

## **StJ AGM 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Minutes**

Jude Padfield opens with introductions and agenda

**Minutes from last AGM:** Titus Ellerby proposed, Brian Kernaghan seconded. Agreed and carried unanimously.

**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

Emma Kane (proposed by Cassandra Williamson and seconded by Bethany Hollies) .and Steve Rowe (proposed by Sophie Blank and seconded by William Truong) re-elected unanimously

**PCC Elections:** Raymond Owens has been proposed by Beej Kidd and seconded by Noah Docker – He is elected unanimously.

Grateful for those on PCC currently and thank you for your continued service.

**Deanery Synod Rep Elections:** Tom Watts and Sophie Fazakerley-Poole stepping down, we thank them for their service the last 3 years.

Andrew Kidd proposed by Helen Rawsthorne and seconded by Ray Owens.

Titus Ellerby proposed by Elaine Yong and seconded Lois Speakman. Agreed unanimously.

William Truong proposed by Emma Kane and seconded by Brian Kernaghan. Agreed unanimously.

Alwyn Kernaghan proposed by David Whittle and seconded by Cath Kophamel. Agreed unanimously.

### **Presentation of the accounts**

Janet Wightman - Never a perfect year. Lots of costs are increasing with cost of living pressures but we aspire to continue to be a generous people with the amount the church donates.

2024 Total giving was £14,245. Total of 14% all donated income

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

2024 - Income £167,073 Expenditure £170,429

2025 - Income £168,949, Expenditure £169,014

This year included a £10k necessary spend for coping stones on the tower that was deemed urgent for safety. By the Grace of God, there is only a £65 deficit this year which is essentially breaking even.

2024 started the year £47,093.27, Ended the year £47,028.52

We need to find £17k to not be in deficit for next year's accounts.

2025 started the year £117,694, Ended with £167,067

Thank you for all the financial giving of the church.

**STJ Policies** - All available to view in the report and please let Janet Wightman know if you want to see any of them.

Thank you to Janet Wightman for all she does and leads through the finances of the church

Steve Rowe highlighted a few points within the annual report. 250th anniversary was a great chance to catch up with people who have been at STJ for a period across the years, being able to reflect on his own role within church having assisted running an Alpha course, having previously come to faith from an alpha course when he was 20 and it being a real privilege to run one. Ten baptisms, a focus on outreach and weird Men's events but amazing to see men who may not normally come to a church on a typical Sunday.

Emma Kane highlighted a few points that jumped out this year and commented that people are generous in our church, not just money but time and energy in volunteering to enable these things to happen. Focus conference being her first time and it being a great time as a church family, 20/30s being well equipped to grow the young adults in the church and being thankful for the team doing that. Students - new students coming and growing/ serving in areas they flourish. Youth - seeing youths preaching to others and loving serving on a Thursday. Liverpool citizens - encouraging to see the social action the church is being involved in.

Jude Padfield invite for anyone else to add.

Raymond Owens mentioned the men's works. Life changing time with the men's bible study on a Monday. The demographic of the group is mainly based in the north and are speaking highly about why they are learning and how much they are enjoying it.

Brian Kernaghan and Terry mentioned Quinta being a wonderful coming together in a different environment to connect and each time having people who are new to church, feel connected to something more than themselves

Esther Kamara - Would like to see more women connecting across groups and demographics across the church

Helen Rawsthorne - Slavery truth project has been a significant and challenging to get involved in.

Jude Padfield stated leadership praying and a growing sense that 2026 is a year of transition.

We have had around 50 joining a year and around 50 leaving so we have plateaued which is reflected in the giving as well. Over the last 3 or 4 years, we are still growing but have plateaued and need to go on again if we as a church want to 'go again'

Lots of fresh opportunity with thousands of 20/30s in the Baltic, wanting them to be in church. Youth, same story across the city and want them in church. Youth of today is not the same as youth of tomorrow and seeking a fresh round of creativity to see what would have more impact

Discipleship feedback by Mike Hindley to work through and understand

Question from Helen Rawsthorne - How does Jude's role and Mike's role work with Mary's etc?

Messaging from diocese has been consistent and are happy with the work that is happening. Mike Hindley's role to go permanent but still need to find somewhere to live with accommodation issues. Current plan is 3 out of 4 weeks for Jude at St Marys and 1 out of 4 for

Mike. Have been approached by another church in the deanery to do what we have done at St Mary's with them so very positive.

Titus Ellerby mentioning to honour Mike and Jude with their leadership and how bless we are as a church because of their giftings and how well they do that.

No questions or other business.

Ended in prayer