

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, ALMONDSBURY**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
**HELD ON SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023 AT 4.00PM IN THE CHURCH**

1. Lay Minister and PCC Chair, Mike Jenkinson, opened the meeting and Lay Minister, Astrid Domingo Molyneux said prayer.
2. Judi Thomson was elected as Clerk of the meeting.
3. Attendees: 20 people present
4. Apologies: Karen Kearley, Jenny Garrigan, Rev Paul van Rossum and Pam van Rossum

**Election of Churchwarden**

Tim Jefferis was duly elected to serve as Church Warden.

It is noted that a second Church Warden is also required.

The meeting to Elect a Churchwarden was closed and the APCM was opened immediately after.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**1. The election of Parochial representatives**

3 Nominations were received:

Helen Hine to serve until APCM 2026

Mo Pearson to serve until APCM 2026

Pam van Rossum to serve until APCM 2026

It was noted that we still require the following representatives:

1 representative to serve until APCM 2026

1 representative to serve until APCM 2025

2 representatives to serve until APCM 2024

**2 The appointment of Sidesmen**

Grace Evans	Susan Fairey	Jenny Garrigan	Thelma Gibbs	Natalie Hatcher	
Steven Hatcher	Graham Jeffery	Karen Kearley	Luisa Keig	Mike Keig	Tony Kite
Rosemarie Palmer		Josh Pullan	Rose Pullan	Pam Skelding	

All were duly appointed.

**3 The appointment of the Independent Examiner**

Nomination: Tony Kite

All in favour

Tony Kite was duly elected.

#### **4 Consideration of:**

##### **a) A report of the new Electoral Roll**

There is a total of 104 on the electoral roll. 68 who are resident within the Parish and 36 who are resident outside the Parish.

This has dropped by 11 when compared to 2022 for residents outside the Parish. Residents within the parish continues to be consistent.

Mike Jenkinson is the temporary Electoral Roll Officer

##### **b) Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council**

The report which had previously been available on the Church website, was reviewed and accepted.

Mike Jenkinson thanked all representatives who contributed to the Annual Report, and for all the work they do within the Church.

The report was approved by all in attendance.

##### **c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The financial statements had previously been available on the Church website.

Mike Jenkinson gave thanks to Nick Roach for his work keeping the accounts.

Accounts were approved by all in attendance.

##### **d) A report of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church**

The report was included in the Annual Report.

Tim Jefferis stated that there has been no significant changes in the last 12months and minor repairs completed.

##### **e) A report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

The report was included in the Annual Report.

##### **Election of Deanery Synod Members**

Rosemary Griffiths and Clare Jefferis were duly elected to the Deanery Synod to serve until the APCM 2026.

It is noted that a third person to represent the parish is also required.

##### **f) Other matters of parochial or general church interest**

No items raised.

##### **g) Seek ideas of how the church can serve the community**

Astrid Domingo Molyneux: Serving in Almondsbury Community Shop - this is a good way to meet other people and give ministry to the community.

Astrid Domingo Molyneux: AVE Committee - Almondsbury Village Events organise village activities and further members would be welcomed, which also helps to build the link with the Church.

Graham Jeffery - Café Almondsbury - It was asked if the café could be restarted, but due to lack of volunteers it is not currently possible. Outreach work is obtained through Toddlers and Messy Church when residents from The Glebe visit for extra social interaction.

Astrid Domingo Molyneux - Footpath (Gravel path from Hollow Road to the Churchyard) - the question was raised as to who was responsible for the footpath as it requires resurfacing to make it more accessible to wheelchair users and safer for pedestrians. Clare Jefferis advised it is believed that South Gloucestershire Council have the responsibility for maintaining the footpath and to try and lobby Almondsbury Parish Council to consider resurfacing.

The meeting closed with the grace at 16.25hrs.