



PARISH OF GROUVILLE



Minutes

Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly
Held in Grouville Parish Church on
Sunday 25th May 2025 at 12 noon

PRESENT	Reverend Helen Gunton - Rector Churchwardens Simon Vivian and Myfanwy Agnes Connetable Mark labey Procureurs Pete le Cuirot and Chris Osgood
Open Meeting	Rev Helen Gunton welcomed everyone, read out the Convening Notice, and opened with prayer.
Apologies	Apologies were received from: Drew Livingstone Margaret Breen Jenny De Gruchy Shelagh Dix Susan Fardon Hilary & Ian Hardy Jane Luce
1. Approval of Minutes of Assembly held on 24 May 2023	Rev Gunton asked everyone present to announce their name before they speak for the benefit of the minutes. The minutes from the last meeting were accepted without any amendments, and were proposed by Connétable Mark Labey and seconded by Joan Herivel.
2. To Receive and, if approved, adopt the Tresor account for financial year 2024/2025	Rev Gunton introduced the Tresor account and advised that it is administered by the Rectorat, which comprises of the Rector, Connétable, Procureurs du Bien Public and Church Wardens. The Rectorat together look after the church, rectory buildings and grounds, as well as managing the Tresor fund for ongoing costs and routine maintenance. Simon Vivian presented the accounts and expressed gratitude to the Parish for the work they carry out on behalf of the Church. Simon explained that the Parish pay the church a sum of money (The Tresor) each year for its maintenance and upkeep, which has remained reasonably consistent over recent years at £25k annually. In 2024, the spend was £21,546 with the balance being returned to the Parish. Simon advised that the Tresor does not cover large items of expenditure such as repairs to the roof, but covers ongoing maintenance e.g. heating, radiator repairs. It is likely to require more in years to come as all costs are going up. Simon asked for questions from the floor. Nina Noel questioned '£0' for heating and boiler maintenance. Simon advised that the boiler has a fault and may need to be

	<p>replaced and this will be discussed at a future Rectorat meeting. The Rectorat are working together with the heating engineer to source a replacement for the broken part. Myfanwy Agnes said given the number of vulnerable people, there was a need to ensure heating is repaired in time for the winter. Malcolm Noel asked if it could be replaced by a heat pump. Rev Gunton said we would hold off discussing a replacement until it was ascertained that the boiler has to be replaced.</p> <p>The accounts were adopted unanimously. Proposed by Chris Totty and seconded by Ian Hardy. Rev Gunton expressed her thanks to Simon Vivian and to Julia Quenault for auditing the accounts.</p>
<p>3. To Elect Church Officers for the Year 2024-25</p>	<p>Rev Gunton informed the meeting that nominations had been received from Simon Vivian and Myfanwy Agnes to continue in their role as Church Wardens.</p> <p>Simon Vivian was proposed by Myfanwy Agnes and seconded by Jenny Gruchy. Myfanwy Agnes was proposed by Caroline Osgood seconded by John Day. The Rector said she recognises the continuity and blend of skills from Simon and Myfanwy to support her. As there were no further nominations, Rev Gunton declared both duly elected.</p> <p>Rev Gunton advised that we were blessed in Grouville to have two church wardens with such complementary skills and the result was an excellent team. Simon looks after the Tresor account and all things legal, whilst Myfanwy uses her pastoral gifts to support the church and the Rector, and is involved in almost everything in relation to the church.</p> <p>The Rector advised that nominations had been received from Liz Viney and Terry Noel to continue as Almoners. Liz Viney was proposed by Drew Livingston and John Day. Terry Noel was proposed by Jenny Gruchy and seconded by Liz Viney. As there were no further nominations, Rev Gunton declared both duly elected.</p> <p>Rev Gunton thanked both elected almoners for their contribution to the church. Liz continues to make things happen, despite her surgery last year. Liz also acts as a verger for weddings and funeral services and the Rector thanked her for giving her time so freely and generously. With regards to Terry Noel, Rev Gunton said that he is flourishing both in his ministry as a reader and preaching frequently. The rector added that Terry is also extremely practical, and is the Church's Health and Safety Officer. Rev Gunton thanked Terry very much for all he does and the time he gives.</p> <p>Rev Gunton finished by warning all those elected to appear at the Royal Court on Saturday 7th June for their swearing in at 10am followed by service of dedication in the Town Church and lunch.</p>
<p>4. To elect a committee to examine the Tresor account for the financial year 2024/25</p>	<p>Rev Gunton introduced Simon Vivian back to the floor, who advised that Julia Quenault has inspected the accounts for a number of years now and has agreed to continue for another year in the role. Proposed by Simon Vivian, seconded by Mark Labey. The meeting unanimously approved Julia Quenault to examine the account 2025/26.</p>

5. Meeting Closed	<p>In closing, Rev Gunton expressed her thanks to the Connétable, the Procureurs du Bien Public, the Parish Secretary and the wider team at the Parish for all they do to support the work of the church.</p> <p>The relationship that is enjoyed between the Parish and the church is not something that all parishes have and it is most appreciated and not something that is taken for granted.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 12.19pm.</p>