



# Lound Church

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

1. The meeting took place in the village hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Fr. David Bailey opened the meeting with a prayer at 12.00pm.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting** on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were proposed for acceptance by Mrs Strowlger and seconded by Mrs Hobbs, all in favour. There were no matters arising and the minutes were signed off by Fr David.
3. **Nominations for Churchwardens.**  
Mrs L McDonald said she would be willing to continue as churchwarden.  
As announced last year Mrs Hobbs has now stood down as churchwarden. On behalf of the church members Mr Strowlger thanked Mrs Hobbs for all her hard work as churchwarden over many years. Fr David also thanked her for her help and advice before and after his installation.
4. **Election if necessary.** As there were no other nominations Mrs McDonald was duly re-elected for another year following proposal by Mr Strowlger and seconded by Miss Hills.

There being no further business the Annual Meeting of Parishioners closed at 12.05pm.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place at 12.05pm following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

1. **Members present** – Fr David Bailey, Mrs Ann Colton, Mr Alan Colton, Mr Stephen Conway, Mr Brian Faulkner, Miss Sarah Hills, Mrs Judith Hobbs, Mrs Bridget Hudson, Mrs Lesley McDonald, Mrs Pamela Newark-Miller, Mrs Susan Strowlger, Mr Paul Strowlger and Mr Kevin Turner.  
Apologies from Mr Miles Campbell.
2. **Minutes of the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and matters arising.** These were duly accepted and signed off by Fr David following proposal by Mrs McDonald and seconded by Mrs Hobbs. There were no matters arising.
3. **Annual Reports.** The various reports were circulated prior to the meeting and are appended at the end of these minutes.
  - a) **Churchwardens; presentation of Terrier.** No significant changes to the church's moveable and immoveable objects. Mrs Hobbs has produced an updated version. Signed by Mrs Hobbs and Mrs McDonald.
  - b) **Hon Treasurer; adoption of accounts.** The accounts were approved at the last PCC meeting in January. There were no questions about the accounts and they were adopted by the meeting – proposed by Mr Strowlger and seconded by Mrs McDonald – all in favour.
  - c) **Return of Finance.** Figures from the accounts presented in a slightly different way. Sent off to the Diocese.
  - d) **Electoral Roll.** Mr Colton reported that the Roll numbers were down by 1 due to the death in

2025 of Mr Graham Harrop. There were no other changes leaving 20 on the current Roll. There were no questions.

**e) Incumbent.** Fr David was not able to circulate his report before the meeting. It is included below.

**f) Deanery Synod.** No deanery synod member so no report. Fr David mentioned that he had attended two chapter meetings. One for Lothingland, the other for Great Yarmouth.

**g) Safeguarding.** Fr David is due to have a meeting shortly with the Diocesan Safeguarding team. A safeguarding officer (SO) does not have to be a member of the parish or on the Electoral Roll. It could be e.g. a teacher and Fr David is aware of a teacher at Hemsby Community School who might be suitable. He will look into this further. Until such time as we have a SO the Diocesan Safeguarding team should be the first port of call in case of need. The PCC to review the Safeguarding Policy at the next meeting.

**h) Village hall.**

4. **Election of Deanery Synod representative.** No volunteers.

5. **Election of new PCC.** The current PCC members are all willing to continue i.e. Mr/Mrs Strowlger, Miss Hills, Mr Campbell and Mrs Hobbs. Mrs McDonald as churchwarden is also ex-officio on the PCC.

6. **AOB**

**i)** Mrs Hudson wished to thank our organist Mr Turner and said he had been greatly missed whilst undergoing medical treatment.

**ii)** Mrs Hudson also wondered if Fr David would be happy to write a short piece for the Hexagon magazine given that Lound still submits items for this each month. Fr David said he would prepare something for the June issue.

There followed a brief discussion about the pros and cons of the magazine given that Lound church is no longer in the Somerleyton benefice but is still part of the 6 churches/villages community and whether a Lound/Hemsby news sheet would be viable.

The APCM finished at 12.45pm

### FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW PCC

The meeting commenced at 12.45pm

1. **Election of:**

**Hon Secretary** – Role shared between Mrs Hobbs and Mr Colton (minutes taker).

**Hon Treasurer** – Mrs Hobbs proposed by Mr Turner, seconded by Mrs McDonald. All in favour.

**Vice Chair** – Mr Strowlger offered to take on this role.

2. **Date, time and place of next meeting.** To immediately follow this meeting.

This meeting finished at 12.50pm