

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Vestry Meeting) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Avon Valley Churches Annual Parish Celebration:
The Parish of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen (The Avon Valley Churches)**

Thursday 12th May, 7.30pm at Holy Ascension Hyde, followed by refreshments in the Church Centre.

The Agenda together with Minutes of previous meetings and statutory reports was circulated by email and the website, and hard copy on request prior to the meeting. Also circulated was the first Annual Report of the PCC for the first 6 months, July 2021 to December 2021, less the financial statement and accounts.

This PCC exists to work together joyfully in step with God's Spirit to fulfil his mission in this place, at this time.

Present:

Canon Gary Philbrick (Chair)	Heather Clark	Jennifer Craythorne
Revd Tom Burden	Peter Clark	Mary Melbourne
Ruth Crosland	Julian Sims	David Melbourne
Nigel Spratt	Jeremy Houghton-Brown	Andy Finch
Janet Spratt	Sue Watkiss	Viv Finch
Judith Dowsett (Minutes)	Clive Watkiss	Lynette Stanford
John Dowsett	Martin Ings	Dorothy Ashford
Pat Bloomfield	Clare Ings	Jean Godden
Martin Calver	Gillian Benfield	Beverly Judd
Jane Calver	Alan Moore	Alison Steven
Jan Butcher	Gwenda Moore	Heather Brook
Sheilah Collis	Christine Pope	Sarah Perrelle
Mark Ward	Ian Newman	Ruth Daykin
Sylvia Anderson	Julie Francis	Anne Edwards
Canon Michael Anderson	Helen Tague	Revd John Towler
John Lyon	Kathleen Lyon	
47 people present		
Apologies for Absence:		
Jane Cant	Carrie Darke	Marianne Tomkies
Andrew Briggs	Jane Arigho	Michèle Gosling
Alex Sains	Annette Young	Carol Sims
Brian Sains	Lynda Warne	Sylvia Sims
Ann Beynon	Sue Chew	Pam Shering
Melvyn Beynon	Peter Chew	Janet Newman
Revd Kate Wilson	Robert Herridge	Barry Craythorne
Jean Groves	Graham Fry	Chris Newman
Barry Groves	Christine Fry	Roland Butcher
Trevor Tague	Margaret Ward	

Welcome and Introduction: Canon Gary welcomed everyone to the first 'real' Annual Parish Celebration of Avon Valley Churches. The Annual Report had been circulated. However, there had been much delay due to the difficulties encountered by Fawcetts with the accounting system and it had not been possible to finalise the Financial Statement and Accounts before the meeting. A draft had been circulated and the meeting was informed that the audit had been carried out without an issue. Once the final Financial Statement of Accounts was received and approved by the PCC, they would be circulated and there would be a short meeting for the Parish to receive them.

Everyone had signed in and had indicated their affiliation to one or more of the 4 Local Church Areas, which would be relevant should a vote be required later in the meeting. Apologies were received and noted as above.

Act of Worship: There followed an Act of Worship with prayers, readings and a hymn.

Review of the Year: Highlights and Lowlights?

Lowlights: Canon Gary explained that one of the difficulties of the first 6 months had been organising the financial side, setting up the necessary accounting system to bring together the four separate sets of accounts and show the balance sheets for the Parish as a whole. Hence the delay in the receiving the Financial Statement of Accounts. There had also been many delays in setting up the Parish Bank Account with NatWest, and even with a formal complaint to the CEO this still had not been successful.

Highlights: There followed a photographic 'snapshot' of memories from across the Parish, July to December. Other highlights were contributed to the memories. These included, in no particular order:

Passion Play with CtFD at FB	A wedding at Breamore	Parish Walk meeting at Bicton
BCM Commissioning	Jigsaw Puzzle Festival FB	Sunday Lunches at Hyde
An Allsorts service FB	Remembrance Day	Sculpture: Flight into Egypt Breamore
Carols on Hyde Common	Carols at Care Homes	Angel bunting from FB Junior School
Girl Bishop at FB	Palm Sunday at Hyde	Sandleheath: reredos from St Aldhelm's
Sunrise at Godshill (+ Horse)	Steam Fair Woodgreen	Chris Newman Youth & Families Worker
Organisation of PCC meetings	St Giles open daily to visitors	Holy Week workshop, Breamore School

Minutes of The Parish Meeting (the Vestry Meeting) 12th May 2022	
Item 1	Minutes of the Special Parish Meeting of 19th July 2021: these had been circulated with the Agenda in advance and taken as read. There were no queries or questions. There was a show of hands to indicate that the meeting approved the minutes.
Item 2	Election of eight Churchwardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two for the Local Church Area of Breamore Nominations had been received for Mary Melbourne and Andy Finch. There being no further nominations, Mary Melbourne and Andy Finch were duly elected as Churchwardens for Breamore. • Two for the Local Church Area of Fordingbridge Nominations had been received for Ian Newman and Nigel Spratt. There being no further nominations, Ian Newman and Nigel Spratt were duly elected as Churchwardens for Fordingbridge. • Two for the Local Church Area of Hale with Woodgreen Nominations had been received for Lynda Warne and Ruth Crosland. There being no further nominations, Lynda Warne and Ruth Crosland were duly elected as Churchwardens for Hale with Woodgreen. • Two for the Local Church Area of Hyde Nominations had been received for Heather Clark and Martin Ings. There being no further

