



St Peter's Babraham

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 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
12 Noon Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. 2025 at St Peter's Church,  
Babraham**

**Apologies : Anne Lucas, Alison Morris and Tom La Touche**

**Minutes  
Vestry Meeting**

- **Election of Church Wardens - no elections so no church warden**

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**Present: DD, KW, IH, RW, Jan, BT, CT**

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- **Minutes of 2024 meeting – MH proposed, Jan seconded**
- **Matters arising**
- **Election of PCC members – MH presented with gifts to commemorate her retirement as church warden after 40 years; DD and AM were elected last year and have 2 more years to serve.**
- **Election of Deanery Synod representative – represented now by KW as Josie no longer able to attend due to mobility issues.**
- **Annual Report: Kathryn Waite – signed copy supplied to DD for filing**
- **Electoral Roll Report: Mary Hunt – 13 now on. CT was formally elected to join the electoral roll.**

- **Finance Report: Rosemary Walker** – included in Annual report – this was an increase in receipts over payments of £3020.44. Overall £6145.65 in account 1 and in account 2 £5071.20. Use of sum-up machine and QR codes are making a difference. Accounts were signed by KW
- **Appointment of Paul Whitmell as Independent Examiner** – reappointed proposed by MH and everyone else in favour
- **Fabric Report: Kathryn Waite** –
- *management team* has now been recruited and they are helping with the cleaning of the church and outside maintenance and ground works. Cambridgeshire Wildlife trust visited and advised on mowing and wilding areas. Rob and Chris will be mowing (as agreed by the Parish Council) and will pick up grass cuttings to allow for land to breathe and encourage soil aeration. This should allow the church to apply for a biodiversity rating from Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust – this is reflected by a bronze, silver or gold award.

***Notice board*** – Chris Chapman to report back from BRC:

***Tap*** – kitchenette tap has been replaced but water pressure has fallen and piping needs changing.

***Broken window*** – this is in process for replacement

***South aisle roof*** – leaks; This is a big project ,work being organized for this to include a grant application up to 100K pounds. Tiles/slates need replacing, battens and lead seals need replacement or repair.

- **Deanery Synod Report** – this is within the annual report and written by the Deanery secretary – there were no queries.
- **Vicar's Report: Kathryn Waite** – see attached – lack of church warden and with only two members on PCC means that the governance of the church is not manageable or sustainable. Consideration is underway to combine with St Mary's

**Sawston. CT offered to join the PCC and will be co-opted at next meeting. Discussions ensued about the church warden role.**

- **Any other business**
- **Date for next PCC meetings: 14 May 2025 in the church 7.30pm**
- **Date for next APCM 19 April 2026**