

## REPORT OF THE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TRUSTEES FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### **THE PURPOSE OF THE TRUST**

The purpose of the Trust is set out in the revised Trust Deed as follows:

That the primary purpose of the Trust shall be the advancement of religion, specifically the Christian faith in the Anglican tradition and consistent with the Nicene Creed. In the outworking of this primary purpose the Trust may actively pursue other charitable purposes including: the prevention and relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of reconciliation; and the advancement of religious harmony.

That the objective of the Trust shall be to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the Anglican Church and consistent with the Nicene Creed, in order to grow His Kingdom in Jersey and overseas.

### **THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are the legal owners of the church building and have the responsibility for the maintenance of the exterior and the structure of the building, although this and the responsibilities of the Church Council for the maintenance of the interior had been delegated to the Building Committee so that a single body with the necessary expertise takes responsibility for this. The trustees are also a Patronage Board (having the choice of any future Minister of the church) and have the responsibility to set the Minister's stipend after consultation with the Council. The current trustees are Hugh Cathcart (chair), Ian Le Marquand, David Smith, Micki Lewin and Victoria Wilderspin.

There is a separate report from the Building Committee in relation to the maintenance of the building.

### **CHANGES TO THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH**

During the year the updated and modernised Trust deed was presented to a meeting of the congregation, approved by the Law Office (with only very minor amendments), approved by an EGM of the Church on 13 January 2026 and approved by the Royal Court on 6 February 2026. The Trustees then incorporated St Paul's Church Limited which will commenced operations on 31 March 2026. The assets and liabilities of the Trust, other than the building (which will be leased to the new company) will be transferred to the new company which will then be responsible for the day to day activities of the Church.

Under the revised Trust deed there will be six trustees. Trustees shall come up for retirement every six years after their appointment and shall be replaced but being able to continue for further periods of six years if re-elected. There is no limit to the number of times a Trustee may be re-elected.

The continuing responsibilities of the Trustees are appointing a new Minister when required, setting the Minister's stipend and ownership of the building (subject to the lease but responsible for any major building matters.)

The trustees would again like to express particular thank to Steve Wilderspin for all his continuing excellent work on this matter.

Hugh Cathcart

9 March 2026