



Parish of St Barnabas, Swanmore

All are invited to the forthcoming Church Meetings
(see below)

A copy of the Annual Reports is also available to read via email on application to the PCC secretary pccsec@stbarnabas.org.uk or via the website.

Notice of Meeting of Parishioners

The meeting of Parishioners will be held in the Paterson Centre
on Wednesday 29th April 2026
at 7.30pm

For the election of Churchwardens
Open to all residents of the village

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Paterson
Centre

on Wednesday 29th April 2026
at 7.50pm

For the election of laity representatives to the Parochial Church Council and to consider the various reports and other matters as required under the Church Representation Rules. Only those on the Church Electoral Roll are allowed to vote and take part in discussion; others may observe.

The Parish Church of Swanmore, St Barnabas

Annual Meetings 29th April 2026

Agendas and Minutes of the Annual Meetings 2025

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (7.30pm)

Agenda

1. Opening prayer and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 23rd April 2025
4. Election of Churchwardens
5. Close of meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (7.50pm)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd April 2025
3. Report on the changes to the Electoral Roll
4. Election of Deanery Synod members (2)
5. Election of PCC members (4)
6. Presentation of the Annual PCC Report including activities of Parish and Safeguarding
7. Presentation of the Annual Accounts by Parish Treasurer and Appointment of certified financial examiner for calendar year 2026
8. Committees' and Group's Reports
9. Questions
10. Meeting will close with the Blessing

St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, Minutes of the Annual Meeting for Parishioners 23rd April 2025

The meeting started at 7.33pm in the Paterson Centre, Chaired by Dave Lee. The meeting opened with prayer led by Revd. Canon Nick Whitehead.

1. **Apologies** were received from Marian Reed, Martin Reed, Brian Pancott, Gail Norris, Ben Armstrong, Aely Emmet, Fiona Noble, Sam Lee, Julia Wright, Rachel Garey, Lucy Gawthorne, Emily Sandoval, Susie Fellows, Polly Wilkinson.

The attendees at the meeting were recorded on a separate sheet.

2. **Minutes of the meeting of Parishioners held on 23rd April 2024** were approved, proposed by Derrinda Laing and seconded by Tony King. All were in favour.
3. **Nominations for Churchwardens.** Dave Lee and Helen Dyer were nominated. The Chair proposed the nominations, and all were in favour. Thanks were given by all at the meeting.
4. The meeting closed at 7.38pm

Recorded by PCC Secretary Emma Sajo

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

1. Apologies.

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2. The Minutes of the APCM held on 23rd April 2024

The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Andrew Wilkinson and seconded by Richard Green-Wilkinson. All were in favour.

3. Reports.

A booklet of reports containing the PCC Annual Report, Finance Report for 2024, Ministry Team Report, Electoral Roll Report, Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report, Deanery Synod Report and reports of other church groups and committees which had been made available in advance of the meeting, via the Church website, PCC notice board and PCC secretary, was provided to everyone attending the meeting and time was given to read the booklet.

The Chair asked if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the reports.

The Treasurer provided a verbal update on the 2024 financial report. He reported 2024 had been a healthy year, with an overall surplus of approximately £14,000. Overall, income had risen by 13% and expenditure by only 2.5%. He reported that Barnby's and Paterson Centre had also had a good year. The Parish Giving scheme had continued to do well and he encouraged anyone not on the scheme to give it some consideration. £5,000 had been donated to the chosen missions and Barnaby's had donated £8,000 to local charities. He reminded everyone that the full accounts were available to view via the website and PCC notice board.

The Treasurer gave thanks to Derrinda Laing and Janet Chant for looking after the cash donations, for 10 years. He also thanked John Austen for his work on the Parish Magazine advertising. He gave thanks to Richard Green Wilkinson for acting as the Independent Examiner and to John Sharp for his excellent fund raising.

The financial statements were also displayed on screen for everyone to view.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions.

Nick Whitehead asked about the Church utilities. The Treasurer reported, due to a change of supplier, less had been spent on utilities in 2024 compared to 2023. He also reported that the current utility contracts were short term to allow more flexibility. In addition, he explained

how practical work such as changing to more efficient light bulbs had made a positive difference.

Shuna Rose asked for more information on what happens to Barnaby's income. The Treasurer explained some of the income goes to the church general fund to cover expenses, some is used to buy supplies and equipment, and some of the profit is given to charities. The Treasurer highlighted the good working relationship between Barnaby's and the PCC.

