

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST JOHN, TE AWAMUTU,
HELD ON SUNDAY 26 April 2026, IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

Chairperson: Christine Bryant

PRESENT Paul Bryant Linda Littlemore, Murray Gardiner, Coral Loomb, Lorraine Brough, Jill Webber, R L Brickland, Ros Empson, Hilary Milne, Judith Megaw, Merle Oliver, Hazel Robertson, Luke East, Ruth Glasson, Lou Brown, Els Brown, Helen Stubbs, Margaret Main, John Sutton, Stephen Anso, Bev Anso, Jocelyn Taylor, Kathie Claypole, Barry Claypole, Barbara Jolly, Stefan Henton, Lesley Egglestone, Johanna Halder, Marie Brownlee, Warren Tims

Minute Taker: Maggie Crossan

APOLOGIES Nick Empson, John Storey, Annette Rea, Pat Moorby, Errol Moorby, Suzanne Reid, Josie Pullenger, Pam Knox, Wendy Graham, John Graham.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Luke East/Merle Oliver Carried

Welcoming and Opening Prayer:

The meeting held a minute silence for those in the parish who died since the last AGM. Susan Storey, Barbara Reynolds, Margaret Laverty,

The Chairperson led prayer and welcomed the attendees.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Chairperson read out the minutes of the last AGM.

Matters Arising.

Updating the Trust Board Deed

The Chair of the Trust Board (John Storey) sought legal assistance and has been advised the cost of any changes would be prohibitive with very little added value.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held Sunday 16 March 2025 are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Els Brown/Judith Megaw Carried

2026 AGM REPORTS

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read.

Matters Arising

- **Vicar's Report** – Rev'd Sam Pullenger
- **Warden's Report** – Coral Loomb, Christine Bryant
- **Assistant Priest's Report** – Rev'd Stephanie Owen
- **Lay Ministers Report** – Christine Bryant, Kathie Claypole, Annette Rea, Helen Stubbs
- **St John's Trust Board Report** – John Storey
- **Grounds Gardening Report** – Els Brown, Jill Webber, John Graham, Wendy Graham
- **Op Shop Report** – Marie Brownlee
- **Monday Meal Report** – Johanna Halder
- **Friday Club Report** – Suzanne Reid
- **Women's Fellowship Report** – Bev Empson
- **Synod Report** – Helen Stubbs, Christine Bryant

Comments:

The Vicar (Sam Pullenger) advised that the Parish Men's Group have been gathering over the past year, about once a term. It has been a great group and they hope to continue this year.

Thanks for continued support and dedication to their roles was given to: Grounds Gardening Team, Op Shop Team, Monday Meal Team, Suzanne Reid for the Friday Club and Holiday Programme. Bev Anso for her part in leading the Women's Fellowship and for her ministry in the Parish. Bev will be stepping down from the role.

Motion: That the 2026 AGM Reports be accepted

Luke East /Paul Bryant *Carried*

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer (Murray Gardiner).

Motion: That the financial statements for the year ended 31 December, 2025 be received.

Murray Gardiner / Ruth Glasson *Carried*

Matters Arising

Lou Brown – Advised that transferring accounts to Xero was a good move. He is familiar with the system and finds it very user-friendly.

Stephanie Owen & Christine Bryant – Acknowledged the Parish owes Murray Gardiner a huge debt of thanks for all he has done, especially over the accounts transitioning period.

2026/2027 BUDGET

The 2026/2027 Budget was presented by **Murray Gardiner**, Treasurer.

Motion: That the budget to 31 December 2027, be approved.

Murray Gardiner /Els Brown *Carried*

Comment

It was advised that currently running the Parish costs more than what we are receiving. Twenty percent of 'Gifting' covers our costs and the rest we rely on the gift of land given for our use and our ability to use it for income for the parish and community.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We have been advised by Ben Ferrier, Diocesan Manager, that nomination for Vestry need only occur at same time as those for Synod and Nominators. This would mean every second year, apart from the People's Warden, which is confirmed ever year. This doesn't mean that parishioners can't be invited to join Vestry at any as long it doesn't exceed number requirements.

Wardens

The Chairperson announced **Coral Loomb** will continue to be the People's Warden for this coming year.

Trust Board

New members to the Trust Board are **Adam Hape** and **Lou Brown**

Moved that **Lou Brown** be appointed to the Parish Trust Board.

Nominated by Andrew Guest /John Graham *Carried*

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ros Empson

Concerned at the significant lack of services at St Saviours. Would ask that this be looked at moving forward. Christine Bryant understands the concern expressed and reminded the meeting the past eight months has been one of considerable transitioning and things will settle now that Sam Pullenger is installed at the Vicar. Thanks for your patience.

Ruth Glasson

Concerned about some parishioners not being able to access or find newsletters, magazines or pew sheets on the Parish website. Rev'd Sam advised that all those are now on the front page of the website and will be on Facebook as well. Steve Anso said he appreciated the newsletter be available on noticeboards/walls as this worked well for him.

Christine Bryant

Advised that significant work needs to be done to update the Parish Roll. This will be looked at soon.

Judith Megaw

Requested that hand sanitizers be available in all churches.

MEETING CLOSES

The meeting closed at 11.58am