

Truro Anglican Church — Regular Vestry Meeting Summary January 2026

The regular meeting of the Truro Anglican Church Vestry was called to order by Jamie Brown at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Opening Devotion and Prayer

For the evening's devotion, Jamie began and ended by praying Psalm 90:16-17, attributed to Moses. The latter prays that "God's work be shown to [His] servants," and that the Lord would "establish the work of our hands." Jamie then turned to Acts 18 describing Paul's mission to Corinth, and various places in that chapter where God's work is shown to his servants, and where God establishes the work of their hands.

Rector's Report

Focusing on Truro's four pillars (the Word, Worship, Community, and Outreach), Jamie shared updates on various ways those pillars are being tended to and strengthened. Truro continues to search for an additional Associate Rector and a Director of Communications and Events. The Family Ministries staff will soon move to the main office building to reduce physical separation.

Jamie proposed to the Vestry steps to refresh the Undercroft and Parish Office. The Undercroft lighting has recently been improved, but its 16-year-old AV system is malfunctioning and the carpet is unsightly. The Parish Office is our front door to guests and the daily workplace for most of Truro's staff, yet its appearance is unwelcoming. The hallway carpet is stained, fraying, and old, ceiling panels suffer similar deterioration, and restrooms have aged poorly.

Area of Ministry Report

Ryan Shelton, Director of Worship, declared as his overall goal for the ministry to support and enhance congregational singing. To that end, he aspires for "undistracting excellence" from the platform, rather than worldly performance that may distract from true worship. Ryan acknowledged the challenges of stepping into the position after three years of interim worship leadership and turnover. He has had conversations with worship team members to improve clarity about aims of the ministry. He is looking for ways to better integrate AV personnel with the rest of the worship team. In summary, he would like to see as hallmarks of the worship team harmony, peace, clarity, humility, and grace.

The Vestry prayed for Ryan.

Initial Matters

- a) The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:
 - Vestry Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025.
 - Financial Summary Reports
 - Nov-Dec Finance Committee

- TPK
 - Trinity Burke
 - Treasurer Don Foy pointed out that despite larger than expected expenses in November and December 2025, at year-end Truro's net revenue exceeded its actual expenses by 200K.
- b) The Vestry paused to pray in thanksgiving for God's provision during 2025.

Business

At Jamie's invitation, Senior Warden Nancy Gordon opened a discussion on updating the Undercroft and Parish Office. Nancy described options to replace the flooring of the Undercroft, noting pros and cons. Alluding to the Parish Office, Nancy cited the lack of handicapped-accessible restrooms on the main level of the campus as a notable shortcoming. The Vestry discussed how to finance such improvements and the importance of incorporating long-term capital planning in the budget process. With no Vestry decision being sought at this time, Jamie closed the discussion observing that Truro ended 2025 with a surplus and the question remains what to do with it.

Committee and Other Reports

Jamie invited an open discussion on any matters of interest raised by ministry reports in the Vestry packet.

Executive Session

The Vestry entered executive session at 8:32 pm and ended at 8:42 pm.

Closing, Announcements, and Adjournment.

- a) Nancy announced that approximately 50 names had been submitted as potential candidates for Vestry election in February.
- b) Prayer requests were shared.
- c) Jamie ended by inviting the Vestry to pray the Lord's Prayer.
- d) The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

The next regular vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:15 pm in Common Grounds. The later-than-usual starting time is to accommodate that evening's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Jamie Brown will provide the devotion.

Contact Molly Andreson at mandreson@truroanglican.com for a copy of the complete minutes.