

ST PROBUS AND ST GRACE

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

19th April 2026 4.00pm

1. MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS

There were 25 members of the congregation in attendance.

Opening prayers

1. Apologies for absence
 - No formal apologies have been received
2. Election of Church wardens
 - Matthew Hodge and Andy McCartney agreed to stand as churchwardens for an additional year.

2. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- Minutes of the previous annual parochial church meeting
 - The minutes from last year's meeting were agreed
- Matters Arising

3. THE REPORTS

1. Any queries/concerns from the issued reports.

Sarah H asked whether it was now a good time for the church to come together to discuss and agree on what the church's mission is going forward should be, given that Rev Caroline has been with us for over a year now.

Nigel M suggested it would be important that such mission discussions include consideration of the wider church mission and outreach within the local community.

It was noted that there wasn't a report about the Burundi project. However, a report wasn't recorded. Sara E asked the congregation about what was the best way of sharing the news about the project. It was suggested that options for sharing could include:

- Notice board
- Website including weblinks
- Bulletin

- Social Media/WhatsApp

Rev Caroline spoke about the Admin Role mentioned in her bulletin. She explained how she needs admin support to help her with her role. This will be something like 4-5 hours per week at the moment. She explained that during her interview, it was agreed that an administrator would be provided. This hasn't happened yet. There is resistance from other parts of the Benefice to implementing this.

Scott H asked how we, as a church, could progress this. Andy M pointed out that £1500 has been set aside for this role from Probus. Matt H explained that there would be a huddle meeting of the church wardens in the next couple of weeks, where this would be raised.

Rev Caroline spoke about the differing roles within the church, many of which are not seen, but all of which help make the church a real community. She gave thanks to all those who volunteer in so many different ways.

4. THE ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod
 - Sarah Hodge and Anthony White agreed to stand for three years. Matt Hodge proposed and Scott Hall seconded this.
- Election of PCC members
 - Rev Caroline suggested that new PCC members are elected for a three-year period. This was agreed by those present.
 - It is assumed that all current PCC members want to remain on the PCC. Gary Kenyon wants to join the PCC and has been proposed by Nigel Morris and seconded by Paul Edwardes. Gary was duly elected
- Appoint Sides Persons
 - This will be taken to the next PCC meeting for a decision to approve
- Appoint an Independent Examiner
 - Cliff Husband explained that accounts haven't yet been signed off, but there aren't any outstanding issues. They will be signed off in due course. PCC has signed off on these accounts.
 - It was unanimously agreed that we continue with the current independent examiner.

Cliff H, as the treasurer, gave an overview of the accounts.

Key Points:

- Church income was more than church outcome
- The Planned Giving covers our MMF requirements

Rev. Caroline also spoke about the church getting more involved with the Probus Fun Week, through:

- Duggie Dug Dug Crazy Science Party
- Songs of Praise event
- Assembly Bangers etc

The meeting closed at 5:30 pm and was followed by refreshments which included pasty and cider.