Natasha asked the congregation to vote on these.
- 20 people approved, 7 abstained, 0 objections
- Proposed by Mike Moss, seconded by Joe

Church Wardens

- Church wardens have a term of one year and must be re-elected at every APCM. Our incumbent wardens stood for re-election
 - Gemma Richards
 - Alan Armitage
- Both were voted in by the congregation with a unanimous vote, no abstentions, no objections.

PCC Members

- PCC members stand in the role for up to three years.
- 7 members of the team reached the end of their term or stood down this year.
- 7 nominations for new PCC members were received this year.
 - Karen Baguley
 - Carol Brown
 - Keith Brown
 - David Slaney
 - Ben Johnson
 - Nina Wright
 - Elizabeth Sture
- Those nominated individuals all had proposers and seconds from the Church of St Peter's.
- All were voted in by the congregation with a unanimous vote, no abstentions, no objections.

Statutory Reports

Finance Report – Presented by Mike Moss

- The annual accounts for 2024 have been published and shared for review prior to the meeting. These accounts were approved by the PCC in a prior meeting.
- Mike gave thanks to all those who donate to St Peter's in any way and the team who process these items.
 - Account signatories – Gemma Richards, Alan Armitage, Rev Natasha Thomas
 - Gift Aid - Mark Davies

- Invoicing – Administrators
- Grant Applications – Mark Jordan,
- Banking Elisabeth Sture
- Anyone that collects or handles money for the church
- Mike highlighted some of the key events in 2024
 - Boiler issues
 - Lighting converted to LED
 - Vacancy
 - New Interim Priest in Charge
 - Continued use of and income from Halls
- Income summary
 - Total £256,535 last year £238,892
 - Voluntary £179,908 last year £180,895
 - Grants £21,067 last year £5,028
 - Hall hire £51,335 last year £45,327
- Expenditure
 - TOTAL £245,804 last year £251,144
 - Mission £36,820 last year £33,589
 - Share £87,112 last year £70,000
 - Repairs £20,843 last year £49,479
 - Youth £1,042 last year £1,984
 - General £91,420 last year £76,676
- The Share (Shown above under expenditure)
 - St Peter's is part of the Diocese of Leeds
 - The Diocese pays the clergy
 - The Diocese has minimal reserves
 - The cost of clergy and central services must be raised from parishes
- Solar Panels
 - Issues during 2024
 - Battery controller replaced FOC
 - System working well again.
 - Income in 2025 about £430 so far.
 - Electricity Savings estimated £1500
 - Our figures for 2024 generation were affected by system issues.
 - This year to date we are importing about 70% of our electricity
- Questions
 - A safeguarding issue was raised by Clare, whereby people were wondering into the area used by the Scouts during their meetings. Access control will be raised at the next PCC meeting and our safeguarding officer, Frances Vose was present at the meeting
 - There was a question about what building improvements (See below) had been completed in 2024. Mike explained what had been done and talked about our aspirations to go further with double glazing in parts of the building to reduce energy consumption further.
 - Martin Forbes Asked if we could review the operation of the glass doors in the entrance to the church to encourage people to come in whilst also maintaining

the easy operation of the doors. He was concerned that the button operation and location could confuse and deter entrance from new people.

- Buildings and land group
 - Leaks in the church halls have been a problem in 2024, repairs are made but the changing weather patterns mean that the older style gutters are no longer able to cope with the volume of rain fall during extreme events.
 - LED light bulbs have been installed throughout the church
 - The Wi-Fi was not functioning well and had to be replaced
 - Hive left the rented spaced and Kingdom wrestling moved in.
 - The meeting place was redecorated
 - Window repairs
 - Drain repairs (Caused by tree roots)
 - Improvements to the kitchen are on the aspiration list for 2025/6

There being no other business the service was concluded as usual.