

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**Tring Team Parish**  
**Meeting at Tring Church 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**The meeting opened in prayer with Revd. Huw Bellis.**

**Vestry Meeting**

The following nominations for church wardens were received and were unanimously accepted.

**All Saints** – Judith Weatherill

**St Cross** - No warden (one of the others will act if needed for something official)

**St John<sup>the</sup> Baptist** –Jane Brown

**St Peter & Paul** – Gill Kinsey and Kate Stratford

**St Mary** - Christine Rutter

**AGM**

**Apologies-** Beth Townsend, John Whiteman, Annie and Duncan Eggar, Linzi and Tim James, Maria Lashley, Ted Oram, Carole and Martin Wells, Elizabeth Stephenson and Sue Yeomans.

**Present** – Vivianne Child, (Chairman), Janet Goodyer (Secretary), Revds Michelle Grace Huw Bellis and Jane Banister, Jon and Annette Reynolds, Margaret Oram, Ian Munro, Beryl Poll, Mike Watkin, Barbara Anscombe, Celestria Bell, Gill Kinsey, Kate Stratford, Judith Weatherill, Helen Clay, Alison Cockerill, Christine Rutter, Jane Brown, Pippa Wright, Trish Dowden, Jenny Ogilvie, Enid Powell, Anna Le Hair, Edmund Booth and Malcolm Nobbs. 27 people in attendance

**Minutes of last year's AGM** were accepted unanimously. Proposed Ian Munro, seconded Jane Banister

**Elections and appointments**

**Parish Coordinators** John Whiteman and Vivianne Child

**PCC Members.** The following were nominated to be the PCC representatives: Janet Goodyer (P&P) Beryl Poll (P&P) and Elizabeth Stephenson (P&P) Pippa Wright (P&P) and Vivianne Child(P&P) Ian Munro (JtB), Celestria Bell (StM), , Maria Lashley (parish), Heny Keighley-Elstub (parish) and Ted Oram (parish) were all elected for one year. **There are two places for parish members and one for Aldbury and one for Wilstone and one for Long Marston still vacant.** Unanimously accepted.

**Deanery Synod** Mike Watkin and Tim James were elected last year. **There are three places vacant.**

The deanery synod is a useful link between parish and diocese. Deanery Synod get to vote for people to stand for Diocesan Synod.

**PCC Officers** The following were affirmed in their roles:

**PCC Secretary** Janet Goodyer,

**PCC Treasurer** Peter Williams assisted by the finance team:

**Safeguarding Officers** John Reynolds and assistant officer Malcolm Nobbs

**GDPR officer** – Trish Dowden

**Thank you to all who give their time and who serve on all our church committees.**

**Electoral Roll.** This year the combined total for the parish is 326.

We have lost a number of members from our church rolls and community. A significant number who have died.

**Wilstone** Jill Johnson, **Aldbury** Revd Janet Ridgway, **Long Marston** Phyllis Proctor, **Tring** Betty Aston, Grace Hodge, Sheila Whitehead, Barry Child, Revd. Ian Ogilvie, Rosemary Carpenter, Jane Shardlow, Gerald Webber, June and Claude Honey.

Moved away – we wish them well in their new homes: Stefan Anderson and Sir Michael Simmons.

**Deanery Synod** Report received in advance and accepted. There is a new Rural Dean, Father Stuart Owen, who comes with renewed vigour. There is space for new people from the parish.

**Fabric Report.** Copies of the fabric reports were received from each District and accepted. Huw emphasised how much the Friends organisations do to support our buildings, especially to Puttenham Trust, Friends of Aldbury Church and FOTCH.

A smart meter has been installed at Long Marston and the rope to the bell is to be replaced.

**District Churches.** Reports circulated in advance and accepted. Thanks to all who submitted reports.

**Finance report and accounts.** Circulated in advance.

Although Expenditure exceeds income, we are paying our way in the diocese with the Parish Share. We have five very expensive buildings.

We voted to adopt the finance report, Trish Dowden proposed, Pippa Wright seconded. All in favour.

**Safeguarding** Jon Reynolds submitted a report in advance, accepted. Malcolm Nobbs is the new assistant safeguarding officer in the Tring Team Parish. The Safeguarding policy has been amended with churchwardens names and will be published.

The training has almost been completed with one still to do, due to computer access.

**GDPR** a report was submitted in advance, accepted.

**Health and Safety** A report was received in advance. Accepted. Trish is in the process of updating the policies and will be accepted at PCC meetings. Thanks to Trish.

**Chaplaincy** Revd Jane filed a report. Accepted.

**An Eco-church report was received and accepted.** We are not too far off getting all churches accredited and some are working towards silver. There is an Eco Matters piece in the pewsheets each week. St Mary's are having their Harvest service as a Songs of Praise with an eco-theme.

**Quiet Days.** Report received. Dates planned for the next year.

**Review of the year.**

Huw spoke about the challenges that we had last year. We have been short staffed as Huw and Michelle both had sabbaticals and Jane had many hospital visits. Thanks to all who helped, in particular, Father Stuart, Martin Banister, Alan Hodgetts, David Holloway, and Mike and Grahame.

It has been a year of change of attendance in the Church of England but we are doing well with people across the ages. We have lost a lot through death over the last five years.

We are called to proclaim the love of God to all but it is difficult to maintain the staff and coverall that we want to do. We have looked at PCC of changes we could make. We need to have a Christian presence in all places but will we have 5 churches in the future, ie All Saints?

There has been a growth of population across all areas, significant in Tring, and the challenges of reaching people. The centrality of chaplaincy is more about people than buildings. Making buildings more accessible for all in our communities.

Huw said it is fantastic to be a priest in this community, it is vibrant and encouraging. Thanks for being Tring Team Parish.

Huw showed a slideshow of the past year. This showed just a few of the things we did as a parish or individually.

**AOB**

1. Vivianne gave a vote of thanks to the clergy for all they have done for us over the past year.
2. Michelle has set up a resource hub in Tring to help us with spirituality and education. She invited people to send her a review on a form.
3. Baptism wedding and funeral figures are not included in the annual report but should be in future.

**Date of next Annual meeting** 14/05/25

**PCC meetings**

10th July 2024, date tbc. for September 2024, 20th November 2024, 15th January 2025, 12th March 2025