



**Agenda for Easter Vestry Meeting
and
Annual General Meeting
2026**

and

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
ending 31st December 2025**

Charity No. 1132003

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHWELL
EASTER VESTRY MEETING
Wednesday, 29th April 2026 at 7.30 pm in Church

AGENDA

1. Prayer and Bible Reading
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2025 Easter Vestry Meeting
4. Matters Arising (Parishioners are asked to send to the Church Administrator prior to the meeting any matter they wish to raise)
5. Appointment of Tellers (for this meeting and the PAGM if required)
6. Election of Churchwardens (2)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWELL

Minutes of the EASTER VESTRY MEETING Wednesday, 14th May 2025 at 7.30 pm in church

1. Prayer and Bible Reading – led by Revd. Jonathan Morley.
Jon welcomed everyone to the meeting. He read from Ephesians 1:17 and opened in prayer.
2. Apologies for absence – there were 10 apologies received.
3. The Minutes of the 2024 Easter Vestry Meeting were received and agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Helen Geeson, seconded by Julie Barker and carried unanimously.
4. Matters arising. There were no matters arising.
5. Tellers. No Tellers were required.
6. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations, Chris Stead and Ian Baird-Smith. As there were no other nominations Chris and Ian Baird-Smith were duly elected as churchwardens for 2025/2026. All in favour. Jon thanked both of them for their service as churchwardens over the last year.
7. Parish Charities – The Vicar continues to be a Trustee for the Southwell Poor and Sick Poor.

This concluded all the business for the Vestry Meeting.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHWELL
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Wednesday, 29th April 2026 at 7.30 pm in Church

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 3. Matters arising (Parishioners are asked to send to the Church Administrator prior to the meeting any matter they wish to raise).
 4. Apologies for absence:
 4. Reports: All printed in the PAGM Booklet
 - a) Churchwardens : Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
 - b) PCC Secretary : Receipt of PCC Minutes
 - d) Deanery Synod : Printed for convenience
 - e) Other Organisations : Printed for convenience
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5. Treasurer - Presentation of Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st December 2025
 6. Election of Independent Examiner
 7. To receive the new Electoral Roll and appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
 8. Correspondence
 9. Election to Parochial Church Council (12 Members)
 10. Preachers' Group Nomination to PCC
 11. Churchwardens' Update
 12. Vicar's Presentation
 13. Questions
 14. The Grace

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHWELL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday, 14th May 2025 at 7.30pm in Church

1. The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting were received.
2. Matters arising – there were no matters arising therefore Ian Baird-Smith proposed and Chris Stead seconded that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Carried unanimously.
3. Apologies for absence: 10
4. Reports
The Vicar thanked all who had written reports. They were accepted as an accurate description of our ministries.
5. PCC Treasurer's Report – see Annual Report
Richard Marjoribanks, Treasurer, thanked everyone for their generous giving over the last year and all those who helped with counting the collections on a Sunday morning, to Kate Perry who helped Richard with the banking and Denise Parkin as Assistant Treasurer. Jon thanked Richard for his excellent work as Treasurer over the past year. His contribution had been outstanding. Richard proposed, Phil Dent seconded, and all were in favour of the adoption of the accounts for the year ending December 2024.
6. Election of Independent Examiner. It was proposed by Richard Marjoribanks, seconded by Phil Dent and unanimously agreed that Carol Bolitho be re-appointed as Independent Examiner for 2025.
7. To receive the new Electoral Roll and appoint the Electoral Roll Officer
Margaret Newstead reported that to date the number on the Electoral Roll was 112 Margaret was re-appointed as Electoral Roll Officer for 2025/26.
8. Correspondence.
There was no correspondence.
9. Election to Parochial Church Council (12 members). Jon thanked those who had served on the PCC over the last year and were standing down. The following were duly elected for the coming year:

Shelagh Baird-Smith, Julie Barker, Ann Clark, Suzanne Dent, Sue Hurst, Anthony Hustwayte, Richard Marjoribanks, Denise Parkin, Julie Payne, Kelly Wall, Jacob Ward and Tammy Morton.

Ex Officio: Chris Stead & Ian Baird-Smith - Churchwardens

In attendance at meetings (not voting):

Margaret Newstead (Administrator/PCC Secretary)

Deanery Synod.

Fionna Ridgwell and Peter Harris (Deanery Synod Reps)
(Peter Harris is also the Diocesan Synod Representative)

10. Preachers' Group Nomination to PCC. No nomination was necessary as Preachers Group was already represented by Suzanne Dent.

11. Churchwardens Update. Please see the report in the PAGM booklet. In addition Ian said it was a delight that Jon was now leading the church and he was looking forward to working with him and seeing the church move forward. He encouraged everyone to support Jon in his ministry here.

12. Vicar's Presentation

Jon began by expressing gratitude publicly for the welcome that he, Ella, and recently Zachy, have received from Trinity. He expressed how settled and supported they felt and how grateful they were to be at Trinity.

Jon then spoke about lessons he is currently taking from the early chapters of Joshua, noting that after God commands Joshua to be strong and courageous ahead of the entrance into the promised land (1:9) Joshua's next move is to go around the camp and get provisions ready (1:11). Jon continued by sharing a similar theme in the battle at Jericho in Joshua 6 – where the people walk around the city for six days, in apparent 'inaction' before God moves.

Jon linked these stories to the place we find ourselves in as a church, on the edge of something new, but the encouragement was to 'get the provisions ready' before going forward.

Jon then outlined the processes he sees as part of 'getting the provisions ready' which were:

- 1) Vision: going through a process of establishing a collectively held vision that will direct where we are seeking to go, and who we are seeking to be as a church.
- 2) Review and growing Disciples Plan: Once the vision is established, take time to review our current activities to consider where we might need to adapt or continue, and what gaps we might have. From this comes the writing of a Growing Disciples Plan, which will form the basis of our plan for growth and possible funding from the diocese for future roles.
- 3) Programme Development & Recruitment: Jon expressed that the hope at the end of this process will be to recruit into the space of work with under 18s, but what this role(s) will look like will depend on the funds available and the needs discerned above.

Jon finished by reminding the church that prayer must be the foundation to everything we do, citing Psalm 127:1: 'Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain.'

13 Questions

One person requested an update on a recent report by the Church of England in relation to "Living in Love and Faith". Jon responded by outlining the process, and reassuring the congregation that we would be taking our lead from the Diocese. The Church of England had created a new website to provide resources for anyone wishing to learn more about how the Church of England would be addressing questions about how identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jon concluded with re-iterating the importance of pastoral care and sensitivity with this issue and a reminder that he is happy to talk to people with questions.

14. The meeting ended with prayer and the Grace at 8.25pm

Chairman

Date: