



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual church meeting will take place within our service of Morning Worship on Sunday, 26th April 2026 beginning at 10.00am in the Church.

The papers for this meeting are available on the church website. A few hard copies are available in church. Please read the papers in advance.

Any Other Business [AOB] should be notified to the secretary or chair in advance of the meeting to the church administrator at office.stmagsips@gmail.com.

Agenda / Order of Service

Item	Description	Lead
1	Welcome, opening words and a song	Revd Sarah Geileskey
VESTRY MEETING		
2	Collect Prayer for the day followed by Vestry Meeting and the Election of two Churchwardens to serve for the year 2025-2026, the Archbishops' Visitation Service with the commissioning of churchwardens to take place at St Bartholomew's Church, Ipswich at 7pm n Wednesday, 10 th June 2026. Nomination papers for those standing for election as churchwarden must be handed to the chair (Vicar) before the meeting.	Revd Sarah Geileskey Chair
3	Thanksgiving for Churchwardens followed by the Churchwardens' report.	Revd Sarah Geileskey Churchwardens
4	Scripture Reading Acts 2.42-end	Members of the church community
5	Confessional Hymn, prayer and absolution	Revd Sarah Geileskey
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING		
6	Apologies for absence	Chair
7	Minutes of the 2025 APCM and Matters Arising	Chair
8	Electoral Roll Report and approval of Electoral Roll Officer	Chair

9	Report of the Parochial Church Council and the 2025 Audited Accounts	PCC Treasurer
10	Election of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts year-ending December 2026	Chair
11	Reports to be formally received: Property Safeguarding Deanery Synod We receive and note other reports. We -hear from the young people in the church community.	Carol Klug Carol Klug George Woodward
12	Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10 followed by song	Revd Helen
13	Election of Deanery Synod Representatives <i>3 vacancies for the 3 year period of a new Deanery Synod triennium (2026-2029)</i>	Chair
14	Election of Parochial Church Council Members <i>3 vacancies to serve for a period of 3 years</i>	Chair
15	Prayers with a sung response, followed by The Lord's Prayer	
16	Reflection	Revd Sarah Geileskey
17	APCM final questions or remarks before the meeting is formally closed.	Chair
18	We affirm our faith and share the peace.	Revd Sarah Geileskey
19	We sing our offertory song	Revd Sarah Geileskey
20	Blessing and Sending Out	Revd Sarah Geileskey
21	Refreshments are served.	
ACPM to pause for Prayer and Reflection		

A prayer for St Margaret's Church:

Glory to God,
whose power, at work among us
can do infinitely more than all we can ask or conceive;
to God be glory in the Church and
in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

DRAFT Minutes of the 2025 ACPM



St.Margaret's Church I P S W I C H

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH – ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 2025

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Sunday 25th May 2025 during the 10am Morning Service

Present:

Sarah Boggis, Jean Branch, Anna Brennan, Susan Brent, Angela Cable, Ann Chesterfield, Maggie Conder, Norman Conder, Charles Croydon, Anna Ellis, Maureen Garrett-Simpson, Adam Geileskey, Anna Geileskey, Shirley Girt, John Girt, Belinda Gledhill, Jean Grierson, John Grierson, Richard Jackson, Frederike Jacob, Nick Jacob, Bernard Jasper, Heather Jasper, Mary Johnston, Carol Klug, Inga Lockington, Tim Lockington, Margaret Marriott, Philip Murphy, Ed Phillips, Mark Phillips, John Plunkett, Melanie Quinton, Stuart Quinton, John Rendle, Mary Rudd, Elizabeth Smith, Judy Stephenson, Mo Stiles, Fin Tate, Aliston Thurtle, Quentin Thurtle, Andy Turpin, Fritz Watson, Sally Watson, Anne Whitear, Patrick Whitear, John Woodcock, Maureen Woodcock, Helen Woodfine, George Woodward, Margaret Woodward, Sarah Geileskey (Chair), Theo Geileskey, Amelia Gosal, Kathy Hamilton, Maureen Atkins, Stephen Mann, Keith Jones, Cynthia Rendle, Pauline Scott, Alina Pauly, Tharindi Haputhanthw, David Ruddock, Beverly Ruddock, Jason Eghan, Heste Milbop, Lucy Collins (Church Administrator) (with 2 names have been removed for safeguarding purposes).

