

## TIDENHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

### Annual General Meeting 2026

**DRAFT Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 17 May 2026 at 12:15 in Tutshill Church following the morning service.

**Chair:** Revd Sharon Gleed welcomed members to this Annual Church Meeting. She read the *Thy Kingdom Come* reading for today: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 and opened in prayer.

The Agenda and Financial summary for 2025 had been given out on their arrival to those present. Electronic and hard copies of the accompanying 5 pages of reports and the Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts for 2025 have been and are still available on request for some time from the PCC Secretary.

A revised church electoral roll had been created by PCC on 26 April and copies had been posted on all church notice boards. As no errors had been advised the new roll came into effect on 16 May.

**Attendance** The meeting was attended by thirty (30) people on the church electoral roll: -

Janet Banks	Oliver Hinton	Polly Morgan	Robin Riordan
Linda Bulmer	Alasdair Jacks	Mary Murphy	Susan Riordan
Irene Cade	Susanna Jacks	Andrew Palmer	Marilyn Turner
Margaret Coombs	Leonie Jones	Kathryn Payne	Alex White
Paul Coombs	Peter Jones	Emma Phillips	Bill White
Brian Duerden	Molly Mayo	Jen Phillips	Laura White
Fiona Gardiner	Wendy Merrick	Adela Rimmer	Tanya White
Iain Gardiner	Wendy Moppett		

One (1) person who is not on the church electoral roll also attended: - Revd Nicki Bullivant.

**Apologies** Twenty Four (24) people on the church electoral roll sent apologies: -

David Burr	Angela Fryer	Jan Lock	Ann Rymer
Joyce Burr	Peter Gilchrist	Roger Martin	Melanie Walton
Derek Cramp	Sarah-Jane Gilchrist	James Parsons	Henry Wills
Jean Cramp	Josie Guest	Julia Parsons	Chantelle Wynn
Marjorie Duerden	David Keen	Colin Pears	Jacob Wynn
Nichollette Flatman	Eleanor Kenyon	Dianne Royle	Lewis Wynn

**Apologies** have also been received from Revd Miri Keen.

### Annual Meeting of Parishioners (formerly known as the Easter Vestry Meeting)

1. **The draft minutes** of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 11 May 2025 had been available for many weeks for public inspection. They were proposed as a correct record by Susanna Jacks and seconded by Margaret Coombs. The proposal was carried unanimously.

#### 2. **Election of two (2) Churchwardens**

Revd Sharon Gleed advised that only two (2) nominations had been received: Brian Duerden and Robin Riordan, so they were duly elected. She acknowledged the significant amount of time both Brian and Robin had devoted to their challenging churchwarden duties over the last twelve months, and extended her personal thanks to them in addition to that of the whole parish.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

1. **The draft minutes** of the previous APCM meeting held on Sunday 11 May 2025 had been available for many weeks for public inspection. They were proposed as being a true record by Susan Riordan and seconded by Paul Coombs and passed unanimously.

### **2. Parish Reports for 2025**

Revd Sharon referred to the Agenda and asked the wardens to summarise the written reports, which had been available on request for the previous 2 weeks and included: -

- information on the revised church electoral roll of 164 members, of whom 9 are new and 46 live outside the parish, which came into effect from 16 May 2026
- the proceedings of the PCC, which had met on eleven occasions, with an average attendance of 76%. PCC minutes are available from the secretary and highlights are published in the quarterly Link church magazine
- a summary of the PCC's financial situation for 2025, and an update on the current situation: giving to the general fund is down and utilities charges are significantly up. Brian thanked PCC Treasurer Paul Coombs for his diligence in keeping accurate financial records
- the 16-page Trustees' Report and the Annual Accounts for 2025, which PCC had reviewed and approved on 10 March 2026. The annual accounts had been signed off by Andy Royle, the Independent Examiner on 14 March 2026
- information on the fabric of our churches, especially the works at Tidenham. Peter Gilchrist and Robert Adams had spent considerable time on the north aisle, and James Parsons on the Tower. Brian advised that £30k had to be raised to effect repairs at Chase church and a further £30k was needed to repair the chancel ceiling at Tidenham
- proceedings of the Deanery Synod, where Molly Mayo is leaving after many years' service
- safeguarding where Robin took over from Rosalind Seward as Parish Safeguarding Officer
- reports on the extensive activities of our Wellbeing Chaplain Revd Nicki Bullivant in collaboration with a number of external agencies such as the Salvation Army, Sportily and Two Rivers Housing, *in addition to* her significant parish duties during the vacancy *and*
- details of our Children and Youth work, conducted by Emma Durbin and Eve McLeod who both stepped down in August 2025, by Aimee Lowe for 5 months until February 2026 and subsequently carried out by a group of our very able volunteers.

