

St Andrew's Malvern
Registered Charity No 1128973
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6pm Sunday 6th April 2025

The APCM was held as part of the Six service. We spent time worshipping, reflecting on the mission and ministry across the parish in 2024, giving thanks and reflecting on scripture before the 'business' part of the meeting.

Present: Rev Dave Bruce, Rev Emily Spencer, Andy Lymer, Lorna Lymer, Cathy Silmon, Joe Silmon, Mike Dawson, Ann Dawson, Carole Nicholls, Ian Nicholls, Jennifer Oakley, Peter Mortimore, Jane Mortimore, Graham Harvey, Ann Harvey, Joan McNamee, Bonnie Clarke, Trevor Clarke, Sylviane Outram, Ian Outram, Dan Goodfellow, Derek Barnes, Carol Barnes, Nick Fane, Val Fane, Marion Robbins, Darryl Greig, Joy Greig, Jo Hartwright, Paul Hartwright, Sue Smith, Fiona Webster, Nigel Webster, Ruth Cook, Derham Cook, Bob Flynn, Mary Flynn, Sheila Taylor, Helen Wilkinson, Shaun McCarthy, Jean McCarthy, Steve Beldon, Helen Attree, Ryan Kirwan, Anna Laidler, Helen May, Helen Simpson, Alice Bruce, Sarah Saleh, Nick Clarke, Cherry Clarke, Jacqui Hannan, Denise Ditchburn, Carole Lubkowski

Meeting of the Parishioners

For those on the electoral roll or who are resident in the Parish of St Andrew's. Others may be present as observers.

1. Apologies for absence

Ruth Wharton, Heather Williamson, Lis and Rob Whybrow, Jan Mitchell, Tristan Mitchell, David Barnes

2. Election of Churchwardens

Carol Nicholls (proposed by Joe Silmon and Marion Robbins) and Steve Beldon (proposed by Nick Fane and Fiona Webster) stood for re-election. No further candidates stood or were proposed.

Carol and Steve were duly re-elected. Dave prayed for them as they embark on another year of service.

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2. The minutes of the APCM held on 28th April 2024 were approved as an accurate record with no corrections.

3. Matters Arising - none

Dave asked us to reflect on the year past, reminding us of our vision and values and praising God for how we have leaned into the vision in our ministries across the parish and beyond.

4. Electoral Roll Report

Nick Fane shared it has been an exciting year with numbers up from 193 - 213. 54 people joined the electoral roll for the first time and 34 did not or could not re-sign. This is pleasantly surprising as we would expect numbers to drop at a renewal.

Dave shared this is the first time over 200 members. He thanked Nick and everyone else involved for all their hard work.

5. Financial

- Andy Lymer said he feels privileged to be treasurer. Thanked the church for their generosity.
- Income: £295,520 received
- £33k in important Gift Aid tax refunds
- There is a drop of 19% on last year but still a rise over the past 5 years.
- Expenditure: £314,784 (11% up on last year)
- We have spent more than we have given but pleased as this offsets the previous year's surplus.
- We are being bold in 2025. Budgeted expenditure 25% above budgeted income.
- Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- We are glad to give away 12% of our income to mission organisations

Andy thanked Marion Robbins for doing all the day-to-day hard work.
And Valerie Jamieson who helps with the Gift Aid

We have moved to a new Parish Giving Scheme. Andy expressed his appreciation to those who give via this method as it helps to automate the process and save time and effort. However, giving via other means is still welcome especially tax efficient Gift Aid where possible.

The meeting voted to receive the Annual Accounts for 2024 - Proposed by Val Fane seconded by Helen Simpson. Carried unanimously.

Dave thanked Andy, Marion and Valerie for their vital work.

The meeting was asked to Appoint Kendall Wadley as our Independent Examiner once more - Carried unanimously.

Andy asked us to pray for our accountants Kendall Wadley that our work and mission will speak to them of God's love.

6. Receive the Trustee Annual Report for 2024 (on the website with the Annual Accounts)

Received as an accurate record.

Dave thanked Derek Barnes for all his hard work.

7. Receive the Chase Team Annual Review, which lays out the ministry and mission across the parish. (Parishioners were directed to the pdf version on the website in advance)

Received as an accurate record and Dave thanked Neil and all those who contributed for such an encouraging report.

Dave encouraged those present to use the Annual Review as a prayer prompt.

8. Safeguarding update Val Fane thanked everyone for their vigilance in keeping St Andrew's and All Saints a safe place for all especially our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

29 DBS checks done for St Andrew's and CAP
All training completed

Raising awareness of domestic abuse training – awaiting revised materials. Compulsory for all for anyone who works with children and vulnerable adults and advisable for all PCC members (renewed every three years.)

20+ people have already completed and found very valuable.

All safeguarding reports have been dealt with thoroughly.

We must all continue to be vigilant. Feel free to raise any concerns with Val no matter how minor.

Dave thanked Val for a 'huge job' and asked everyone to ensure that all training is completed expeditiously without Val needing to chase.

9. Elections and appointments:

a. Deanery Synod Reps

Dave thanked Jane Mortimore and asked members to consider standing for one of the two vacant places

b. PCC Members

Three existing members stood for re-election:

Andy Lymer (Proposed by Mike Dawson and Derek Barnes)

Derek Barnes (Proposed by Chris Murr and Marion Robbins)

Tristan Mitchell (Proposed by Mark Seyler and Christian Finn)

One member stood for election:

Graham Harvey (Proposed by Mike Dawson and Darryl Greig)

There were no objections so the four were duly elected. Dave asked all PCC members present to rise and thanked all who serve in this way.

10. Final reflections

Dave reflected on the successful year we have had across the team with gratitude to all involved.. Beneath the surface God is doing something significant. A deep work. In the words of Christina Cane: "God wants to do a deep work in us before he can do a great work through us."

Personnel wise we are blessed with such a great team. Both our (unpaid) leaders and our leaders of leaders (paid staff) – We have struck gold with Emily who has settled in so quickly and has blessed so many.

Finance wise expenditure is up understandably but this is a Kingdom investment. Consequently Dave is less stressed and we are flourishing in so many ways.

It's been a year of courageously sowing seeds:

- Walkies and Worship - bringing the de-churched back
- Monthly lunch at All Saints - bringing the bereaved in
- Gospel giveaway - lovely stories
- Alive Course - already two signed up

We have begun 2025 as we mean to continue with the parable of the Sower - Matthew 13 - Generously sowing seed. Seed was a precious commodity but Jesus wants us to sow generously.

We look forward to the harvest.

And 2025 will be a year of cooperation with the church across the town - June 14th celebration outreach at Priory Park.

11. The meeting closed in prayer.