



All Saints Parish Church Thornton Hough

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 11th May 2025 at 11:45am

1. Opening prayers

The Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett, opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Appointment of Clerk for the Meeting

Sue Stinson was appointed as clerk for the meeting.

3. Present and apologies for absence

Please see appendix 1.

4. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Proposal: To accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 12th May 2024 as a true record.

Proposed by Alan Splitt Seconded by Margaret Basnett Accepted by the meeting

5. Election of two churchwardens

Two nominations had been received.

Name: June Allcock

Name: Patricia Baker

Proposed by: Pam Machin

Proposed by: Richard Singleton

Seconded by: Tracey Heaps

Seconded by: Linda Arch

As there were only two candidates, they were both declared elected.

Vicky thanked June and Patsy for all their hard work as churchwardens over the last twelve months and gave them flowers to show her gratitude.

The churchwardens will officially start their term of office after attending a Visitation Service. (The service for Wirral South Deanery is on 9th June 2025 at St Berteline, Norton).

The Chairman closed the meeting.

S M Stinson
PCC Secretary

Approved as a correct record.

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1: Attendance Record

Attendees

V Barrett (Vicar)		G Charvill		B Morris
A T Allan-Price		M Gamble		L Morris
G Allan-Price		D Hughes		D Mosedale
J Allcock		B Hollingworth		M Rae
K Allen		C Hollingworth		G Seagrave
L Arch		C Lancelyn Green		J L Shepherd
P Arch		S Lancelyn Green		A Splitt
P Baker		R Longman		V Splitt
K Bartley		S M ^c Evoy		I Stinson
M Basnett		P Moate		S Stinson

Number of attendees: 30

Apologies for absence

P Machin	H Tankard
L Russell	H Timms
R Singleton	M Wignall

Number of absentees: 6



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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

11th May 2025

This meeting followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

The meeting was opened by the Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett.

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 12th May 2024

Proposal: To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 12th May 2024

Proposed by Di Hughes

Seconded by Do Mosedale

The minutes of the APCM in 2024 were accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

2. Reports from the PCC

The Annual Report for 2024 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The Vicar thanked everyone who had helped to produce the Annual Report and Sue Stinson for making it look attractive.

It has been another wonderful year. Vicky thanked:

Patsy Baker and June Allcock for their work as churchwardens,

Sue Stinson for her work as PCC Secretary

Iain Stinson for his work as PCC Treasurer

Margaret Gamble for all that she does.

Linda Arch was thanked for her work as Parish Safeguarding Officer, for keeping us safe and helping to embed a culture of care for one another.

The Fabric and Health and Safety Team (June Allcock, Gill Charvill, Richard Singleton and Graham Seagrave) were thanked. Graham Seagrave was stepping down as Health and Safety Officer.

Members of the PCC were thanked for all that they do and for their patience and forbearance with Vicky and each other.

The Welcomers and Tim Alan Price, the lesson readers, and the coffee (and tea) makers were all thanked for their part in making things run smoothly. The monthly coffee mornings continue to be popular. Vicky thanked everyone who contributed to making the church a place of welcome and safety.

We are an active community, looking outwards and welcoming members of the community in to our activities. We are a church family and our love and respect for each other shows. (Vicky apologised for where she had got things wrong!)

a. Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll had been prepared this year, with everyone required to re-apply if they wished to remain on it. Sue Stinson was thanked for preparing the new roll.

The previous roll had about 99 members, the new roll stood at 81 so far, with some people still needing to submit their application forms. The new roll originally stood at 82 but sadly Syd Deakin had died. (51 residents of the Parish, 47 non-residents of the Parish).

Anyone eligible wanting to be added to the roll now could fill in an application form and be added; the revision period was over, and the roll was open again. Anyone who had not already applied was encouraged to do so and we were asked to encourage others to apply.

Tom Mairs has volunteered to take on the role of Electoral Roll Officer.

b. Activities of the PCC and the Parish in 2024.

Vicky expressed her hope that people had read the Annual Report and looked at the pictures. Food appeared to be a recurring theme, both being eaten and taken to the Wirral Food Bank.

A lot of people had got involved in knitting the poppies which were displayed over the arch on Remembrance Day and on the brightly coloured altar cloth (which was currently in use to mark 80 years since VE Day).

