

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 6th July 2025 at 12.15pm in the Parish Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Members Present:

John Hannacher (Chair), Fr Roy, Sue Finch, Vivianne Gattoc, Peter Kirk, Deirdre Lay, Jim Jenkins, Deacon David Curtis, Eileen Williams, Suzette Harris

Apologies for absence: Vince Smith

Parishioners Present: In addition to the PPC there were 23 parishioners present.

1. Welcome

John Hannacher welcomed the parishioners to the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Fr. Roy opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the AGM held July 2024 were approved. These were proposed by Vivianne Gattoc and seconded by Sarah Gallagher.

4. Chairman's Report

John Hannacher read his chairman's report, which contained updates from all ministries and is available on the parish website.

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Memorial Garden

A notice board containing a listing all those whose ashes are buried in the Memorial Garden has been erected. Currently only the names are on the list but the date of death will be added as soon as possible. If anyone notices a name that is not listed please e-mail the parish with the information.

5. Financial Report

Sue Finch circulated copies of the Financial Statement, and read her financial report, both of which are available on the website.

Paul Williams asked why the Diocesan levy was the same this year as last. Sue Finch explained that the diocese had made the decision not to increase the levy this year and keep the amount the same as last year.

6. Pastoral Council Membership for the year 2018-19

Election of next year's elective members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Vivianne Gattoc was happy to stand as PPC member for another year and was elected unopposed. Vivianne's role on the council is to represent the interests of the parishioners.

Identification of next year's Ministry representatives to the Parish Pastoral Council

Sue Finch – Finance

Deirdre Lay – Social and Cultural

Vivianne Gattoc – Ecumenical

Jim Jenkins – Maintenance

Peter Kirk – Pastoral Area

Vince Smith - Liturgy

All co-ordinators were happy to remain as representatives, and this was unopposed.

Identification of Fr Roy's nominees to serve next year on the Parish Pastoral Council

Both John Hannacher and Vince Smith will remain as Fr Roy's nominees for the next year.

7. AOB

Car Park Tarmac

Fr. Roy mentioned that the tarmac on the entrance and on the road to the garage needs resurfacing. This was hoped to have been done in 2024 but it was agreed to defer until 2025. Three quotes are being sought to do this work which is now a priority.

Acoustics in the Church

Fr Roy is keen to have the acoustic issues in the church addressed and we will be seeking advice from acoustic experts and will feedback to parishioners later in the year. We will need to do fundraising for any work to be carried out and will be making appeals as appropriate.

Youth Worker

The diocese have approved the principle of employing a Youth Worker to be shared between St Aidan's, Our Lady's, IHM and St Columba's. The funding of this will be at local level. Deacon David explained that we will be starting a 100 Club for the parishes of St Aidan's and Our Lady's. This will be registered with the Chiltern District Council. Numbers will be sold. The cost of each number is £52 per year. Monthly prizes will be announced in October when the overall prize fund has been assessed. There will be a monthly draw on the first Sunday of the following month, i.e. October's draw will take place on the first Sunday of November. The draw will take place either in the Parish Hall of St Aidan's after the 11am Mass or in Our Lady's Parish Hall after the 9am Mass. More information is available in both parishes.

8. Thank you and closing prayer.

Fr Roy expressed his thanks and gratitude to the PPC, all volunteers and those parishioners attending.

Brian Gallagher proposed a vote of thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for all they do, this was unanimously agreed by all parishioners present.

Fr Roy closed the meeting with a prayer.

Please go to: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/parish-council/agm-2025/> to read the Chairman's Report, Financial Report and Statement.