



HOLY TRINITY COVENTRY

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 17 May 2026**

**Agenda, Minutes  
and Candidate Profiles**

***Starting at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Church***

## **Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

Apologies

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Election of Churchwardens.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Apologies

Minutes of APCM held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Matters arising

Elections

1. Deanery Synod Representatives
2. PCC Representatives
3. Appointment of Readers to the PCC

Reports

*These have been available to view before the meetings.*

1. Electoral Roll
2. Urban Monastery
3. Finance Report  
*Appointment of independent examiner*
4. Buildings and Fabric Report
5. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reports
6. Other Reports

Safeguarding

Vicar's Report

Vote of Thanks

Any Other Business.

Closing Prayer

## **Parochial Church Council Meeting**

*(for PCC members only, held immediately after the APCM at the front of Church)*

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair.
2. Appointment of Honorary Treasurer.
3. Appointment of Secretary.
4. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.
5. Any other Business
  - Approval of Social Media Officer
  - Approval of HR Officer
  - Approval of Community of the Cross of Nails Representative

## **Holy Trinity Church - Minutes of the Annual Parishioners' Meeting Held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Apologies:** Paul Doggett, Jess Brake

*The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, Rev Canon Richard Hibbert*

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

These were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting.

### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners held on 6 May 2024**

These were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising from either meeting.

### **Election of Churchwardens**

The Vicar wanted to record his thanks to two former Wardens who have passed away in the last year.

- Alison Jackson, who had headed Finance, Pastoral, Welcome and Safeguarding during her time as a Warden.
- Sue Wilcox, who had also served as a Warden, been PCC Secretary and managed the church office and HR matters for many years.

Grateful thanks was given for their lives and service to the Holy Trinity and a minute's silence was held in memory of them.

Four nominations had been received for four vacancies. The Chair therefore declared Nehemiah Akinyele, Chris Howard, Andrew Selwyn and Jenny Williams as duly elected for a period of one year, unopposed.

The Vicar thanked them for their service over the past year and for their willingness to stand again.

The meeting was closed.

## **Holy Trinity Church - Minutes of the Extraordinary Annual Parishioners' Meeting**

**Held on Sunday, 15 February 2026**

*An extraordinary meeting of Annual Parishioners was called on 15 February 2026 in order to appoint a 4th Warden. The meeting was held at 11am between the two Sunday services and was chaired by Rev Canon Richard Hibbert.*

The meeting opened with thanks being given to Chris Howard who had stepped down from being Warden in August 2025 for health reasons.

Chris had first been elected a Warden in the Autumn of 2020, a difficult and strange time due to the COVID pandemic and he was on the interview panel which appointed Rev Canon Richard.

Rev Canon Richard has appreciated working with Chris and relied on his wisdom, pastoral sensitivity and desire to promote the gospel in the City. He wanted to thank Chris for his service and will continue to be blessed by his presence.

Chris will continue to lead the Organ fund and we are finally in the position to apply for a faculty for a pipe organ to be re-installed.

### **Election of Church Warden**

One nomination had been received for one casual vacancy and the Chair therefore declared Paul Doggett as duly elected until the next Annual Parishioners' Meeting.

He was thanked for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

The meeting was closed.

# Holy Trinity Church – Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Held in Holy Trinity on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, Rev Canon Richard Hibbert*

**Apologies:** Jess Brake, Paul Doggett

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising

### **PCC Elections**

#### **1. PCC Representatives**

Thanks were given to Julie Wilcockson, Martin Trewinnard and Laurence Wood whose terms were ending

Four nominations have been received for four 3-year vacancies. The Vicar therefore declared Peter Civzeliš, Pam Hopkins, Dani Joyce and John Roy as duly elected for a 3-year term.

There still remains a 1-year casual vacancy which the PCC will fill during the year.

#### **2. Readers**

Geoff Wilcox and Wilfrid Kendall were appointed as Holy Trinity's Readers and the Vicar proposed that Geoff Wilcox continue as a member of the PCC. This was unanimously approved by the meeting. Wilfrid Kendall is already a member of the PCC as a Deanery Synod Representative.

