

Annual Parochial Church Council
Meeting of Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans
held on Sunday 18th May 2025

Present:

List of Attendees

Sarah Allen	Carol Fischer
Tom Allen	Jim Fischer
Anthony Bargioni	Janna Holder
Janice Barrett	Margaret Putt
Geoffrey Brand	Ethan Ramarajsingh
Pam Britton	David Rolfe
Jez Carr	Heather Rowe
Colin Cork	Philippa Vinall
Olwyn Davison-Oakley	Jackie Vroobel
Monica Duglinson	Linda West
Janine Dunnell	Roger West

Chairman: Revd Jez Carr
Minute taker: Janine Dunnell

1. Welcome

Revd Jez Carr opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to this year's meeting. He thanked everyone for staying after the 10 O'clock service and promised that the APCM would be an exciting meeting.

2. Prayer

The open meeting was started with a prayer.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard and Kathy Campbell, Jane Spoerry, Audrey Hardy, Anne Wall.

4. Election of Churchwardens

Janine Dunnell was proposed by Ali Cork and seconded by Sue Puttergill. All present were in agreement, and Janine was confirmed as church warden.

5. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Revd Jez Carr opened the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting had been presented. These were proposed as a true copy by Colin Cork, seconded by Anthony Bargioni and agreed by all.

7. Statutory Reports

The reports had previously been circulated on the website for all to see, as well as a paper version in the church building.

- a) Electoral Roll Report (Heather Rowe)
There are 68 members on the register, down from 100 the previous year. There was a complete re-enrolment of people in 2025.
- b) Annual report of the activities of the church

Church report (Revd Jez Carr)

Bishop Dave, Bishop of Buckingham, stated that all we do is about Jesus. This is what Jez longs for us.

Our programs and events, such as Easter and Christmas, are working well and we don't need to fundamentally change them.

The work with the children, the schools, the teens, and the youth (both the older and younger groups) are going well. As is the Whisky Wednesday group.

Jez recognised that many of the groups are focussed on men.

He also talked about a new 'service' starting in September that invited seekers and explorers to participate.

The first concert was a success, and we're hoping to run more.

The preaching has been more focused on specific books in the New Testament.

The space in the church has been reordered, with the removal of the pulpit, removal of some of the pews, and the angling of the pews.

The café will open on Saturday 25 May, to allow us to display Christ's hospitality, and to welcome all as Christ welcomes all. The church is experiencing a renewal nationally, and we should be ready for growth as well.

Jez asked us to ask ourselves "What is my role in what is going on?". Each of us has a place. "What part of the body of Christ is me?".

Children's and Families Ministry report (Janna Holder)

Janna is seeing growth in this ministry. The children at school are showing good Bible knowledge. The 10 to 13 year olds are coming to a Youth Group, but some have no knowledge of the Bible compared to those coming from the village school. They are forming a group, asking questions and building a place where they are free to ask questions. The work with the tinys is growing. Monkey Puzzle celebrated the Nativity and Easter. There are also activities with Little Ducklings and the pre-school. Fun & Faith is going well, but the Families @ 3:30 needs reviewing.

The Clare Foundation has provided funding for the café, and is in partnership with us. Janna has had chance encounters of meeting people who are keen to support the café.

Hilary Flannagan and Janna will be starting a lunchtime group for Mums and little ones to bring some faith into their lives.

Jez thanked Janna and says that the recognition of the activities of the church in the village are almost entirely due to Janna's work in the community.

- c) Charity Committee Report. (Jez Carr)
There were no questions.
- d) Financial Statement (Audrey Hardy, presented by Janine Dunnell)
Audrey had circulated her report. Janine presented the breakdown of the expenses in 2024, by Parish Share (£27,659), Salaries and Expenses (£11,514), Mission and Outreach (£5,652), Cost of Services (£6,986), and Church Running Expenses (£6,251). She also presented the budget for 2025, with Parish Share (£29,237), Services and Mission (£20,000), Salaries and Expenses (£11,800), and Admin And Facilities (£318,550). There were no questions.

Jez thanked Audrey Hardy and Janine Dunnell for their work.

- d) Church Fabric (Tom Allen)
There were no questions.
- e) Deanery Synod (Anthony Bargioni and Janine Dunnell)
There were no questions.
- f) Safeguarding Report (Anne Wall, presented by Jez Carr)
Jez emphasised that Safeguarding plays such an important part in the life of the church, showing God's concern for the vulnerable. It is not a box-ticking exercise, but we need to make it easy for people to come to us, if they have concerns and need help.

8) Non-Statutory Report

- a. ECO church report (Nora Bennett and Janine Dunnell)
There were no questions.

9) Elections

- a. Independent examiner – David Jordan has agreed to be the Independent Examiner for one more year. This was agreed by everyone.

- b. Re-election of PCC members:

Janice Barrett and Janna Holder were re-elected to PCC. These appointments were agreed by everyone.

Existing members are Jez Carr, Janine Dunnell, Audrey Hardy, Tom Allen, Sue Puttergill, Linda West, Anne Wall and Sam Barclay.

- c. Anthony Bargioni and Janine Dunnell continue as Deanery Synod representatives.

10) Thanks to those serving

Jez thanked all those who are serving the church, whether in the buildings, mission, finances or services. And invited all to volunteer where they felt they could help. And reminded us that we can serve by praying.

11) Giving

On average, each person gives £98 per month or £22 per week to support the church and its activities.

Jez reminded us of 'Grow, Serve, Give, Show'. How have I grown this year, through Sunday attendance, conversations, my own time? What have I given financially? And how have I shown the love of Christ? How am I serving the practical needs of our community and services?

- 12) Jez closed in prayer, and we all said the Grace together.