

## Truro Anglican Church + Regular Vestry Meeting Summary

### June 2025

Jamie Brown opened with prayer, thanking God for the day and for our time together and welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide us and the meeting.

The devotion focused on Acts chapter 13 where there is a lot going on, namely related to the church sending Paul and Barnabas out into ministry. They encounter and rebuke a magician/false teacher and then end up preaching at a synagogue where Paul preaches a 3-point sermon! He focuses on an overview of Old Testament history, God's ultimate plan in Jesus, and an invitation to faith. The last part of the chapter outlines how the Gentiles receive the good news with gladness but the Jews work to persecute Paul and Barnabas. Ultimately, they leave to go on to their next stop but do so "filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." Jamie then outlined a number of beautiful things to behold and pray for from the passage which focused on themes of sensitivity and obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit and Scripture, a boldness and patience in spreading the Gospel, fierceness against spiritual darkness, favor and discernment for those with ears to hear the Word and among others, an unquenchable joy in the power of the Holy Spirit. In closing, he highlighted verse 18: "And for 40 years, **he put up with them** in the wilderness" in which Paul emphasizes God's kindness. Jamie and the vestry then spent some time in prayer regarding the Lord's overwhelming kindness toward Truro and for the things going on in the church.

### Summary

1. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:
  - Vestry Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2025
  - Financial Summary Reports – May Finance Committee, TPK and Trinity Burke
2. Jamie paused to pray (along with other Vestry members) to offer thanksgivings and to make our requests known to God.
3. A Decision Brief was presented by the Treasurer, Don Foy, for the 2025-26 Budget for Trinity Burke. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved the brief.
4. A Decision Brief was presented by the Treasurer, Don Foy, for the 2025-26 Budget for Truro Preschool & Kindergarten (TPK). After some discussion, the vestry moved, seconded, and approved the brief.
5. The vestry entered executive session at 8:07pm and ended at 8:23pm.

6. Two Decision Briefs were presented by the Rector, Jamie Brown, for the "Vestry and Recommendation for Ordination to the Priesthood" of The Rev. Preston Hansen and The Rev. Catherine Warner. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved the brief, to be passed along to the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.
7. A Decision Brief was presented by the Director of Operations, Daria Brown, for the 2025-26 Vestry Approval For an Open Position (Director/Coordinator of The Nest). The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved the brief.
8. Building & Grounds Committee: The committee recently had a meeting with Facilities Director Hugo Blondel about upcoming projects that will be needed at Truro. No large dollar expenditures are expected in 2025.
9. Outreach Committee: Multiple updates on local, international, and domestic opportunities were shared in the report. Additional feedback was solicited on the preliminary outreach materials sent a few months ago and a request was made for ongoing prayers about missions and opportunities.
10. Personnel: A meeting will be set for the committee in the future to bring everyone up to speed.
11. Director of Operations: Summer maintenance mode has begun and the team continues to adapt to the new finance system. The church will also look for new IT vendors to meet its needs.
12. Senior Warden: Focusing on Romans 12:18, the vestry was challenged to examine themselves and ask the Lord to show them how to fully "live at peace with everyone, as far as it depends on us."
13. Rector: Jamie reflected on the "Three R's" (Restore, Rebuild, and Raise Up). Jamie also announced that Truro will be hosting the consecration service of the next bishop for the "Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others" on September 27th. The search for a worship director is continuing. And we are in conversations with candidates for the open clergy position.
14. The vestry entered executive session at 8:53pm and ended at 9:03pm.
15. Jamie read from 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 and the meeting closed with the Lord's prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm