




**METHODIST-ANGLICAN ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Unapproved APCM Minutes**

Date of Meeting	Sunday 18 May 2025 at 12.00 noon at Christchurch
Present	There were 53 people in Attendance (see Appendix 1)
Apologies	Apologies were received from 2 people (see Appendix 2)
Chair	Russell Herbert
Secretary	Roz Hime
Minutes taken by	Roz Hime

AGM 25/01	<p><b>Welcome and opening prayer</b></p> <p>Russell Herbert welcomed everyone to the AGM and opened the meeting in prayer.</p> <p>The Collated Annual Reports had been sent by email on 9 May 2025 to those on Christchurch’s mailing list and a hard copy was available in the church foyer.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               2025.05.18_CC              AGM_Collated Repo         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               2025.05.18_CC_AG              M_CTiC Report.pdf         </div> </div> <p>The Reports covered the following areas of Christchurch’s Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clergy</li> <li>• Wardens</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> <li>• Midweek Worship</li> <li>• Children &amp; Families</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Home Groups</li> <li>• Pastoral Care</li> <li>• Bereavement Support</li> <li>• Living Life to the Full</li> <li>• Alpha</li> <li>• Refresh</li> <li>• Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)</li> <li>• Clevedon Town Chaplaincy</li> <li>• Uganda Concern UK</li> <li>• Care for Uganda</li> <li>• Portishead Deanery Report 2024</li> <li>• Churches Together in Clevedon (CTiC)</li> </ul>
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	Russell Herbert encouraged attendees to read the Reports and to use them to inform their prayers.
AGM 25/02	<p><b>Election of secretary for this meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting unanimously agreed that Roz Hime be appointed as secretary and minute taker for the AGM.</p>
AGM 25/03	<p><b>Membership Roll</b></p> <p>Russell Herbert presented the Membership Roll for agreement.</p> <p>Roz Hime reported that the Membership Roll currently stood at 133 and that the Membership Roll had been refreshed in accordance with the legal requirement. The total is deemed to be half Anglican and half Methodist.</p> <p>The Membership Roll rose to 184 just before the reset.</p> <p>The meeting unanimously agreed that the Membership Roll be accepted.</p>
AGM 25/04	<p><b>Minutes of the 2024 AGM</b></p> <p><b>Errors and Omissions:</b> No errors/omissions were noted.</p> <p><b>Amendments:</b> No amendments were made.</p> <p>The meeting unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2024 be accepted as a true record. The Minutes were signed by Russell Herbert.</p>
AGM 25/05	<p><b>Matters arising from the 2024 Minutes</b></p> <p>None.</p>
AGM 25/06	<p><b>Election of Wardens and ECC Members</b></p> <p><i>Wardens</i></p> <p><u>Kate Dommett</u>: Nominated by Kathryn McManus-Jones, seconded by Jocelyn Sims</p> <p><u>Alex Pett</u>: Nominated by Emily Hatton, seconded by Emy Buxton</p> <p>The election of Kate Dommett and Alex Pett as Wardens was carried unanimously.</p>

	<p>Clive Banks was continuing to serve as Deputy Warden.</p> <p><i>ECC Members</i></p> <p>Kathryn McManus-Jones nominated <u>Marilyn Barrow</u> to be a member of the ECC (for a 3-year term), seconded by Emily Hatton.</p> <p>Marilyn Barrow nominated <u>John de Borde</u> to be a member of the ECC (for a 3-year term), seconded by Margaret Sutherland.</p> <p>The election of Marilyn Barrow and John de Borde to serve on the ECC for 3 years was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The other ECC members were Neville Adams, Clive Banks, Tim Roberts, Martin Spink and Margaret Sutherland.</p> <p>Russell Herbert prayed for the Wardens, the Deputy Warden and the ECC Members and thanked them for their service.</p>
<p>AGM 25/07</p>	<p><b>Update on vacancy and appointment of Anglican Vicar</b></p> <p>Alex Pett advised the meeting that those entrusted with appointing a new Vicar had not felt that those candidates interviewed in April 2025 were right for Christchurch at this time and so the vacancy was being readvertised. The closing date was 4 June 2025, and interviews would take place on 26 June 2025.</p> <p>Alex led the meeting in praying that God would prompt the right person to apply and to be appointed.</p>
<p>AGM 25/08</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report and Accounts</b></p> <p>The ECC approved the Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 prior to the AGM and the Report had been made available to members of Christchurch before the meeting.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CC_Report of the Trustees and Financ</p> </div> <p>John de Borde summarised the Report and advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Accounts showed a deficit of £36,000. In practice, this would be reduced to £6,000 by using the remainder of Waveney Bishop's legacy to fund our Youth Worker.</li> <li>• Donations had decreased by £17,000 compared with last year.</li> </ul>

- Income from room bookings had decreased by £8,000 compared with last year, although Kathryn McManus-Jones was working hard to reverse this trend.
- It was essential for funds to be built up if Christchurch's outreach work was to continue.

John encouraged attendees to switch from giving by Standing Order to giving by Direct Debit. Unlike utility bill Direct Debits, only the giver could decide the amount and frequency of their gift and only the giver could change it. The Direct Debits were managed by the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), a Church of England initiative that offers to churches administration of Direct Debits free of charge. PGS also manages the Gift Aid claim for all donations made this way, relieving churches of the need to administer Gift Aid themselves.

John asked the attendees to pray for:

- Wisdom and good judgement in managing Christchurch's finances.
- An increased awareness amongst all members of Christchurch's financial situation.
- The spiritual growth in Christchurch to lead to increased giving to provide a sound financial base for the outreach activities.
- Adequate resources to administer Christchurch's finances, in particular for a new Treasurer and a new Gift Aid Administrator.


There were no questions.

John de Borde proposed that the Accounts be adopted. There were no objections or abstentions, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

#### *Independent Examiner*

John de Borde proposed that the Finance Team be given the authority to review the Independent Examiner for 2025, as the same firm had been used for more than 12 years, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Neville Adams, John de Borde, Eamon McManus and all the Finance Team were thanked for their service.

AGM 25/09	<p><b>Vision &amp; Strategy</b></p> <p>Russell Herbert shared ‘Christchurch’s Vision &amp; Strategy 2025’, which had been written by Kate Dommett, Russell Herbert and Alex Pett and endorsed by the Staff Team and ECC.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>CC_Vision%20%5e0 %20Strategy%20202</p> <p>Russell explained that, building on our statement of vision (to be one in Christ, grow more disciples, and serve the community) and mission (build, grow, reach out), we sensed God was leading us to strategically focus on three specific areas over the next five years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal in the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Children (pre-school and Primary school age) and young people (Secondary school age)</li> <li>• Young adults</li> </ul> <p>Russell expanded on how these priorities had been reached, how they fitted into Christchurch’s life more widely, and how they would be developed, including the resources needed.</p> <p>Russell reminded the meeting of the need to pray for the work of Christchurch and for the need for its work to be resourced both financially and through serving on teams.</p> <p>On Sunday 8 June 2025, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christchurch’s Anglican/Methodist Partnership would be marked by celebrating how far we have come and looking ahead to what Christchurch would look like in 2030. Alongside prayer for a renewal in the Holy Spirit would be an appeal for increased serving and giving.</p>
AGM 25/10	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>None.</p>
AGM 25/11	<p><b>Close of meeting with prayer</b></p> <p>Russell Herbert thanked the attendees for coming to the AGM, and for all they did at Christchurch, and led the meeting in a time of open prayer, before closing the meeting with prayer.</p>

<b>Minutes approved by:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	