

Jude welcomes everyone to AGM and begins in prayer

**Minutes from last AGM:** Agreed

**Re-election of wardens:** Emma Kane and Steven Rowe would like to continue to be wardens, and we thank them for their service so far

Proposer for Steve: Beej Kidd      Seconder for Steve: Lydia Courtney

Steve is re-elected unanimously

Proposer for Emma: Beej Kidd      Seconder for Emma: Titus Ellerby

Emma is re-elected unanimously

**PCC Elections:** Bethan Asher stepping down from PCC, we thank her for her service

Frances Stevens has been proposed by Nicole Simbano and seconded by Oli Rugg- she is elected unanimously

Alwyn Kernaghan has been proposed by Steve Rowe and seconded by Hannah Davies- she is elected unanimously

Will Truong has been proposed by Tom Watts and seconded Alwyn Kernaghan- he is elected unanimously

**Presentation of the accounts**

Never a perfect year for the accounts. With the cost of living going up for many people, including the running of our Church, we have had a small deficit in 2024.

Zooming in on StJ's General funds (ie lots of different pots for other things like LNG, Chaplaincy etc but they are all restricted)

2024 giving away: £14, 646 which was a total of 14% of all donated income (£7k church fund, £7646 to other)

2024 income: £167, 073

2024 expenditure: £170, 429

Started the year with £46, 667.00

Ended the year with £43, 041.07

Additional expenditure on Quinta bursaries, disciples course filming, baptism pool which makes up the £3500 (approx.) deficit.

Note- heating restricted fund

Overall bank account – this includes lots of different pots for different things.

Started the year with £135,338

Ended the year with £117, 694

**Policies** – All available to view in the report and no further comments made about this

Emma and Steve noted hard work of staff and church members but it's God that makes it all happen. 152 average Sunday attendance, connect groups doing well (2/3 new groups)– disciples course really good, 78 guests at Alpha, youth groups growing and great to see youth serving from young ages, students doing well (night away and good Monday attendance), 186 at Quinta with St Mary's, events (carols and fireworks) good touch point for new Christians, adults ministry thriving (men's and women's events, kingdom come)

Church buildings committee has been started– looking at signage and tower, also looking at external lighting, stained glass in loft

PCC and buildings committee looking at next steps– potential for office space/balcony developments

Mike highlighted year ahead– 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and all that God is doing. Small financial deficit and big projects ahead that need investment, prayer needed for finance through God's provision. Adults retreat, youth weekend away, Focus– lots to look forward to. Mike challenged us– how can you sow into the life of StJ?

LNG project– interaction with 100s of children through schools projects, university chaplaincy teams great work with students but now funding is coming to an end, staff team will have to be reduced (but other funds applied for, encouragement for financial dependence on giving to reduce impact). Core church ministry should be fairly unaffected, but outreach might be reduced

**Next meeting: PCC Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6:45pm**

**Next AGM: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 5:45pm**

No questions or other business

Ended in prayer