

St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster.
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES.
Sunday 11th May 2025. 12.45pm

Attendees were asked to sign their names legibly on the list when they left the church as a record of attendance. Last year's minutes and today's agenda were distributed.

1. Rev. Lisa Fairman-Brown opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Minutes of the last AGM.

The adoption of these were proposed by Richard Slaughter and seconded by David Farrer-Brown.

3. Elections of churchwarden(s)

Vivienne Prior was proposed by Jo Lark and seconded by Gill Quigley.

Jo and Viv were thanked for all their hard work over the last year.

The AGM closed at 12.49pm.



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1. Apologies for absence.

Gerry Massey and Carol Hatton.

2. Minutes of the last APCM.

The adoption of these were proposed by David Farrer-Brown and seconded by Mike Harris.

3. The Electoral Roll.

There were eighty-five on the newly done electoral roll. This is three up from last year. Ten had left but thirteen had joined.

Lisa had divided the number by five and put five members into seventeen separate groups. The lists had been put by the exit and people were encouraged to take a list and try to pray for their group members daily. It was emphasized that there was no need to contact them personally.

4. Election to the PCC

All members were happy to stand again. There was one vacancy. Ann Bush was proposed by Ann Nash and seconded by Diana Hepburn and she was duly elected.

5. 2024 Trustees' report.

Thanks to all those who help with the services and who generally help to keep the church looking spick and span – servers, welcomers, readers, leaders of intercessions, coffee makers and cleaners etc. Special thanks to Shirley Pope who had served as sacristan for 23 years. Gill Quigley has kindly agreed to take over.

Heartfelt thanks to Rev. Bill Meyer - "Big Bill" - who has taken the majority of our services. Also thanks to Michael Servant and Mike Harris for running the family service at 9.30am.

The choir and organist were thanked as well.

A PCC secretary was needed. Jo Lark has retired. Frances Farrer-Brown is the new Minutes Secretary but someone who will be the contact with the diocesan office is needed.

All relevant information can be found in the reports, which are attached.

Financial report.

See attached. John will answer any questions as they occur.

He was thanked for all his hard work over the last year.

The appointment of the independent examiner was proposed by John Raywood and seconded by Viv Prior.

6. Looking ahead.

a. There will be a Deanery Pilgrimage from Barnham to Chichester.

- b. The Alpha course away day had attracted 42 people from Lyminster and Wick.
- c. The prayer meetings at Gill Quigleys will continue. She was thanked for leading this and providing a venue.
- d. It must be our priority to get children and young people involved with the church if we are to survive.
- e. The post as House for Duty priest has been advertised.

7. Any other business.

- a. The general feeling of the meeting was that the new services had been imposed by Bishop Ruth with no consultation. An 11am service each week was wanted and it was felt that Lisa should take one of these each month and not just the 4pm service on the first Sunday.
- b. One parishioner felt that bishops were too many in number and overpaid. He thought that the church's income was not directed to where it was needed most. Young people see the financial and sexual problems. It should be emphasized that this was only the opinion of one person.
- c. The availability of the PCC minutes was raised. They will be available at the back of the church once they have been approved by the incumbent and PCC.
- d. David Farrer-Brown raised the possibility of showing films in church.. He asked that it should be thought about. Should they just be religious in content, what about copyright, numbers, how often? This would be considered by the PCC.

8. Closing prayer.

Lisa led the final prayer. The meeting closed at 1.35pm.

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