

DRAFT MINUTES

PARISH OF PRESTON PLUCKNETT

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING, St Peter's

Sunday 26th April 2026 in St Peter's Church after the 9am service- the meeting was convened at about 10.15am.

1. Opening Prayer by Rev Sarah Sanderson who welcomed us and explained that this year the annual meetings were being held separately in our two churches, next year they may again be combined.
2. Apologies for Absence - Caroline Turner, Ian Croxford, Frances Croxford, Dee Trott, Nicky Stamp, Sarah Hiscott.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2025 were accepted with one correction, Karen Eaton is spelled with a K not C (item 3).
4. Election of Churchwardens – Two nominations were received for the post of Churchwarden at St Peter's, Caroline Turner (proposed by Ian Croxford, seconded by Kristina Baker) and Ian Croxford (proposed by Caroline Turner, seconded by Kristina Baker). They are both willing to serve for one year only, with the continuing day-to-day support of the whole church family. It is especially important to have church wardens in place for legal reasons as we approach a time of vacancy. Rev Sarah Sanderson thanked everyone who helps in church in many different ways, and reminded us that anyone facing difficulties in their volunteering role at church should contact her. Both nominations were accepted.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, St Peter's

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2025 were accepted with two amendments- Oyinda's surname is Otutuloro (item 2) and in item 6, the two elected Mission Partners, the Lord's Larder and Open Doors, were in addition to the two continuing Mission Partners, Compassion UK and Prison Fellowship.
2. Oyinda Otutuloro presented our Electoral Roll, we have 35 members on the roll, up from 34 last year. David Pedrick died during the year, and we have welcomed two new members, Karen Eaton who came from St James, and Jack Lyn Clemit who was baptised on Easter Day.
3. Presentation of Log Books and Inventories- these were not physically presented but are up to date and kept in the vestry where they can be inspected if needed.
4. Election of Members to the PCC (3 vacancies – St Peter's)- We received three nominations, for Susan McFadden (nominated by Frances Croxford and seconded by Eileen Bangay), Phillida Patman (nominated by Kristina Baker, seconded by Alannah Boyt) and Karen Eaton (nominated by Susan McFadden, seconded by Claire Brand). All three nominations were accepted.
5. Election of Deanery Synod representatives (3 vacancies – parish) We received one nomination, for Rhoda Wilson, nominated by Susan McFadden and seconded by Janet Burt. Meetings are held across

the parish three times a year and the Deanery Synod representative also serves on the PCC and needs Safeguarding training and DBS checks. Most meetings are at least partly open, and we were encouraged to attend. The nomination was accepted.

6. Annual Report of the proceedings of the Church Council

a. Annual report – this was circulated in advance and printed copies were available, thanks were expressed to Joanna Newton in the Parish office for all her hard work collating, preparing and printing the reports. Rev Sarah Sanderson briefly summarised the report which was well received.

b. Group reports on the life of the church - these were also circulated in advance and available in printed form, along with a separate report on activities in the Community Centre. Rev Sarah Sanderson highlighted the many diverse ways in which most members served, whether by active participation or equally importantly through prayer. We were encouraged to consider joining a home group or prayer group if not already a member.

7. Finance

a. Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Church- this was circulated in advance and available in printed form, and was accepted. Ours is a relatively new building and we share some upkeep costs with the Community Centre, a modern building which now has solar panels and a battery system (grant funded), and we have a history of generous giving so our finances are in a reasonable place. This is particularly important as we approach a time of vacancy.

b. Accounts of the Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2025 – these were again circulated in advance and available in printed form, and were accepted. Thanks were expressed to Frances Croxford our treasurer who is handling large sums of money on behalf of the Church and Community Centre.

c. Appointment of Independent Examiner- We recognise the need for an independent examiner and will be pleased to accept the recommended examiner.

8. Vicar's remarks – Rev Sarah Sanderson again thanked everyone for their contribution to the life of the church and emphasised the importance of working as ourselves, not trying to fit into a mould made by someone else. Over the last 20 years the complexity of work done in our parish and the number of outreach sites have increased enormously. We need to think about our vision for the future, and a presentation was made of a possible vision graphic, for further discussion. St Peter and Paul Church, Lufton, was included, it will be a 'Parish in Plurality' with its own PCC but our incumbent will be the priest in charge. The work in Augusta Park is going very well, and there is scope to expand our work into the new Brimsmore estate in the future.

9. Any Other Business : There being no other business, the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev Sarah Sanderson at about 11.15am