

Parish of the Holy Trinity, East Ham
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS 2025

Sunday 18th May 2025 in St Bartholomew's Church & Centre 11am

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Fr John opened the meeting in prayer and the Chair (Fr Paul) welcomed all present and outlined the structure of the annual meetings.
- 1.2. Apologies for absence were received from June Bassinger, Molara Tarigha, John Hedges.
- 1.3. Minutes of the Annual Meetings 2024 were agreed (proposed by Chrissie Bence, seconded by Grace Santhosham).

2. ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (Vestry Meeting)

- 2.1. Election of Churchwardens for the year 2025-26.
Electorate: residents of the Parish and members of the Electoral Roll
 - 2.1.1. Parish Wardens (Churchwardens). *Christine Bence, Hazel Thomas and Molara Tarigha were elected*
 - 2.1.2. District Wardens (Deputy Churchwardens) for the 3 churches in the Parish. *Penny O'Sullivan (St Edmund's) was elected.*

*This concluded the ANNUAL MEETING OF
PARISHIONERS*

3. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Chair noted that in addition to the matters set out below, REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS had been received and published and would be kept as an historical record with the APCM minutes.

- 3.1. The meeting received a report on the numbers entered on the New (2025) Electoral Roll. It was reported that a new electoral roll was published on Low Sunday 2025. It was reported that the total number entered on the electoral roll is 97. The following table was presented recording the breakdown of the electoral roll between churches and residents/non-residents, following minor correction.

	St Mary Magdalene	St Bartholomew	St Edmund	Total
Resident	26	17	5	48
Non-Resident	31	14	4	49
Total	57	31	9	97

- 3.2. The meeting received the following reports contained in the document entitled 'Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements etc' ('the Annual Report').

- 3.2.1. The Chair presented an annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally and referred the meeting to the contents of the Annual Report pages 5 to 12.
- 3.2.2. The Treasurer (Andrew Biro) presented the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2024 set out in the Annual Report at pages 13-25.

The PCC General Fund (p. 21) had an income in 2024 of £52,361, compared to the 2023 figure of £48,392, being an increase of 5,000, some of the increase being due to giving having increased and more people giving, reflecting our

numbers having gone up. Expenditure from the PCC General Fund was £92,541. The bulk of expenditure was the parish share £63,000. The main expenditure is salaries (organist and administrator). Note that expenditure from the PCC General Fund is about £40,000 greater than Income (i.e. a deficit of £40K). This is made up for by transfers from other funds.

Note that £48,936 was transferred into the PCC account from our three major funds.

Fellowship House earned £43,773 and spent £20,903, so we made £20,000 on Fellowship House. Building work is paid by us as landlord. Note the transfer out (to PCC General Fund) of £38,223.

St Bart's Centre with £192,000 income is the largest single fund in terms of turnover, with surplus of £4,000. This also covers the cost of administering the parish. The plan is that the Centre should break even. It pays for kitchen and cafe running at deficit £8,000.

St Edmund's had £52,000 income, £30,000 transferred out. Alternatives charity is now paying rent. St Edmund's should start contributing substantial funds for the parish.

Note the 'Building Fund' which is a nominal value of some of our buildings showing depreciation of buildings of £165K. It makes it look like the parish incurs a loss but for the true picture one needs to remove the -£165,000. This shows £20,000 surplus on the parish which is very good.

Investments increased in value £8K but only a third on last year's increase. CCLA did go down beginning of the year and now starting to go back up.

Outlook for 2025 - loss of NHS GP Surgery from St Bart's will be a loss of £50,000; we will be losing Senator's day nursery from St Albans as well, so we are anticipating a deficit.

- 3.2.3. The meeting received the **annual fabric report** as printed in the Annual Report: *St Bartholomew: p. 7; St Edmund: pp. 7-8; St Mary Magdalene: p. 10.*

- 3.2.4. The meeting received the **report of the proceedings of the Newham Deanery Synod** printed in the Annual Report at p. 5.
- 3.3. The meeting elected
- 3.3.1. the **Parochial Church Council** (*maximum of 9; see list of nominated elected members which is less than the maximum of 9*)
- June Bassenger
- Andrew Biro
- Penny O'Sullivan
- Balu Santohosam
- Grace Santhosam
- Moses Mann
- Rajesh Thankamani
- 3.3.2. the **District Church Councils** of the three Churches
- 3.3.2.1. St Bartholomew's:**
- Angela Amadi
- Doris Goodchild
- Eric Nelson
- Irene Phaup
- 3.3.2.2. St Mary Magdalene's
- Earlene Bently
- John Hedges
- Claudette King
- Jean Mansfield
- Colin Mansfield
- Sarah Namatovu
- Tina Preston

Lesley Scawthorn

Damian Sutton

3.3.2.3. St Edmund's

Younus Choudury

Helen Gilkes

Mark O'Sullivan

Paulette Welsh

- 3.4. It was noted that there was no deanery synod representative elections as this year; the four representatives continuing to serve were Neil Askey, Shirley Biro, Hazel Thomas and Molara Tarigha.
- 3.5. The meeting appointed an Independent Examiner of the PCC Account: *James Lamden of Calculus Assurance Services, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, 5 Priory Road, Loughton, Essex IG 1AF*
- 3.6. There was opportunity for questions from the floor and the meeting ended with Prayer and the Blessing.

4. MINUTES OF PCC MEETING

- 4.1. The PCC elected:
 - 4.1.1. Andrew Biro as Treasurer
 - 4.1.2. Secretary and Vice-Chair posts remained vacant
 - 4.1.3. Colin Mansfield as Electoral Roll Officer (St Mary's); vacant for St Bartholomew's and St Edmund's
 - 4.1.4. Penny O'Sullivan as a Deputy Warden

- 4.1.5. Sandy Davies, Hazel Thomas, Mary Richards
as Parish Safeguarding Officers
- 4.2. Standing Committee was elected: Paul Gurnham,
Christine Bence, Hazel Thomas, Molara Tarigha,
Penny O'Sullivan, Andrew Biro
- 4.3. Sidespersons appointments was delegated to DCCs.
- 4.4. Dates of next PCC was set for *15th July 2025*.