



Notice of Annual General Meeting: 27th April 2025

All members of Immanuel Church are invited to take part in the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 27th April at 6pm at Bishop Luffa School**. The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Welcome and Introduction (preceded by light refreshments)
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st April 2024 and the General Meeting held on 13th October 2024
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (to be advised by members before the meeting)
5. Results of Election for Leaders
6. Results of Election for Trustees
7. Elections for Synod Representatives
8. Safeguarding Update
9. Health and Safety Update
10. Financial Report
11. Questions on any of the above.
12. Church Ministry Report and any questions
13. Any other business (please notify Chair of Trustees in advance of the meeting)

Peter Bradley
Chair of Trustees, Immanuel Church
13th February 2025

Voting rights

All those who registered as members by 23rd March 2025 are eligible to vote online, by email, by post or by proxy. After this, the next opportunity to be added to the register of members will be the following year's AGM, due in March/April 2026.

Election of Leaders

In accordance with our Constitution we can have up to six elected Leaders. They can each serve up to two consecutive terms of three years, though a Leader needs to be elected for each term. Successful applicants will serve alongside continuing elected Leaders (Shane Morton, Monica Cooper, Carol Grove and Emma Darbyshire) and our Ministers (our new minister and James Nickols). This means we will have two vacancies in our Leadership Team.

Election of Trustees

In accordance with our Constitution, each year one third of the elected board of Trustees must stand down, in order of length of service. Those who stand down can put themselves forward for re-election without delay. There is no limit on the length of time a Trustee can serve continuously (subject to being re-elected) and we consider that having a maximum of six trustees is sufficient.

Our Trustees currently are Jon Allin, Chris Hill, Bethia Nickols, Chrissie Bacon and Peter Bradley. This year, two of the existing trustees will stand down as a part of the one third rule but may choose to seek re-election. This means we will have three vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

Standing for Election

Those who wish to stand for election as either Leader or Trustee should complete a Nomination Form, which is available from Shane Morton or Peter Bradley, or from the church website (in the Members' Area).

Candidates must be members of Immanuel Church and provide a personal statement (including concise biographical information) to support their application.

Candidates for the Leadership Team also need to obtain the written support of two members of Immanuel Church on the form, (i.e. one who proposes and one who seconds their nomination).

Candidates for the Board of Trustees also need to obtain the written support of one member of Immanuel Church on the form, (i.e. one who proposes their nomination).

Candidates must submit their completed forms online, by post or by email by **Sunday 30th March.**

The names of the candidates will be announced to members, and their personal statements will be made available prior to the start of voting.

Voting for Leader and Trustee positions

Voting will be online (preferred), by email or by post from 6th to 20th April. Those unable to vote, or who will be away for this period or who will be unable to attend the AGM, can vote by proxy (see below).

Proxy Voting

Members who are unable to vote online, by post or email, or to attend the AGM in person, have the right to appoint someone to vote on their behalf. (The appointment of a proxy is authorised under section 324 of the Companies Act 2006 and article 19 of the Articles of Immanuel Church, Chichester). If you wish to appoint someone as a proxy you must complete a proxy notice (available from Shane Morton or Peter Bradley, and the Members pages of the church web site or from the Elections Officer). You should return the completed proxy notice to the Elections Officer by post or email for registration before voting.

AGM papers

The AGM papers, including the Annual Report and minutes of the last AGM and General Meeting will be available to view and download from the church website (Members' Area) before the AGM.

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