Margaret Basnett was thanked for initiating the project. It drew in relatives and friends and got the wider community involved.

A new venture this year was the invitation to sing Christmas Carols at the Village Club. This had been well received, and we have been asked to go back again at the end of 2025. Again, it was good to build links with the local community.

We have become more aware of our responsibilities in caring for the environment. Linda Arch was thanked for her part in this and for the articles that she has written for The Magazine.

Brian Morris, Iain Stinson and the editorial team of The Magazine were thanked for their hard work in producing an attractive magazine which has a wide circulation within the parish and beyond.

The production of the All Saints' calendar continues to raise the profile of the church and to raise valuable funds. It is well received and sent all over the place. Brian Morris, Iain Stinson and Sue Stinson were thanked for their work in producing the calendar.

Many people make valuable contributions to the life of the church and these are much appreciated; Vicky apologised if she had left people out.

c. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Vicky said a huge 'thank you' to the members of the Fabric Team. They were described as 'orderly, systematic and focused'. They now have a rolling program of items that are checked, as well as managing specific projects with tight finances. It is not cheap having two Grade 2 listed buildings to maintain.

d. Deanery Synod.

Vicky was appointed as the new Rural Dean in April 2024. In October we welcomed other churches to All Saints to worship together and get to know each other better. Each parish was invited to choose a favourite hymn (or a prayer) to include in the service and outline what it meant to them. Iain Stinson was thanked for his help with this. As members of the Deanery Synod, we are travellers along the way together and going forward most meetings will be open meetings, with anyone free to attend.

e. Financial Statements for the year ending December 2024

Iain Stinson was thanked for his work as PCC Treasurer, for preparing the Financial Statement and explaining the figures.

Iain expressed his gratitude to Patsy Baker, Don Harrison and Pam Machin for counting the money and banking it. This means that the money handling can be independent of the Treasurer.

Iain also thanked Verity Smith for examining the accounts for 2024. This entailed taking all the paperwork and checking a sample of it. Verity has agreed to be our Independent Examiner again next year.

Iain invited questions on the accounts from the floor. Scirard Lancelyn Green said that the rate of return on the Trust held in CCLA investments was poor and queried whether we could switch it to another investment company. Iain explained that we are not the owners of that Trust - it is controlled by the Chester Diocese Board of Finance. It has been pointed out to them in the past that the return is not very good. We are currently having discussions with the Diocese about the Trusts.

Proposal: that the Financial Statement for 2024 is accepted by the meeting.

Proposed by Brian Morris Seconded by Chris Hollingworth Accepted by the meeting

3. Elections and Appointments

a. Election of Parochial Representatives of the Laity to the PCC

Proposal: to nominate Kate Allen as a Parochial Representative of the Laity to the PCC

Proposed by Sue Stinson Seconded by Patsy Baker

Proposal: nominate Richard Singleton as a Parochial Representative of the Laity to the PCC

Proposed by Patsy Baker Seconded by Di Hughes

There were more vacancies than nominations, so Kate and Richard were duly appointed.

There were still 6 vacancies for Parochial Representatives of the Laity. People were asked to consider whether this was a role that they could fill.

b. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Proposal: that Verity Smith is appointed as the Independent Examiner for 2025

Proposed by Alan Splitt Seconded by Val Splitt Agreed by the meeting

The next meeting of the PCC was on Tuesday 13th May.

4. Notification of the Archdeacon's Visitation Service

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service for Wirral South and Frodsham Deaneries is on Monday 9th June at St Bertoline, Norton. (Other dates are available in the Diocese, including 25th June at St Peter's Church, Rock Ferry). The Churchwardens officially start their term of office after attending a Visitation Service.

Any other parochial or church matters.

Sadly, Syd Deakin had passed away aged 99 years and 10 months. His funeral would be on Friday 30th May at 1pm.

June Allcock said thank you to Vicky for all that she does and for being there for us. The meeting endorsed this with a round of applause.

On 16th May Vicky will have been our vicar for six years.

6. Closing Prayers

The meeting closed in prayer.

S M Stinson

PCC Secretary

Approved as a correct record

Chairman

Date