

**Parishes of St Lawrence, Long Buckby, St Peter & St Paul, Watford,
All Saints, West Haddon and At Michael & All Angels, Winwick**

**Minutes of the combined Annual Parochial Church Meetings
held on Sunday 11th May 2025 at 10.30 a.m
in the Church of St Lawrence, Long Buckby**

Present: Rev'd Kevin Montgomery (in the Chair),

Barbara Allen, Helen Baker, Justin Baker, Teresa Baker, Chris Banks, Ken Brand, Kevan Brassington, Margaret Brassington, Joan Cockerill, Sarah Cooper, Janice Darley, Mark Darley, Anne Davidson, Dorothy Eaves, Jane Formstone, Bernadette Frost, [David Gaffney], Lizzie Gaffney, Angie Gardner, Val Hardwick, Gwen Harrison, Karen Haynes, David Hiam, Helen Hiam, Lois Johnston, [Dean Jones], Sallie Jones, Judith Leach, Michael Leach, Cath Maddison, Kate Montgomery, Julie Morgan, Julie Mousley, U Morris, [Suliat Okoko], Virginia Penney, Avril Perkins, Martha Pinsent, Sue Plant, Judy Patchett, Neil Robertson, Sheila Robertson, Sandra Russell, Jill Schofield, Graham Simpson, Mary Simpson, Malcolm Sniders, Patricia Sniders, Annette Soden, Iain Soden, Chris Southey, Richard Southey, Maureen Summers, Dorothy Whittaker, [Janice Wilson], Jack Wright.

NOTE: the names in square brackets [] are not on the respective Parish's Electoral Rolls and took no part in the discussion or voting on any items considered at the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from: Richard Howard, Margaret Mann, Richard Mann

2. Format of Meeting:

The combined meeting of the four Parishes within the Benefice took place within a Service of Holy Communion conducted by the Vicar (Rev'd Kevin Montgomery) assisted by the Benefice's Licensed Reader (Richard Southey).

The meeting was opened and then adjourned 10.39 a.m. to allow for the four separate Annual Meeting of Parishioners to be held to elect Church Wardens (minuted separately). The Meeting then reconvened at 10.42.a.m.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meetings of all four Parishes, having been previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Annual Reports

[a] Electoral Rolls

The respective Electoral Roll Officers reported that following the full revision of the Rolls required this year the numbers on each Roll were as follows:

Long Buckby	64 (55 resident & 9 non-resident)
Watford	19 (14 resident & 5 non-resident)
West Haddon	36 (33 resident & 3 non-resident)
Winwick	24 (All resident)

[b] Safeguarding

The Benefice Safeguarding Officer's report was received and approved without dissent.

[c] Deanery Synod Report

The report of the proceedings of the Brixworth Deanery Synod was noted and approved

[d] PCC Reports

The Annual Reports of the four respective Parochial Church Councils having been previously circulated were presented to the respective parishioners

Long Buckby	Report approved unanimously
Watford	Report approved unanimously
West Haddon	Report approved unanimously
Winwick	Report approved without dissent

[e] Churchwardens' Reports

The Churchwardens' Reports on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the respective Parishes were presented and approved

At this point in the proceedings both lessons were read and Richard Southey preached on the subject of responding to God's call.

Following receipt of the offertory the Finance Reports were considered

[f] Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Councils

The Financial Statement for the Church of St Lawrence, Long Buckby, duly signed by the Independent Examiner (Judy Patchett) were presented to the meeting and unanimously approved by the relevant parishioners.

The Financial Statement for the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Watford, duly signed by the Independent Examiner (Judy Patchett) were presented to the meeting and unanimously approved by the relevant parishioners.

The Financial Statement for the Church of All Saints, West Haddon, duly signed by the Independent Examiner (Charles Porter) were presented to the meeting and unanimously approved by the relevant parishioners.

The Financial Statement for the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Winwick duly signed by the Independent Examiner (Sally Bradbury) were presented to the meeting and unanimously approved by the relevant parishioner.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2025

It was agreed that the respective Parochial Church Councils be granted delegated authority to appoint the Independent Examiners for their respective Parishes.

6. Election of PCC Members (Long Buckby only)

Two valid nominations had been received:

Richard Howard
Julie Mousley

there being no other nominations they were both declared duly elected as PCC members to serve until 2028.

7. Presentation to former PCC Member

On behalf of the Watford PCC, the Vicar gave a gift to Joan Cockerill who had recently stood down from the PCC after many years service in a number of roles.

8. Service as a Reader

The Vicar advised the congregation that Richard Southey would have served as a Reader for 25 years on 14th May and thanked him for his dedicated service in that capacity. Richard was presented with a small token of appreciation for his service.

Following the administration of Holy Communion the newly elected Churchwardens, PCC members (both newly elected and those already serving) and the Benefice Safeguarding Officer were welcomed and commissioned.

There being no other business the Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting was closed with the Blessing at 11.50 a.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ 2026

Chair of the meeting