

**Minutes of APCM held at
All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings on 22nd May 2025 at 7.15PM**

Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened at 6.30 pm by RPP with a prayer and welcome to all PCC's of 8 churches in the Benefice. RPP advised us on the strategy of the Benefice Ministry and the structure of what we could do for children and families. He was very pleased with the numbers attending church and gave a very positive picture of what was going on.

He used the acronym WORDS – Worship, Outreach, Relationships, Discipleship and Service. He summed it up in one sentence remembering why we are here “To know Jesus and to make him known.”

We then broke up into our separate groups for individual APCM's and PCC meetings.

1. **Welcome** - TC welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Wendy who had just moved into Grandborough. We were very pleased to have Clare and Andrew Grant from Flecknoe join us on this occasion.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - The Minutes of the APCM held on 29 April 2024, were approved unanimously.
3. **Annual Report** – TC explained that this report outlined the activities of the church in the parish in 2024. The meeting reviewed each of the sections of the report in turn.
 - **Vicar's Report** - RPP's report mentions how the benefice has progressed over the last year and what has been achieved. Looking ahead he feels that the groundwork has been laid for steady and sustainable growth. It has been a successful year within the church with monthly Celtic Communion and Breakfast service now well established. TC thanked AS for her role in the Breakfast service. Remembrance, Remembering and Christmas Eve services were all well attended. It was felt that the new banners were drawing a few more people into our services. We are also pleased with the continued success of the Farmers' Market and Christian Aid.
 - **Fabric** - The church is well maintained. However, we are waiting on a repair to the roof as we had a leak at the back of the organ before Christmas. Plans for repairs to the reredos and clock were well advanced and subject to a fundraising campaign, which was progressing well.
 - **Finance Report** - DP summarised the financial position, as detailed in the accounts for 2024. He drew the attention of the meeting to the monies raised from grant making bodies for works to the reredos and clock. DP confirmed that the independent examiner, Andrew Robinson, had indicated he would be willing to undertake this role for the 2025 accounts and that he considered that this individual had fulfilled the role extremely effectively.
 - **Electoral Roll**- CW reported that the Diocese required every parish in 2025 to formulate a new Electoral Roll. This had been successfully completed in line with the relevant rules and the parish has a total of 16 members. TC thanked CW for her contribution with this.
 - **Deanery Synod and Safeguarding**- AS confirmed there was nothing to report on Safeguarding. Regarding the Synod meetings she reported they were generally informative but often with low attendance. Special mention from everyone who attended the Synod meeting at St Peter's and had all thought the church was very welcoming.

Questions:

- AG asked if they could have a copy of the Annual Report and TC said he would pass this on to them.
- AG inquired about the costs and logistics of the banners and DP explained how these had been created and offered to provide further details if requires.
- CW asked when work would start on the clock and how long it would take for the repair work to be completed. TC advised that once sufficient funds had been raised he would propose to the PCC that the works should commence and this would probably take about two months in total. In response to a question concerning the progress of fundraising, TC confirm that the PCC had received around £8,000 for the clock appeal, so still approximately £4,000 short. TC will arrange for another letter to be delivered round the village, and it is intended to have a fundraising event possibly in July. GWAS are also holding an event at the church on 6th June, which will raise some more funds.
- AB thought it might be helpful if the appeal referred to the clock as the Village Clock instead of the Church Clock.
- DP was asked about the fee paid to Andrew Robinson and DP confirmed he didn't charge a formal fee and instead DP would arrange for a gift of wine to be provided on behalf of the PCC. RBC stated she could assist with this.

4. Election and Appointments

The meeting then considered the various appointments to be made:

- a) **Election of PCC members** - Forms had all been signed. Phil Blundred, Tom Crane, Dorothy Johnson, Dave Proctor, Alex Suffell and Charmaine Williams had all agreed to stand for another term. The vote was carried unanimously for re-election of all the above individuals.
- b) **Appointment of Independent Examiner** – DP proposed Andrew Robinson to carry on with this role for 2025. Those present and on the electoral roll voted unanimously to make this appointment.