#### **3. Approval of serving 2 terms on PCC**

Currently PCC Representatives serve one term (3 years) and then take a one-year break. The PCC and SC would like to extend to two terms (6 years) to provide continuity and this is also bring consistency with the two terms which Deanery Synod Representatives and Wardens can serve before having to take a break.

Words of support for this proposal were offered and a question was asked to clarify that this change would apply to members elected from 2026.

**"It is proposed PCC members elected from 2026 may serve two consecutive terms on the PCC before taking a one year break".**

*Proposed: Rev Canon Richard Hibbert; Seconded: Tony Richards*

This was approved with 1 abstention.

## Reports

### **1. *Changes to the Electoral Roll since 2024:***

The Electoral Roll Officer, Julie Wilcockson, reported that there are now 198 people on the Electoral Roll, an increase from 188 from the previous year, and 55 new names had been added. Julie was thanked for her work in preparing the Roll for the meeting.

### **2. *Financial Report:***

Kathryn Hunter, Treasurer, presented a report to the meeting.

**2024:** The result for the year shows an operating loss (deficit) of £22,000. As Holy Trinity currently has 9 months of reserves this is still within the PCC reserve policy to hold at least 3-6 months of operating expenditure in unrestricted funds.

**2025:** The PCC has had to set a deficit budget for the coming year. A conservative approach to income has been taken and increased costs due to IT upgrades and an increase in the Parish Share towards the Associate Vicar post has been accounted for.

Members were encouraged to give through the Parish Giving Scheme to facilitate regular giving and recover gift aid.

Kathryn thanked those who had given over the past year. She also thanked those who serve in managing the finances, namely the Finance Committee, Standing Committee and the PCC.

Holy Trinity usually tries to give 10% of overall income towards charities proposed by the Missions and Donations Committee. However, this needs to be kept under review with setting a deficit budget.

Thanks was given to Kathryn for all her work as Treasurer and for her clear presentation of the Church finances.

*The appointment of the Independent Examiner*

**"It is proposed that Kojo Numar is appointed as the external examiner"**

*Proposed: Kathryn Hunter; Seconded: Simon Brake*

This was unanimously approved.

### **3. *Buildings and Fabrics Report:***

This was available to review before the meeting.

There were no questions arising

### **4. *Diocesan Deanery Synod Reports:***

These were available to review before the meeting.

There were no questions arising.

### **5. *Other reports:***

These were available to review before the meeting. There were no questions arising.

## **Safeguarding**

Vicki Johnson's, Parish Safeguarding Officer, report was received with thanks and had been available to review before the meeting.

Vicki wanted to pay tribute to Alison Jackson who had brought experience and an eye for detail to the role of Safeguarding Warden. She also gave thanks to Jenny Williams, current Safeguarding Warden, for all her work and support.

Thanks was offered to Vicki for so effectively managing safeguarding at Holy Trinity.

## **Vicar's Report**

Over 1000 years. It's hard to believe, but Christian worship has been offered on this hilltop in the heart of Coventry for over 1000 years. The oldest part of the building may be 1117, in the North Porch, and the earliest record dates to 1113, but Earl Leofric and Lady Godiva didn't build their priory in 1043 on this hilltop, and that must have been because there was something here already – a Christian church, a Saxon wooden building, later replaced by stone after the Normans invaded.

We worship and minister to this city in that extraordinary heritage. As much as our forebears desired, so we too desire to be a light for the Gospel and a place where people meet Jesus. This remains our vision and mission, worked out through our Values of Welcome, Warmth, Worship, Witness, Wealth and Walk.

The latter is a new addition. Walk holds together and undergirds the other 5 Values. In our Walk with Christ, we seek to be people of welcome, builders of communities of warmth, daily offering worship in thought, word and deed, and so enabling witness to the saving love and redeeming grace of God whilst bringing to bear our wealth, those resources God has given us and invites us to share in building his Kingdom, being lights in this dark world, and places and people through whom others meet Jesus.

