

Truro Anglican Church—Regular Vestry Meeting Summary

March 2026

The regular meeting of the Truro Anglican Church Vestry was called to order by Jamie Brown at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Summary

Opening items. Jamie Brown welcomed four Vestry members-elect (James Bull, Debbie Hatfield, Colleen Wildenhain, and Ed Wilson), who were invited to observe the meeting before taking office in April. In his opening prayer, Jamie offered thanks to God for the day and the presence of the Holy Spirit. He asked that the Spirit knit us together as a congregation, including through community dinners. Jamie began his devotion with a reading of Psalm 1. He commented on some of the word-images in the text. One of them describes the righteous man or woman as being “like a tree planted by streams of water” (Psalm 1:3). Such a tree will “yield its fruit in its season.” The Vestry joined in prayer.

Rector’s Report. Jamie reminded the Vestry that Truro could not operate as it does without volunteers. He listed several categories of congregants. Some parishioners are already serving. Some have been serving so much and for so long they ought to take a rest. Some, for good reasons, are not yet ready to serve and might instead simply be present in the community for a while as the Spirit works within them. For still others, the time to serve has come. Vestry members should be ready to invite the latter to consider whether God may be calling them to serve. Many options are described in the Truro Volunteer Guide.

Initial Matters

- a) The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:
 - Vestry Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026. Approved after the Vestry directed the Register to amend one sentence of the draft minutes about the Vestry’s reallocation of certain Outreach Ministry funds.
 - Financial Summary Reports – February Finance Committee, TPK, and Trinity Burke. In Treasurer Don Foy’s absence, Financial Controller Marsha Foos presented the reports. Marsha declared that unrestricted pledge and plate giving was slightly behind budget in 2026. Expenses were over budget in part because of high winter electric bills and prepayment for food trucks at the March 15 annual meeting.
- b) Jamie and others paused to pray in thanksgiving for (i) God’s financial provision for Truro, TPK, and Trinity Burke, (ii) for the election of new Vestry members, and (iii) for every perfect gift that God has given.

Business

- An oral decision brief was presented by Jamie to establish the next annual meeting on Sunday, April 18, 2027. The Vestry approved.
- An oral information update was presented by Jim Osterhaus. Jim announced his wish to resign from Vestry in April, after serving five continuous years and witnessing great improvement during that time in Vestry culture. The Vestry accepted his resignation. The members prayed in thanksgiving for Jim’s service and his faithfulness to God at Truro over many decades. Jamie then explained that, given the timing of the recent Vestry election, the bylaws provide a procedure for the Vestry to fill the unexpired

portion of a term caused by a vacancy. After notice to the congregation, the Vestry will conduct an interim election by the remaining members of the Vestry.

- An oral information brief was presented by Jamie to nominate officers for the 2026-2027 Vestry term. The Vestry was given a month to pray and consider the appointments, after which it will elect its new officers at its meeting in April.

Committee and Other Reports

Annual Reports:

- Finance Committee. Marsha Foos reported that the committee has agreed to consider updating its policies in the 2026-2027 term. Among items to be considered are establishing a policy requiring the development of long-range plans to reflect projected capital expenditures.
- Building and Grounds Committee. Tom Heitman reported the committee will meet soon with Director of Operations Daria Brown and Facilities Manager Hugo Blondel to begin planning major maintenance projects and to seek estimates of their cost. The committee will also consider more robust training and procedures for the Safety Team.
- Personnel Committee. Steve Weagraff reported completing a light update to the Employee Handbook during the past term. In 2026-2027, the committee is required to conduct a full biennial review of the Employee Handbook and ensure its compliance with current Vestry policies. The committee identified about a half dozen potential policy issues to be considered in the next year.
- Outreach. Jamie reported that the Outreach Committee requires a significant reboot in organization in the next year.

Other Reports:

- Tom Heitman conveyed the gratitude of Truro Preschool and Kindergarten for the Vestry's reallocation of Outreach funds to assist TPK to improve its marketing and enrollment. TPK will hold a Friends and Family event on April 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
- Director of Operations - Daria Brown thanked Vestry members for participating in the weekly community dinners during Lent. Scheduling the 2026 annual meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 pm led to much improved attendance over 2025. Daria acknowledged the need to improve the speed at which orders were served by food trucks. The new sign along Main Street is awaiting fabrication of a component. Daria is working on feasibility plans and cost estimates for major upkeep items (e.g., eventual replacement of the sanctuary air handler).
- Senior Warden Nancy Gordon asked members-elect to let her know of their committee preferences for the 2026-2027 term.

Executive Session. The Vestry entered executive session at 8:08 pm and ended at 8:53 pm.

Closing, Announcements, and Adjournment.

- a) Well wishes were offered to those with a birthday in March.
- b) Jamie and others concluded by asking prayer for wisdom.
- c) The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.