Apologies:

Christopher Tinker, Margaret Llewellyn, Jamias Webb-Small, Constance Webb-Small and Geoff Spiller

Vestry meeting

There was one nomination for the two Churchwarden post vacancies. There is also a potential new post of assistant Churchwarden which Stuart Quinton and Richard Jackson have expressed interest in.

It was agreed there would be no election and Margaret Woodward was appointed Churchwarden unanimously by all present. This would be Margaret's fourth and final year serving in this role.

Margaret gave a verbal Church Warden report. Sarah Geileskey expressed her thanks for Margaret for her support over the last year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the 2025 Meeting and Matters Arising

The ACPM reports were sent out 2 weeks ago as per the official timeline. There were two amendments from Charles Croydon for the 2024 minutes which have now been made. Sarah Geileskey will sign minutes. Otherwise signed as a true record.

Electoral Roll Officer

Lucy Collins was elected to serve as electoral roll officer. This year required a full revision of the electoral roll which now has 121 names on it, 80 living within the parish and 41 living beyond the parish boundary. The roll had been published before the meeting with corrections and new additions due to names having been omitted were made before the meeting

Reports

In addition to the written reports circulated before the meeting, SG expressed many thanks to Jean Grierson for her work with the St Margaret's Charities for the Needy and to Dave Scott, our parish giving officer. Many thanks were expressed to all those who are vital to the smooth running of the church, such as the cleaning team, gardening team, the flower committee and also to Shirley Girt who maintains all the church linen. She then introduced and thanked John Grierson, the PCC treasurer, who has worked extremely hard to manage the church finances over the past year.

Other reports had been received in advance of the meeting – no questions were raised.

Accounts

John Grierson gave a presentation of the 2024 accounts. The main points are that the Church is financially secure currently, regular income has been static for many years and currently regular income is £5,000 less than expenditure. John expressed a big thank you to Carol Klug for all her work with the capital works which were completed on time and on budget. John also thanked all who give to the Church and those who help him in his treasurer role such as John Rendle and Dave Scott.

Sarah thanked John Grierson for all his hard work over the last year.

Charles Croydon asked about church centre expenditure and the income decreasing. John explained this was partly due to Wraparound going bankrupt last year as well as rising costs.

Ed Philips asked about card machines and the use of them. John explained the amount we get from card machines is very minimal and mainly for occasional visitors to Church. John would encourage people to set up regular giving as also helpful for Giftaid. Property Report

This was received, no questions were raised.

Church warden report

Margaret thanked George W and Sarah G for all their support.

Vicar Sarah expressed gratitude to Margaret on behalf of the whole church community.

Election of an Independent Examiner

John Rendle was thanked for his independent examination of the accounts and was unanimously appointed Examiner for the 2025 accounts.

Deanery synod

A report was received. SG thanked Andy Turpin, George Woodward and the late Gill Jackson for representing St Margaret's Church. There being two casual vacancies arising following Andy Turpin's resignation and Gill Jackson's death, Frederike Jacob and Maggie Conder were nominated to stand as

Deanery Synod Reps with both being elected unanimously for the remaining 1 year term of the Deanery Synod 3-year cycle.

Electoral Roll

Lucy Collins has taken on the role of Electoral Roll officer on from previous administrator, Andy Turpin. All present agreed that this arrangement would continue.

Election of PCC Members

Sarah thanked Mary Johnson and Andy Turpin for their service to the PCC as their terms of office came to an end.

There was an election held for the 6 nominated PCC members with the papers collected during the service with the count taking place after the meeting and the results to be communicated via electronic newsletter and on the church noticeboard as soon as practicable

The meeting, taking place during the 10am Sunday Worship Service, ended with a blessing and refreshments being served.