

APCM Meeting 2025 - AGENDA

Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Prayer
2. Minutes of Meeting (*from Previous year*)
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Prayer for new Churchwardens

Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Meeting (*from Previous year*)
3. Matters Arising
4. Reports -
 - Electoral Roll
(*written by the electoral roll officer, with a copy available for inspection at the meeting*)
 - Churchwardens –
(*Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the parish in general*)
 - Fabric
(*on the good and ornaments of the Church written by the Church Wardens*)
 - Treasurer –
(*this must be independently audited and published for at least 7 days - including a Sunday service before the mtg*)
 - SGPN Report
 - Governor's report
 - Deanery Synod
(*Report on the proceedings of the Deanery synod written by the Deanery synod representative*)
 - Safeguarding Report
 - Vicars Report
5. Elections:
 - Deanery Synod Rep –
(*elected for a 3yr term, 1 if electoral roll is less than 50 2 if up to 100*)
 - Election of PCC Members –
(*upto 6 if electoral roll is less than 50, 9 if 50-100, 12 if 100-200*)
 - Ex-officio (Chair), Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Rep, ALM's
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Safeguarding review of Policy
8. Parishioners' Questions
9. Date of next APCM

PCC mtg following the APCM:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of PCC officers
 1. Lay-Vice Chair
 2. Treasurer
 3. Secretary
 4. Electoral Roll Officer
 5. Safeguarding officer (local independent person)
3. Signing of "Fit and Proper" declaration by all PCC members (including CW's, Deanery synod reps etc)
4. Dates of PCC mtgs for the coming year (please bring diaries)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALLINGTON
2024 APCM MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD JOINTLY WITH SEDGEBROOK AT ST
LAWRENCE CHURCH, SEDGEBROOK ON SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024

Present: Chris Dicken Bob McKinlay Mary McKinlay Marian Hubbard Chris Baron
Stella Langdon Davies (ex-officio)

Apologies: Jil Storer Jackie Fisher

Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Prayer
2. Minutes of the meeting from 2023 had been circulated and were agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Chris Baron and seconded by Chris Dicken.
3. Election of Churchwardens - Chris Dicken was the only nomination and it was agreed unanimously for him to continue as Church Warden. Proposed by Marian Hubbard and seconded by Bob McKinlay.
4. Prayer for new Churchwardens
We all hold Chris in our prayers

[Annual General Meeting – all reports referred to in these minutes have been previously circulated to all members in the APCM packs. A copy of this pack is filed with these minutes.](#)

- 1 Apologies: Jackie Fisher Jil Storer
- 2 MINUTES of the meeting from 2023 had been circulated and were agreed to be a true record. Proposed by Chris Dicken and seconded by Chris Baron.
- 3 MATTERS ARISING - Bob updated everyone on the progress of our Project, Phase Two. A meeting has been arranged with the Architect shortly. The intention is give the go ahead for Phase Two if all the conditions are acceptable.
4. REPORTS had been previously distributed
Electoral Roll – Current total 23
Churchwarden's Report– received unanimously
Treasurer's Report – received unanimously.
Governor's Report – received unanimously.
Deanery Synod report – received unanimously.
Safeguarding Report – received unanimously.
Minister's report – received unanimously. Stella thanked all present for their hard work and dedication.
5. ELECTIONS
Election of PCC members – ex-officio members – Rev Stella Langdon Davies, Chris Dicken non voting member John Manterfield
PCC members elected: Mary McKinlay Bob McKinlay Jil Storer Marian Hubbard Chris Baron and Jackie Fisher. All as the previous year. Proposed by Marian Hubbard and seconded by Chris Dicken.
Vice-Chair PCC – Chris Dicken. Proposed by Mary McKinlay and seconded by Bob McKinlay.
Marin Hubbard re-elected to continue as Deanery Synod rep. Proposed by Mary McKinlay and seconded by Chris Dicken.

6. Appointment of Auditor –Ann Fleming is happy to continue in the roll.
7. Safeguarding – Review of Policy – The policy was reviewed and agreed unanimously.
8. Parishioners Questions – There were no Parishioners Questions.
9. Date of next APCM – To be decided.

PCC meeting following the APCM.

This meeting is arranged for Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm at Mary and Bob's house. The Agenda is as following

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Election of PCC Officers
 - Lay Vice- Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Electoral Roll Officer
 - Safeguarding Officer
 3. Signing of "Fit and Proper" declaration by all PCC members
 4. Dates of PCC meetings for the coming year will be agreed as necessary.
 5. AOB
- The meeting will then continue along the usual lines.