	<p>nominations, Heather Clark and Martin Ings were duly elected as Churchwardens for Hyde.</p> <p>Each Churchwarden was congratulated and introduced to the Meeting. Prayers of thanks for the Churchwardens, and their forthcoming duties and responsibilities for the Parish and Bishop were given. The Churchwardens will be The Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 7.55pm.</p>
	Minutes of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 12th May 2022
Item 1	Minutes of the Special Parochial Church Council Meeting of 19th July 2021 These were circulated before the meeting and taken as read. There were no queries or questions. There was a show of hands to indicate that the meeting approved the minutes.
Item 2	The Annual Report of the PCC 1 July – 31 December 2021 (circulated): this reflects PCC activity over the past 6 months. There were no queries or questions. The Meeting received the Annual Report.
Item 3	Financial Statement and Annual Accounts: as noted earlier there were no final accounts available for approval. Therefore, once available and PCC given its approval, there would be a short meeting for the people to approve them.
Item 4	Churchwarden's Reports on Fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches of the Parish: (circulated) There were 4 reports reflecting 5 churches, Fordingbridge, Hyde, Breamore, Hale and Woodgreen. There were no queries or questions. FB reported how grateful it was to receive a chalice, previously belonging to the late Revd John Bloomfield. By coincidence it matches an existing chalice. Many thanks were extended to Pat Bloomfield for this generous gift.
Item 5	Electoral Roll Report: (circulated) It was reported that since July 2021, 9 names have been removed and 4 new applications received. The Roll closes for a short period before the APCM but is now open for applications again. There were no queries or questions. Following the recent revision there are 272 names on the Roll. Total on the AVC Electoral Roll to be reported to Winchester Diocese May 2022 = 272
Item 6	Deanery Synod Report: (circulated) Canon Gary thanked John Dowsett for his report which is shared with the whole Deanery for use at APCMs. The next Deanery Synod meeting is on Thursday 16 June: Clergy Wellbeing. The September meeting is on a Saturday: growing Faith Foundation and Planting Churches. All welcome. Good speakers.
Item 7	Reports of interest from across the Avon Valley Churches: (circulated) The reports included safeguarding, pastoral care as well as reports from individual churches or church-based groups. There were no queries or questions.
Item 8	Elections (NB. All those who stand for election to PCC are required by the Charity Commission to have a DBS check as a Charity Trustee)
Item 8a	Deanery Synod: Elect 4 representatives to the Deanery Synod (Every 3 years. Next election 2023) NO ELECTION NECESSARY THIS YEAR The following people are already Deanery Synod representatives. Lynnette Stanford to represent Breamore John Dowsett to represent Fordingbridge Julian Sims to represent Hyde Jane Cant to represent Hale with Woodgreen
Item 8b	Elect 4 Parochial Church Council Members The following nominations had been received.