### **Questions from the floor**

Wendy Moppett and Adela Rimmer suggested that the ongoing day-to-day cost of running our churches be prominently displayed so that those attending church are made aware of the scale of the challenges we face. Mary Murphy advised that an article in the parish magazine might help. Brian agreed that the finance committee would consider those proposals.

Leonie Jones proposed, Tanya White seconded and all agreed that the secretary write a note of thanks to Peter Gilchrist, Robert Adams and James Parsons for all their work at Tidenham.

Susan Riordan requested that members consider volunteering to assist at our Sunday morning Splash activities in Tutshill church. Splash will take its usual break over the summer school holidays, to allow the existing volunteers a well-deserved break.

However going forward, additional support is needed to run our programme for our young people.

Leonie Jones noted that there was only £3k in the Youth, Children and Families (YCF) Restricted fund and asked how the church planned to fund a new YCF Minister. Robin agreed that children and young people were the future of our church and a strategy meeting with Revd Sharon was high on the agenda. We would need a fundraising campaign as the PCC had agreed we had to have sufficient funds or underwritten pledges for a 2-year post, prior to advertising the position.

### **3. Election of Forest South Deanery Synod Members**

Three (3) spaces on the Deanery Synod were available. One (1) written nomination was received from James Parsons prior to the meeting. One verbal nomination was received at the meeting: Angela Fryer was proposed by Susanna Jacks and seconded by Susan Riordan. The meeting agreed unanimously to both nominations, so James and Angela were duly elected to serve on the Deanery Synod until the 2029 APCM.

Revd Sharon thanked Molly Mayo who had stepped down this year, and James Parsons for their diligence over the past year, noting that James was also Deanery Synod Treasurer.

### **4. Election of PCC Members**

Seven (7) spaces on the PCC were available. One (1) written nomination was received prior to the meeting: Emma Phillips. No verbal nominations were received at the meeting. Members agreed unanimously to Emma's nomination so she was duly elected to serve until the 2029 APCM.

Revd Sharon thanked Iain Gardiner who had stepped down this year, and thanked all PCC members for their hard work over the past year.

**5. Readers** who are licensed to the parish may become PCC members as determined by the APCM. Our Reader James Parsons is licensed to Tidenham Parish. He is a member of Forest South Deanery Synod until the next elections in spring 2029, so he is already an ex-officio member of the PCC.

### **6. PCC members from 17 May 2026 onwards are: -**

<b>Ex-officio members:</b>	Revd Nicki Bullivant	Brian Duerden	Nicholette Flatman
	Angela Fryer	James Parsons	Robin Riordan
<b>Elected members:</b>	Paul Coombs	Andrew Palmer	Marilyn Turner
	Emma Phillips	Susan Riordan	Tanya White

### **7. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Revd Sharon Gleed thanked Andy Royle for performing this key task for the 2025 financial accounts and confirmed that Andy has also agreed to undertake this important duty next year for the 2026 financial accounts. Brian Duerden proposed and Robin Riordan seconded his appointment, which was agreed unanimously.

### **8. Concluding remarks**

On behalf of the whole church community Brian welcomed Revd Sharon Gleed and her family to our parish and looked forward to her ministry among us.

Revd Sharon thanked everyone across the Parish for their warm welcome at the beautiful licensing service at Tidenham church on 3 May and thanked the Churchwardens, members of the PCC and the Staff Team for their hard work, support and continuing God's work in the Parish.

The meeting closed with the grace at 13.05.