The next PCC meeting will be on Monday 13th May at 7.00 pm at Mary and Bob's House

Allington REPORTS 2025

Electoral Roll

No Report available as Allington does not currently have an Electoral Roll Officer

Church Wardens/Fabric Report

The last year has seen the Church being closed at various times when a new path was laid replacing the grass. Due to 3 baptisms and a wedding (which had been booked) and 2 funerals a start was eventually made installing a servery, improving disabled access with handrails and toilet facilities in the Church - this was completed at the end of February 2025 and will be an asset to the church/village.

During the period of closure we held a Christmas Carol Service, which was very well attended, in the Village Hall, and it also enabled our new Vicar Rev. Jon Speirs-Davies to make himself known to the congregation. We have been supported by St. Lawrence's Sedgebrook with regard to services for which we are extremely grateful.

The Coffee and Cake mornings which are currently being held in the Village Hall continue to be well supported by the whole village, we hope to make use of our new servery facilities in the future.

We are now looking forward to the year ahead with increased optimism and being back in Church for our Easter Services.

Chris Dicken

Treasurers Report

Holy Trinity Church Allington				
Community Account (Current Account)				
Summary of Income and Expenditure known by:			31/12/2024	
		Income	Expenditure	
		£	£	
From Previous Year				
Current Account		£5,011.91		

This Year				
Collections		£2,321.98		
Monthly S/O Giving		£5,728.00		
National Churches Trust		£0.00		
Diocesan fees		£1,953.80	£0.00	
E-ON		£0.00	£763.00	
ECCLI			£200.00	
LINDUM FIRE EX			£42.00	
ANGLIAN WATER			£70.19	
LINCS OLD CHURCHES TRUST			£10.00	
STAMPS			£0.00	
Donations			£0.00	
VICAR EXPENSES			£0.00	
Printing			£129.80	
DONATIONS		£152.09		
TRANSFERS TO FABRIC FUND			£0.00	
PARISH SHARE			£7,500.00	
SKDC			£51.00	
VAT Refund Dcms scheme		£0.00		
Other			£441.00	
Ecclesiastical Insurance			£2,192.21	
Davina's Expenses			£940.80	
Portable Appliance Testing			£0.00	
Ride & Stride		£0.00		
Foston Share of CCLI		£0.00		
Energy Grant from Diocese		£0.00		
Village Hall Rental for Tea & Chat			£286.00	
Repair to Sound System			£273.60	
Deposits		£0.00		
		£10,155.87	£12,899.60	
Current Totals				
Current Account			£2,268.18	
Business Premium Account			£43,944.89	
Totals			£46,213.07	
Bob McKinlay	31/12/2024			

Holy Trinity Church Allington - Fabric Fund Summary				
Summary of Income and Expenditure at:			31/12/2024	
Funds are in Melton Mowbray Building Society			FABRIC FUND	
			Income	Expenditure
			£	£
From Previous Year			£79,895.48	
This year				
Transfer from Current Account			£0.00	
Interest			£549.60	
Donations (General)			£4,642.20	
Fundraising	Open Gardens Event	£916.00		
Fundraising	Jubilee Weekend	£0.00		
Fundraising	Tea & Chat	£2,577.00		
Fundraising	Winter Singers Concert	£145.00		
Fundraising	Harrowby Singers Concert	£0.00		
Fundraising	Markets at Village Hall	£170.00		
Fundraising	Allington History Books	£0.00		
Cash Float		£36.32		
Fundraising Total this year			£3,808.00	
Lighting upgrade				£3,897.60
Transfer to Business Premium Account				£80,000.00
			£8,999.80	£83,897.60
<u>Current Totals</u>				
Fabric Fund	Money in MMBS		£5,007.58	
		Total	£5,007.58	

Bob McKinlay	Tea & Chat total so far		£6,938.68	
31/12.24	Fundraising total so far		£19,778.53	

Holy Trinity Church Allington - Business Premium Account			
Summary of Income and Expenditure at:	15/04/2025		
	Business Premium		
	Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	
From Previous Year	£154.29		
This year			
Interest	£22.91		
Transfer from Fabric fund via Current Account	£100,000.00		
Soul Architects		£3,090.00	
G Beal Contractors		£53,142.31	
	£100,022.91	£56,232.31	
Current Totals		£43,944.89	
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Bob McKinlay			
31/12.24			

SGPN Report & Accounts

Please refer to the 2024 annual accounts attached, which have been independently verified by Stephen Peck. As you will see, we had a deficit of £633.50 for the year. We were able to cover our costs as we have a dwindling 'buffer' amount in the account. However, if we continue to increase our deficit each year (last year it was £400.50) we will not be able to continue to produce the magazine for very much longer.

Donations continue to dwindle, however, thank you to the people who made a donation and a special thank you to LB parish council for their annual £500 and to Foston for a £100 donation. Please encourage and remind people to donate wherever possible.