Welcome, Warmth, Worship, Witness, Wealth and Walk – throughout 2024, these have inspired our acts of love and service. We have seen signs of God's Kingdom breaking through in many ways. Here are some:

- Increasing number of day visitors to this church, to pray, to visit, to worship.
- Growing numbers at our Sunday and midweek services.
- Increasing numbers attending our Festivals of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
- Growing in knowing one another not just as we worship together, but as we gather for events and activities: picnics, lunches, growth groups, Taskmaster and Creativitea, even the simplicity of refreshments after a service.
- The diversity of our congregation is a foretaste of heaven.
- The strength of choir, enriched by two choral scholars through to summer last year and one choral scholar this year.

- The Aural Histories project, a partnership with The Birmingham Conservatoire – discerning and mapping the sound of worship in this space through the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. They return this September for a grand concert and presentation on their work, where they will reveal our choir singing in the space of Tudor England, and your vicar preaching a 17th century sermon!
- We rejoice in the faith and discipleship of the students and young adults, who enrich our life and mission.
- The excitement around The Table, as students and young adults gather to eat and study scripture together, and the team that Carlyne has brought together under the grace of God.
- The baptisms and confirmations we have witnessed and celebrated.
- Strengthened links to the Lord Mayor and their officers and councillors, with a wonderful Service of Thanksgiving and other opportunities here and across our city.
- Strengthened links to the armed forces and veterans of Coventry, especially the commemoration of HMS Coventry, and Remembrance Day itself.
- The several ways that through tithing our PCC income we have increased our support to 12 charities, organisations or individuals, who bring the hope of Jesus globally and locally.
- The joy of my Confirmation and Installation as your Vicar, by Bishop Ruth, and the Licensing of Wilfrid as Reader and Lay Minister.

You will recall other events that I have failed to mention – I'm sorry not to recall everything.

I am aware too of changes that affected us. We said farewell to Jack and Megan, Caleb and Kima – we miss their ministry amongst us, their desire to bless the young people and children of this church and community, the enterprising way they sought to serve, and the joy of the Gospel that flowed through them to all they touched.

We are all indebted to our paid staff, for their dedication and service. We agreed with Colin our Verger to reduce his hours by one day and still rejoice in his work, and prayerfulness, among and for all of us. His knowledge of this place, its history and foibles, remains a deep well to draw upon. We welcomed Tayo as Parish Manager and Trinity House Coordinator – she has had an extraordinarily steep learning curve, managing the competing demands of – to quote a phrase – known unknowns, and unknown knowns, seemingly unflappable and ever prayerful. Vino continues to act as Assistant Verger and Parish Finance Assistant, without whose steady ministry opening and caring for this church physically and financially we would all be the poorer. Sophie works behind the scenes – you may not be aware of her social media missional presence, revealing the life and ministry of this church and its people through the online world. Alex is a gift to us, a gift of musicianship, of faith and faithfulness, whose leadership of all

our musical worship from contemporary to choral, blesses and enriches this hallowed space. These servants of yours are worthy of your love and support. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for all they bring and do.

I am also grateful to Carolyne, my clergy colleague, whose rich gifts of pastoral care and evangelism are seen in the strength of our student ministry and outreach. She is a deeply prayerful colleague, whose desire is to draw more and more of us into a life and rhythm of prayer, for ourselves, our church, our community and our city.

I also thank my wardens, Chris, Nehemiah and Andrew, and more recently Jenny, together with their families whose ever-giving support is acknowledged and appreciated. Thank you for your love for this place and its people, and your love and support for Sarah and I. You are a joy to partner with as we lead God's people here. As I remember these wonderful wardens, I want to record my deep gratitude to Alison, who stepped down from churchwarden a year ago. She brought so much to this church and lived for her Lord in so many ways. We all miss her, for her dedication to welcoming, being warm to newcomers, worshipping through the different services we have, eager to witness to the Good News of Jesus, and using her resources to further God's Kingdom – she lived her faith in her daily walk with Christ. We remember her today with affection and mourn her loss, comforted with the knowledge that she is raised to life in Christ with saints, angels and archangels.