	<p>Alex Sains to represent Fordingbridge Julie Francis to represent Hyde Beverly Judd to represent Hale with Woodgreen. There was no nomination for Breamore, there is a vacancy. There being no further nominations these 3 people were duly elected. Each elected person was congratulated and introduced to the Meeting.</p>
Item 8c	<p>Appointment of an Independent Examiner Fawcetts have audited the accounts for 2021, and for Fordingbridge LCC (previously PCC) for many years prior to that. The meeting was invited to suggest other names to consider as Independent Examiner but there were none. The following proposal was made: To appoint Fawcetts as the Independent Examiner for AVC. Proposed: Ian Newman, Seconded: Nigel Spratt Agreed Unanimously. It was noted that this service is given effectively free of charge. Fawcetts present an Invoice, but also donate the same amount to the Parish.</p>
Item 9	<p>AOB: There were no questions or recommendations for discussion. Safeguarding Officer: Canon Gary read an email received from Melvyn Beynon, Parish safeguarding Officer stating that he wished to step down from that role but was willing to act as DBS Administrator should the new Safeguarding Officer not wish to carry out that part of the role. He would continue as PSO until the PCC appointed a new PSO. Melvyn has been very efficient in carrying out this role. The PCC had already agreed to appoint Assistant Safeguarding Officers, one for each Local Church Area, and this needs to be achieved as a matter of urgency. The Meeting wished to record its thanks to Melvyn for all that he had done. Thy Kingdom Come: would launch on 24th May at St Mary's, Fordingbridge and also on Ascension Day 26th May at Hyde. There is a children's book going to schools, Messy Church, and all churches. There is an adult Prayer Journal for churches, MU etc. Everyone welcome to take for families, friends and themselves. The Vacancy - information from Canon Gary: a leaflet from the Churchwardens explaining the process will be in churches from Sunday 15th May and also be available on the website. Canon Gary is not allowed to participate or influence the process or appointment. It was noted that Ringwood would also have a Vacancy as Revd Matthew Trick takes up his new post in Derbyshire. Canon Gary will oversee this appointment as Area Dean. Revd Canon Charles Stewart will be Assistant Area Dean and will support the AVC Vacancy. A Parish Profile will be drawn up by the PCC using the Parish MAP (PMAP), which is being updated. The Rectory will be let for 6 months. It was noted that the Bishop might suggest someone for the Post but the PCC has the choice to interview that person or go straight to advertising to attract more candidates and interview a selection. 4 chosen PCC members will interview. Pat Bloomfield was reassured that the PMAP would be available for everyone (website and on boards) to see when it was ready.</p>
	<p>Vote of Thanks: Ian Newman said that one of the 'lowlights' was that Canon Gary would be leaving to take up his new appointments Assistant Area Dean and Chaplain to the Cathedral. The service at Burgate School would be an opportunity to gather to say 'Thank You'. Ian wished to record our grateful thanks to Canon Gary for bringing us altogether as one Parish, Avon Valley Churches.</p>
	<p>Behind the Scenes – Celebrations and Thanks to Various People across the Parish. Canon Gary presented these people with a certificate and explanation of the award. The following is a summary. The Finance Team: Julian Sims; Andy Finch; Jeff Butt; Martin Calver, Anne Edwards Then in Alphabetical Order: Heather Brooks (catering); Isabel Brown (Retired Handbell Ringers Leader); Jean Brown (Christmas Decorations/flowers); Bethan Davies (Eco Champion); Judith Dowsett (PCC Secretary); Andy Finch (Churchyard/ faculties); Janet Newman (catering/flowers); Sarah Perelle (catering); Mark Ward (PCC Vice Chair, LCC, Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synod);</p>

	<p>Lynda Warne (new Churchwarden & to Charlie for his support); Sue and Clive Watkiss (musicians). Finally, a memorial Dustpan & Brush was awarded to Hale with Woodgreen.</p>																						
	<p>Commissioning/Admission and Prayers for the following: Members of the PCC: Ian Newman, Nigel Spratt, John Dowsett, Alex Sains; Heather Clark, Martin Ings, Julian Sims, Julie Francis; Mary Melbourne, Andy Finch, Lynnette Stanford; Lynda Warne, Ruth Crosland, Jane Cant, Beverly Judd.</p> <p>Pastoral Visitors: Dorothy Ashford, Gillian Benfield, Pat Bloomfield, Sheilah Collis, Jennifer Craythorne, Peter Dowling, Judith Dowsett, Julie Francis, Jane Greenall, Martin Ings, Beverly Judd, Roger King, Mary Melbourne, Alison Steven, Helen Tague, Lynda Warne.</p> <p>Holy Communion Administrators: St Mary's Fordingbridge</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dorothy Ashford</td> <td>Roger King</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carol Butt</td> <td>Sue Ledger</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Calver</td> <td>David Melbourne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christine Carter</td> <td>Ian Newman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennifer Craythorne</td> <td>Kay Pidgley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Dowsett</td> <td>Brian Sains</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judith Dowsett</td> <td>Helen Tague</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christine Fry</td> <td>Trevor Tague</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graham Fry</td> <td>Margaret Ward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Gates</td> <td>Peter Worthington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sally Johnson</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Church of Holy Ascension Hyde</p> <p>Heather Clark Sheilah Collis Peter Dowling Julie Francis Jeremy Houghton-Brown Martin Ings Alan Moore Gwenda Moore Lyn Pearson Julian Sims</p> <p>St Mary's Breamore</p> <p>Mary Melbourne Alison Steven</p> <p>St Boniface Woodgreen and St Mary's Hale</p> <p>Lynda Warne Lynn Dudman</p>	Dorothy Ashford	Roger King	Carol Butt	Sue Ledger	Jane Calver	David Melbourne	Christine Carter	Ian Newman	Jennifer Craythorne	Kay Pidgley	John Dowsett	Brian Sains	Judith Dowsett	Helen Tague	Christine Fry	Trevor Tague	Graham Fry	Margaret Ward	Ian Gates	Peter Worthington	Sally Johnson	
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	<p>Thanks from Canon Gary to the wonderful Staff Team including the many BCMs, BPPs. Pray for them all as the Parish looks to the future. Thanks to all who have prepared for this evening in so many different ways.</p>																						
	<p>Date of the AVC PCC Meeting: Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm on zoom.</p>																						
	<p>Canon Gary closed the meeting with prayers at 8.40pm Everyone was invited to the church centre for refreshments.</p>																						

Signed by Date: