

The Parish of St James the Great, Cradley

Diocese of Hereford

Annual Meeting of Parishioners, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and Parochial Church Council Meeting

Sunday 19 April 2026

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: Dr Revd Preb Chris Moore, Rural Dean [in the chair], Mike Hames, Chris and Di Roberts, Sue and Peter Warner, Sue Ronan, Jane MacFarlane, Ian and Sue Bailey, Margaret Edgar, John Parsons, Ann Strangwood, Ann Howe, Sheila Mullaney, Karen Wright, Wynne Harries, Katharine Parsons, Julia MacLagan, Diane Merker.

1. Mike welcomed Chris Moore
2. Chris Moore opened the meeting with a prayer at 12.15
3. Apologies: Jenny Flemming, Maureen Neal, Tony and Eryl Copp, Liz Lamb, Neil Wright
4. The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23/4/25 were adopted.
5. There were no matters arising.
6. The rules [from the Church Measure Act] by which churchwardens are allowed to serve for longer than the usual six years were read out, and the meeting resolved to extend Di Roberts' and Ian Bailey's tenure for a further year, in order to dovetail with the new Rector. This was proposed by Mike Hames, and seconded by Sue Warner.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

1. See Financial, Fabric and Deanery Synod reports.
2. Elections and appointments

[i] Deanery Synod There is a vacancy for a third person at present. All were agreed that Mike Hames and Chris Roberts should continue as reps, and were duly re-elected.

[ii] PCC There are three vacancies at present. All were agreed that Peter Warner and Sue Bailey should continue on the PCC. John Parsons had previously approached Jenny Fleming about PCC membership, and she confirmed that she would be willing to stand. She was proposed by Mike and seconded by Sue Warner. All in favour.

[iii] The independent examiner of the accounts will continue in his role for 2026.

The following members of the laity continue their three-year tenure: Jane MacFarlane, Margaret Edgar, Sue Warner, Sue Ronan, Eryl Copp, and John Parsons. Sue Bailey and Peter Warner were re-elected.

3. Newsletter financial report
Ann Strangwood gave a brief report, and was thanked for all the hard work the team undertakes.
4. There was no AOB.
5. The meeting closed with the Grace at 12.30.

PCC Meeting

Present: Mike Hames [in the chair], Sue and Peter Warner, Chris and Di Roberts, Margaret Edgar, Sue Ronan, Ian and Sue Bailey, Jane MacFarlane, John Parsons.

1. Elections
Formal applications were received for the following appointments:
Vice-chair - Mike was proposed by John and seconded by Peter.
Treasurer - Chris was proposed by Peter and seconded by Ian.
Secretary - Sue Warner was proposed by Sue Ronan and seconded by Chris.
Stewardship Secretary – Sue Bailey was proposed by John and seconded by Peter.
2. Date of first meeting – Tuesday 5th May, 7.30 at Reafields.

The meeting closed at about 12.50

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