I believe she would ask only this of us, that we continue to grow in faith, to study God's word, and to live out God's radical message of love, the life transforming power of the Gospel.

Holy Trinity, which is its worshipping people, we are called to continue to live out our 6 values: Welcome, Warmth, Worship, Witness, Wealth and Walk, that this church can, even for another 1000 years, be a light for the Gospel and a place where the people of Coventry meet Jesus.

### **A Prayer for us the people of Holy Trinity**

*God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our city and community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **Vote of Thanks**

Chris Howard, Warden, started his vote of thanks by asking who does the unseen tasks like arranging the flowers, washing the albs and linen, preparation for Baptisms, etc

He then went on to ask who manages all this – the Vicar. Thanks was given was for Rev Canon Richard's personable nature and for his encouragement and support of growth in the Church.

A round of applause was given.

*As there was no other business, the meeting was closed.*

# ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING

## CANDIDATES' PROFILES

### Churchwardens

#### ***Nehemiah Akinyele***

Glory be to God for His enabling grace which has assisted me to continually worship at Holy Trinity Church, Coventry since I joined in 2008 after I relocated to the United Kingdom. A regular attendee of 11:15 am Sunday service and I also attend the Evensong and Midweek service. I participate as a member of a growth group and Mens' Breakfast Fellowship.

My involvement at HTC includes the privilege of serving a Church Warden from 2022 to date and currently as Finance Warden. I also served as Treasurer of the PCC in 2023. Prior to moving to the UK, I had the privilege of serving as Treasurer of Yaba Archdeaconry Board and as People's Warden of All Saints' Anglican Church, Yaba. (Church of Nigeria).

***Proposed: Chris Aston; Seconded: Ann Russell***

#### ***Paul Doggett***

I am honoured to be standing as warden again, after doing a stint as warden between 2013 and 2020. I have been a regular at the 09.30 service for many years and also have served on PCC, including currently being a Diocesan and Deanery Synod representative. I also look after the sound system and occasionally fill in other roles such as Verger. I look forward to serving the church as warden for another year and, hopefully, also doing some more strategic planning alongside the rest of the Wardens and Clergy.

***Proposed: Nicholas Jackson ; Seconded: David Green***

#### ***Jenny Williams***

I have been worshipping at Holy Trinity since 2021 although I have been a Christian for over 50 years. I attend the 9.30 service, where I serve on the Welcome rota, am part of the Prayer Ministry Team, and sing in the Worship Band whenever other rotas allow! I am also part of the 9.30 service planning team.

I had the privilege of being elected a Warden in 2024 and serve in that capacity at the 11.15 and Evensong services. I am currently Safeguarding and Pastoral Warden and serve on the Church Pastoral Committee.

***Proposed: Vicki Johnson; Seconded: Pam Hopkins***

# ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING CANDIDATES' PROFILES

## Deanery Synod Representatives

### ***Febin Abraham Babu Desinghraj***

I completed by master's degree in computer and information technology in India and have over 15 years of experience in the cybersecurity field. Currently, I work at National Grid as a Lead Security Engineer.

For the past 7+ years I have been a member of Holy Trinity Church, regularly attending the 11:15am Sunday Service. Over the years, I have actively supported various church ministries and initiatives, including the media team, Deanery Synod responsibilities, the B&F team, serving as a governor for the Blue Coat School and providing support for the Tuesday cooking, etc.

I remain committed to serving and supporting our church community wherever needed.

***Proposed: Emmanuel Vasanthkumar; Seconded: Jennifer Williams***

### ***Churchill Gnanaraj***

I work in the field of cyber security in a reputed Financial Services firm in London.

I have served on PCC before and now feel called again to serve. I have heart for Holy Trinity and the desire to support its growth and to grow with it.

***Proposed: Chris Aston; Seconded: Sherry Varkunnel***

### ***Jane Hutton***

I am a member of the 9:30am congregation and core team of The Table. I am Gift Aid Secretary, occasional laptop operator and breakfast provider. I have planted up the Church yard, with the help of others. I have enjoyed a Growth Group for 26 years.

