



United Benefice of Bathampton and Claverton



Bathampton Annual Meeting

Sunday April 13th 2025 at 2.00pm

(preceded by a bring-&-share lunch following the 1045 service)

AGENDA

Welcome and Prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens

(open to all resident in the parish or on the church Electoral Roll)

1. Thanks for churchwardens' service
2. Election of churchwarden(s) 2025-26
3. Recognition of "sidesmen" / stewards
4. Prayer for churchwarden(s)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(open only to those on the church Electoral Roll)

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2024 APCM
3. Reports:
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Parish annual review
 - c. Financial statements 2024
 - d. Fabric (see pages 26-27 of the Review)
 - e. Deanery Synod (pages 13-14)
4. *Re:Generations* project
 - a. Phase 1 (Ian Williams)
 - b. Phases 2-4 (Jonty Frith)
5. Elections:
 - a. Appointment of independent examiner for 2025 accounts
 - b. Parochial Church Council
 - 3 representatives: to 2028
 - 1 representative: to 2026
6. Rector's Remarks
7. Any Other Business / Questions

Please notify Jonty by email by Friday if you intend to raise anything here. Thank you.
8. Date of next meeting
9. Closing prayer

St Nicholas Bathampton - Electoral Roll 2025

- Following the renewal of the electoral roll we have 51 members.
- In 2024 there were 91 members.
- There are 3 new members.
- 31 members live in the parish, 20 outside the parish.
- 22 are men & 29 women.
- In renewing the roll 32 people had either moved away or not returned their form and 3 members have died.
- Every member of the 2024 roll was sent a letter inviting them to join the 2025 roll.

FULL LIST (names only)

1	Askew	Margaret	Mrs
2	Baxter	Flavia	Mrs
3	Bennett	Raymond Michael	Mr
4	Bragg	Rebecca Charlotte	Ms
5	Bryant	Paul Jonathan	Mr
6	Buckley	Jane Elizabeth	Mrs
7	Buckley	Richard Hampshire	Mr
8	Chell	Gwendoline Frances	Mrs
9	Chell	Peter Antony	Mr
10	Conn	Anne-Marie	Mrs
11	Conn	Timothy William	Mr
12	Dalley Smith	Stephen Paul	Mr
13	Donald	Robin Vyvyan Carter	Mr
14	Donald	Angela Caroline	Mrs
15	Edge	Molly Audrey	Mrs
16	Edge	Philip Charles	Mr
17	Frith	Harry	Mr
18	Frith	Rebecca Ann	Mrs
19	Frith	Samuel Archie Jonathan	Mr
20	Fudge	Sara Elizabeth	Mrs
21	Fullaway	Carl	Mr
22	Ham	Amy Joy	Mrs
23	Ham	Craig Jonathon	Mr
24	Hunt	Hilla	Mrs
25	Hunt	Peter Gordon	Mr
26	Lascelles	David John	Mr
27	Laurie	Alexander Charles	Mr
28	Laver	Penelope Jane	Mrs
29	Laver	Timothy James	Mrs
30	Lewis	Linda Joy	Mrs
31	Lloyd Williams	Elizabeth Angela	Mrs
32	Magee	Sally Elsie	Mrs
33	Magee	Stephen James	Mr
34	Mills	Natalie Rachel Garfield	Ms
35	Padbury	Janet Mary	Mrs
36	Peddard	Michael Spencer	Mr
37	Perry	John Christopher	Mr
38	Perry	Sylvia Ann	Mrs
39	Rossiter	Maureen Margaret	Mrs
40	Shaw	Susan Felicity Caroline	Mrs
41	Shepherd	Elizabeth	Mrs
42	Shepherd	Nigel Ramsay	Mr
43	Thomson	Louise	Mrs
44	Warboys	Rita Marie	Mrs
45	White	Ian Hugh	Mr
46	White	Margaret Rosemary	Mrs
47	Wilcock	Janice	Mrs
48	Williams	Helen	Mrs
49	Williams	Ian Henderson	Prof.
50	Williams	Janet	Mrs
51	Young	Anna Mollie	Dr.



**ST NICHOLAS PCC
MINUTES**

**of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens
and of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
at 17.00 in the Miller Room**

Both meetings were chaired by the Rector, Jonty Frith, (JF), who welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens (open to all resident in the parish or on the church Electoral Roll)

1. *Thanks for the Churchwarden's Service*

JF thanked Paul Bryant (PB) and Anna Young (AY) for their service, particularly recognising PB for his work with the heating project and AY for her commitment and quick-thinking.

2. *Election of Churchwardens, 2023-4*

PH and AY were elected unopposed.

3. *Recognition of Stewards*

The role of stewards was explained and the list of stewards read out.