Cathy Bakewell asked about Parish Share contributions. The Treasurer briefly explained how Parish Share worked and highlighted that not all parishes pay the same rate. He agreed it is a complicated process and there is still some debate and sensitivity around how it works. Amanda Wollam who had sat on the Deanery Parish Share working group also contributed to the discussion.

The Chair gave thanks to the Treasurer for all his work on the accounts and asked if anyone had any further questions regarding any of the other reports.

The Electoral Roll Officer made a correction to the Electoral Roll Report, confirming that the numbers registered on 8th April 2025 were 118 and of these, 114 were on the previous register.

Brian Pancott had sent in a question via email. He expressed that he was disappointed that the sound team were not mentioned in the Annual Reports as they also provide a community service. He explained the team

provides support for weddings, funerals, baptisms, fundraising events, concerts, special events, the school, as well as for the normal regular worship events and that it can be a demanding and stressful role and much preparation is needed. The Chair acknowledged the importance of the sound team and highlighted that more people were needed for the team.

There were no further questions, and the Chair thanked everyone who had contributed to the reports.

4. Election of Members to the PCC.

At the time of the APCM there were three vacancies on PCC due to the end of the term of office for Derrinda Laing, Jenny Sharpe, and Emma Sajo. A further one-year casual vacancy had also been created due to Helen Dyer's appointment as Churchwarden. Nomination forms were received for Jenny Sharpe and Wendy Horn. The Chair explained that under Church Representation Rules, in the case where the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled, any person at the meeting may move that a vote be held on each candidate. No one at the meeting requested this, and the nomination of the two candidates was approved by a unanimous motion.

5. Appointment of External Examiner

Richard Green-Wilkinson confirmed he was happy to act for a further year. This was proposed by Andrew

Wilkinson and seconded by Jen Frampton. All were in favour.

6. Any comments or questions for new PCC.

Allison Gurry asked if there had been any update on Revd Andy returning. The Chair explained the severity of Revd Andy's accident, requiring a long healing time. The Chair explained that Revd Andy would continue to keep the community updated via his weekly mailing. His next assessment would be 1st May 2025 and more would be known after then. The Chair encouraged prayers for Revd Andy's healing.

Anne Pearson gave thanks to Nick and Hazel Whitehead for their wonderful contribution and all they have done whilst Andy has been unwell. A round of applause was given.

Shuna Rose asked for more information on the new appointments in the Meon Valley Parishes. The Chair explained that Revd Liz Quinn had been appointed, with specific focus in Hambledon and Revd Jill Kingston had been appointed with specific focus in the Meon Bridge Benefice. In addition, he explained that Emma Andersen had been appointed to lead Barn Church. He explained Barn Church is a new expression of worship running alongside the Meon Valley Parish churches, aimed at those choosing to worship at city churches outside the

area, or not currently attending church at all. He reported that Emma would be running an Alpha course for the Meon Valley Parishes and the three new appointees would be licensed at St Barnabas on Monday 16th June 2025.

Jen Frampton asked if Emma Andersen's appointment would be counted as the third House for Duty role originally planned for the Meon Valley Parishes. The Chair understood Emma's role as an additional role, and that one more House for Duty post would be appointed in due course.

Brian Pancott had sent a further question by email, requesting details of a copyright issue. The Chair explained that a copyrighted image had inadvertently been used on one of the church websites: when this was brought to our attention the image was removed and an appropriate usage fee paid. It has been reinforced to all responsible for our online content that only material of known ownership should be used.

Vicky Cronin reported that a few pieces of the church linen had gone missing and asked if anyone knew anything further on this. No one was able to provide any information, and the Chair suggested adding a notice to the pew sheet.

7. Chairman's closing remarks

The Chair thanked Janet Chant and Caroline Vost for all their work on Time and Talents initiative and thanked all those who had stepped forward.

The Chair gave thanks to the PCC Secretary for preparing the booklets and thanks to Gail Norris for printing the booklets.

The Chair gave thanks to Andrew Wilkinson, who was stepping down, for his contribution as Treasurer over the last 9 years. Richard Green Wilkinson also commented on Andrew's work, keeping the accounts in such good order.

The Chair gave thanks to Nick and Hazel Whitehead for their fantastic, continued support.

The Chair gave thanks to Janet Chant who was also stepping down, having been Churchwarden for many years. Thanks were given for all she had done and her fantastic contribution.

Nick Whitehead proposed thanks to the Dave Lee for Chairing the meeting and thanks were given.

The meeting ended at 8.48pm

Notes taken by PCC Secretary, Emma Sajo.