I work at the University of Warwick, and am a trustee of Friends International.

***Proposed: Nick Jackson; Seconded: Abraham Udeh***

### ***Nick Jackson***

I joined Holy Trinity in 2000, mainly worshipping at the 9.30 service, assisting at different times with children's work, overseeing and preaching. I am currently on PCC, and served previously in 2011-2014. I coordinate the church's midweek welcome ministry, assist with admin, and chair the Missions and Donations Committee. After serving in Asia (1991-1997, 2015-2019), I have a heart for the internationals who make up such an important part of our communities. I am familiar with the people of Coventry North, having worked for many years as a doctor at UHCW. I was married to

Alison (RIP, March 2025) and have three children and three grandchildren.

***Proposed: Vinodhini Jayakumar; Seconded: Ann Russell***

### ***John Roy***

I'm a life-long member of Holy Trinity: I've seen many changes! Sometimes, I was working away, but back during the holidays. Wherever I was, I joined a local church. Here, I've been a choir member; server; on PCC and Diocesan Synod; in the healing team and running the service; in various Bible-study groups, sometimes leading. Currently, I'm in the choir, in two Growth Groups, on PCC, helping to run the Wednesday Holy Communion, and occasionally lead services. I can offer wide experience in worship, teaching, governance and ecumenism, to contribute to the diversity of this church.

***Proposed: Kaye Withers ; Seconded: Jim Kendall***

## **Parochial Church Councillors**

### ***JoAnn Brake***

I have worked in Coventry and Warwickshire schools for 26 years and I am currently Head of Schools' Engagement at Coventry Cathedral. I attend the 9:30am service at Holy Trinity although sometimes the 11:15. I have had a number of roles at HTC since we started to attend in 2007 and currently, I help lead the children's groups. I am close to completing my Children and Families lay ministry pathway which I started last year.

***Proposed: Bill Johnson; Seconded: Nick Jackson***

### ***Rachel Jackson***

I have worshipped at Holy Trinity Church since 2002. I am currently a member of the 9.30 congregation and have also worshipped also at the 11.15 service over the years. I have four children, who have been part of life at Holy Trinity, including being members of the Choir. I've served in a number of ways over the years, including being a previous member of the PCC, supporting the Sunday morning Children's Groups and weekly Choir practices. I also served for a short period as a Warden and I've been a Welcomer since 2003.

Outside of Church, I currently work for a Local Authority, commissioning services for CAMHS, Autism support, Domestic Abuse and Drugs and Alcohol provision. It would be my absolute pleasure to serve you and our Church as a member of the PCC.

***Proposed: James Kendall; Seconded: Chris Aston***

### ***Siby Moleakunnel***

I was born and raised in a Christian home in Kerala, India. At a young age, I had a personal encounter with Jesus after watching the Jesus Film. That experience shaped

the direction and destiny of his life as a disciple of Jesus.

As a young adult, I left home to serve among unreached people groups in North India. Following my theological studies, I became involved in church planting ministries and later joined Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

I am married to Namkha Moleakunnel, and together we have been serving with YWAM in India and England. My desire is to glorify God by being a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples.

Since 2024, I have been worshipping at HTC and am part of the Table Leadership Team, seeking to see a disciple-making movement among students and young adults in Coventry and beyond.

***Proposed: Catherine Kendall; Seconded: Pam Hopkins***

### ***Brindly Sujith***

I completed my bachelor's degree in computer science engineering in India and have over 17 years of experience as a Software Engineer, including 10 years in the UK.

Currently, I work as a Lead Automation Engineer at Innovation Group in London.

For the last 2+ years, I have been a member of Holy Trinity Church, regularly attending the 11:15 Sunday service. My wife and I have been actively involved in providing food and kitchen support for the Tuesday evening Alpha and Discipleship courses.

I'm committed to continuing my service and support to the church community in any way I can.

***Proposed: Febin Abraham; Seconded: Emmanuel Vasanthkumar***