Thanks to all the people who send in articles and other contributions on time each month and to Tony Tucker for his continued involvement with the printers. Thanks to Joy Jordan for dealing with new advertising throughout the year and for offering her house as the main distribution point and counting and collating the 'bundles' for the many distributors across the four villages.

Thanks also to the distributors, who volunteer to take the magazines out 10 times a year.

Jill Froggatt - SGPN Treasurer

SGPN BALANCE SHEET					
2024 (2023 SHOWN)	2024	2024		2023	2023
	£	£		£	£
ASSETS					
Bank balance per statement	5,244.70 *			6,758.20	
		5,244.70			6,758.20
LIABILITIES					
Design*					
Editor				(180.00)	
Printing				(700.00)	
		5,244.70			5,878.20
RESERVES					
Balance brought forward		5,878.20			6,278.70
Less: Deficit in the year		(633.50)			(400.50)

At 31 December 2024**		5,244.70			5,878.20

*£100 owing to Emily for August issue to be paid in 2025

** Actual balance date is 3rd December, as balance at 31st December includes 2025 payments

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024		
	£	£
INCOME		
Magazine Advertisements	6,810.50	
Donations Online	650.00	
Donations Cash & Cheque	359.00	
		7,819.50
EXPENDITURE		
Printing	6,953.00	
Design (Emily)	900.00	
Editor (Jill)	600.00	
		8,453.00
Deficit for the year		633.50

Governor's Report

No Report this year

Deanery Synod

A meeting was held on 12th June 24 at St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe.

Revd Sam Parsons spoke on the subject of Mission & Evangelism with regard to involving children and young people in the church. There is a Children & Youth workers group in Grantham Deanery which includes special family services and holiday clubs. Meetings three times a year for planning & decision making. If interested contact Rev Parsons.

Two ALMs spoke about their work which included pastoral work as well as taking services. Their efforts are much appreciated and have been very valuable. A new course starting this year consisting of four modules Public work, Pastoral care, Mission & Evangelism and Children & Young People. Courses also include one on Leading Public Worship.

Diocesan Synod of concern to Bishop Stephen. He would like the Deaneries to merge into a larger Deanery, including Loveden, Grantham, Beltisloe & Stamford. Discussion took place as to whether merger of four Deaneries would work, considering number of people & churches involved. Would make a Deanery of 118 churches with a large population & geographical area.

A Synod meeting was held at St Vincent's church on 24th September. Ms Reeve introduced the Revd Canon Geraldine Pond as our new Rural Dean.

Proposals were again discussed concerning merging the Deaneries into a larger Deanery. A letter had been sent to Bishop Stephen proposing that Grantham join with Loveden as one Deanery and Beltisloe & Stamford join together.

Concerns were raised as to how funding would be allocated for a new system to work efficiently. Also travel to meetings to one large Deanery in Grantham would probably be too far for some people to travel. People on the fringes in more rural locations may feel alienated. It was suggested that meetings could take place on Zoom. However, overall feeling was that having a large Deanery in urban areas could mean our rural churches may lose their recognition.

It was decided that Rev Pond would compose a letter to Bishop Stephen expressing our concerns and again proposing that Loveden joins with Grantham as one Deanery,

A query was expressed concerning Living in Love & Faith. Was it priests decision or that of PCC regarding same sex services? Ms Reeves to check.

- Training for Ministry & Safeguarding
- DBS checks should be kept up to date.
- Sometimes difficult to get the necessary training done.
- Question of whether people not DBS checked or Safeguarding checked can come to PCC meetings.
- Church wardens not already authorised have to be for insurance purposes.

Raising the Spiritual Temperature - a discipleship programme, more details to follow.

AOB

Eco-church - forms to sign up for this on Diocesan website.

I- know Church Training Day - showing how to keep church information together in one place with a computer package tailored to church needs.

Rev Pond recognises and thanked people for all they do for their churches and to let her know of any problems.

Marian Hubbard

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding continues to be an item on every PCC agenda throughout the year.

The name and contact details of the Safeguarding Officer are displayed on the church door, outside the church gate and also listed in the Saxonwell News. The poster also displays details of the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

We have had no reported Safeguarding issues over the last year.

Most members of the PCC have completed the Basic and Foundation training and hope to refresh these later this year, hopefully on a face to face course.

I have recently refreshed the Basic and Leadership course and our ALM has also completed the Leadership course.

The majority of PCC members have valid DBS certificates which will need renewing in July of this year. The remaining member of the PCC without a DBS is currently being processed. Our ALM has also had the necessary enhanced checks.

I will distribute the document 'Promoting a Safer Church' for the PCCs approval at our next meeting and signed at the APCM in April. This will then be displayed alongside the purple poster in church.

Marian Hubbard - Safeguarding Officer

Vicars Report

It's a joy to write this first report for West Loveden Church, having arrived in the parish in August and been formally licensed in September. Since then, it has been a season of settling in, building relationships, and beginning to discern what God is already doing among us—and how we might join in.