4. *Prayer for Churchwardens*

JF prayed for the churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open only to those on the church Electoral Roll)

1. *Apologies for Absence*

Apologies were received from Margaret White, and from Phil and Molly Edge.

2. *Minutes of the 2023 APCM*

The minutes were adopted with no objections.

3. *Reports*

a. Electoral Roll

In Natalie Mills' absence, AY presented the figures. It was noted that, between April 2023 and the present, the Electoral Roll fell from 93 to 91 members, as there were seven new members, six had died and three were removed. 64 members lived in the parish and 27 outside, of which 32 were men and 59 women.

- b. Parish annual review
- c. Financial statements 2023
- d. Fabric
- e. Deanery Synod

The above items were taken as read.

4. Church Heating / Rewiring Project

PB gave an overview of the situation. A year ago the problem was realised. Replacing the marble was not possible, nor was using boilers and running pipes. Infra-red was the logical option. It was noted that it is challenging to compare quotes, given that the system is fairly unique, and that a faculty (permission) from the diocesan advisory committee would be needed. Separately, it was noted that rewiring and probably redecoration is needed. Therefore an approximate figure of £120,000 has been reached.

Questions were asked about its appearance and whether there was a contingency. It was noted that their appearance is attractive, while coats could be a contingency.

It was also asked whether a three phase power is necessary; it was noted that 100 amps would limit us to just two chandeliers, while any additional appliance, such as a kettle, could trip it.

Another question was asked on whether prayer meetings would be held in relation of the project, such as a night of prayer; JF responded that he would be meeting with some church-members to discuss this.

Given our connections to the school, it was observed that it would be challenging not to heat the side aisles of the church initially; JF agreed, but said that half may be all that we can heat for the time-being.

It was noted that £6,200 had already been given towards the project, which had been recorded as 'Warm Future'.

JF said that the accounts had not yet been signed by independent examiner Andrew Morrison, but that any issues would be presented through the church email-list or on request. Thus the motion was held on whether the accounts would be approved as seen, subject to approval by independent examiner. This was **proposed** by Jane Buckley and **seconded** by Robin Donald; all were in favour.

5. Elections

- a. Appointment of independent examiner for 2023 accounts

It was noted that Andrew Morrison independently examines the accounts of six parishes, is a former member of St Mary's Church, Claverton, and is willing to be put down.

Andrew Morrison's appointment was **proposed** by Ann-Marie Conn and **seconded** by Paul Bryant; all were in favour.

It was noted that this item should read 'Appointment of independent examiner for 2024 accounts'.

- b. Parochial Church Council
- c. 3 representatives: to 2027

The three candidates – Sally Maggee, Charles Laurie and Jane Buckley – introduced themselves. As there were three vacancies, all three candidates were elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council until 2027

It was noted that the PCC would consider co-opting Ian Williams and the Rev'd Ian Lewis.

6. *Rector's Remarks*

JF reminded us of the theme verse for this year, and of the need to: continue in Jesus, be strengthened in faith as taught and be overflowing with kindness. He also reflected on that morning's sermon on Acts 8: that God's purpose for church is the sharing of the Gospel, as found in the Bible, to all people. He encouraged us to be more and more a church that shares gospel. JF asked that we would pray that he would lead church well in sharing Gospel, as it is challenging to defend the Gospel from attacks. He observed that we all have a responsibility to do this in our own context too, and encouraged us to support each other in doing so, especially through prayer. JF then led us in prayer.

7. *Any Other Business / Questions*

The first question asked whether we considered ourselves as a welcoming and inclusive church; JF responded that the term "inclusive" can be problematic as defined by the organisation Inclusive Church – as we should accept people, but should also help them to grow towards Jesus – but that we should seek to grow as a welcoming church. A subsequent observation was some new people may feel patronised by leaders' and preachers' method of explanation, which JF said it would be good for the worship team to consider.

A perceived lack of pastoral visits, and the visibility of the rector, was also raised; JF observed that pastoral visits should not be given up on, but are not just down to the rector and can be challenging owing to changing working and social habits. Sylvia Perry mentioned the Pastoral Visiting Team would benefit from more people.

One observation encouraged us to start fundraising as soon as possible. AY said it would be straight-forward to develop a website, which would be particularly helpful for Australia; it was also observed that we need to engage with the village as well, although it was also noted that fewer parishioners use St Nicholas' for weddings and funerals.

8. *Date of Next Meeting*

Proposed date options (Sundays at 5.00pm):

- a. 23rd March 2025
- b. 4th May 2025
- c. 11th May 2025

JF raised these three dates, but observed that the second option is a Bank Holiday and the third seems too late. He noted that the accounts should be completed by first date, and no objections were raised to it.

9. *Closing Prayer*

JF prayed to close.