A Season of Beginning and Welcome

My first few weeks were full of welcomes. I'm so grateful for the kindness, patience, and hospitality extended by so many across our villages. The early part of my time here was marked by our Harvest celebrations. In many ways, a perfect opportunity to meet lots of people around our parishes, not just at the core of our worshipping community but also those who support and cheer on our endeavours in a broader sense. From school services to traditional harvest suppers, I was struck by how much goodwill and care flows through these villages. I particularly enjoyed how relaxed and joyful each celebration was—and my youngest clearly agreed, dragging me to the front for a boogie.

Next was the season of remembrance and, again, this occasion was marked with evident care and attention. Of the many examples of this, the way the various scouting and guiding groups were enabled to participate at the service in Foston beautifully captured the sense of togetherness that was clear across all the West Loveden services. It was a wonderful picture of the community coming together and filling the church to honour those who took seriously the call of Christ that there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13).

As we moved into Advent and Christmas, I was again encouraged to see so many come and participate in the carols and celebrations marking the birth of Christ—some perhaps for the first time in a while, some regularly, and others for the first time ever. I have to congratulate all those who planned and presented such unique and special carol and Christingle services. It felt like such an encouraging picture of our path forward with everyone enabled, encouraged and emboldened to get stuck in and share together. Instead of nine identical carol services (which is likely what I would have been able to manage on my own), each service, whether quiet and reflective or joyful and bustling, helped tell the story of Christ's coming, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in making that season beautiful and meaningful.

Other particular highlights were some of the very popular events that saw our buildings packed. The Cranwell Military Wives Choir concert at St Swithun's Long Bennington was packed with people enjoying the choir's wonderful talent. Also, the gospel music concert at St Peter's Claypole so joyfully led by the Sing It Bold Community Gospel Choir was a massive success. Thank you to all who put in the time and effort to plan and organise those and other events throughout the year.

Looking Ahead Together

A key theme emerging in our conversations and shared work has been that of *becoming more God's church across West Loveden* as the legacy groups of Saxonwell and Claypole continue to grow closer together in mutual support and communion. Each parish community brings something different to the table—different traditions, gifts, and styles of worship—and part of our calling now is to explore how we can cherish that diversity while growing together into something more united. Not “one-size-fits-all,” but one family of faith made up of many parts. As is repeatedly stated in the scriptures, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12.5). To be the Church, the Body of Christ, is to confidently assert that we are each valued and important while also humbly elevating others and encouraging them that they are just as important and valued.

This isn't about efficiency for its own sake or streamlining for administrative tidiness - it's about deepening our shared identity as the Church in this place and becoming more able to support one another in worship, mission, and care. I've already seen signs of this taking root, and I'm hopeful about where God is leading us next. As the Apostle Paul wrote in his disarming digression instructing the early church, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don't need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don't need you!’” (1 Corinthians 12:21). If I may add, the wonderful thing about being human - rather than just a body part - is that we can be and do many different things. As we stand shoulder-to-shoulder at the foot of the cross, nothing is beneath or above anyone and everything is an opportunity and a blessing.

Gratitude

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the bellringers, churchwardens, cleaning crews, flower arrangers, ministry leaders, musicians, pastoral visitors, PCC members, priests, readers, refreshment servers, school contacts, and so many others who faithfully serve—often behind the scenes. Your work is deeply appreciated. Thank you also to those who have simply taken the time to talk, to pray, or to offer advice and context—it's made a huge difference.

A special thanks to all who give, tithe, and financially invest in the life of our worshipping community.

As well as being generous with time and skill, it's a joy to witness such a widespread response to God's invitation to worship in generosity. It's so clear how, by pooling our carefully stewarded resources, we are enabled to reach out with the gospel together better than any of us could on our own.

I want to particularly acknowledge the sizeable and generous legacy left in a parishioner's will for the church in Allington. This money has been prayerfully invested in accessibility for the building with a ramp, kitchen and toilet facilities as well as more space for gathering and fellowship. A final special thanks to those who source and secure grant funding that is so vital in helping to maintain the building heritage that we steward. It's such a blessing to be part of such a generous community. Thank you.

2025 and Beyond

As we step into 2025, I'm looking forward to deepening relationships across the parishes and continuing to explore what it means to be one Church in many places. I hope we can build rhythms of worship and life that sustain our congregation and help us engage meaningfully with those beyond our church walls.

God is already at work in our villages. Our task is not to invent something new but to pay attention to the Holy Spirit and unleash the creativity God has placed within each of us. As we grow in confidence and faith, let's keep inviting others into the life of Christ. Please keep praying—for our church, for our villages and for one another.

Rev'd Jon Speirs-Davies