Truro Anglican Church-Regular Vestry Meeting Summary
October 2026

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

Summary

Opening items

Jamie opened the meeting in prayer and led the Vestry in a devotional reflection on James 5:13–20, highlighting the biblical tradition of church elders gathering to intercede for the congregation. Recalling his pastoral prayer retreat, Jamie outlined various prayer request categories for the church family. The Vestry spent an extended time praying aloud for the spiritual and physical needs of the congregation.

Initial Matters

The Vestry approved two additions to the agenda: a decision brief for Vestry consent for ordination of Chris Hammond, and a proposal to reschedule the November vestry meeting to November 19, 2026.

The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the Vestry Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2026.

The Vestry accepted into the minutes the results of an unanimous Vestry email vote amending Bylaw Section 9.3, to shift Truro's fiscal year to July 1–June 30.

Financial Update

Financial Summary Reports – September Finance Committee, TPK, and Trinity Burke. Treasurer Don Foy and Marsha Foos reported on:

a) Operating budget performance, noting interest income and designated contributions to the caring fund and recital series.
b) Year-to-date giving trends and overall net operating variance offset by designated capital contributions, insurance proceeds, and interest income.
c) Summer flood remediation expenses and insurance recovery payouts.
d) Completion of Truro's financial obligations to Trinity Burke
e) TPK's healthy cash positions, strong reserve balances, and stable operating performance.
f) Trinity Burke's positive revenue performance and progress toward managing independent finances.

- The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the financial reports.
- Jamie and Vestry members paused for a prayer of thanksgiving for God's ongoing provision.

Rector's Report

Jamie reported on his annual pastoral prayer retreat, during which he prayed over and responded to roughly 125 cards from members of the congregation. He noted a transition in Children's Ministry leadership, with an interim director now serving while the search for a permanent director continues, and a transition in choir leadership. He shared that work is underway on Truro's first Annual Report in several years, expected in early-to-mid November. He also updated the vestry on preparations for Truro to host diocesan Synod in November and asked that the November vestry meeting be moved to November 19.

Business

a) A verbal decision brief was presented by Jamie requesting Vestry approval of recommending Chris Hammond for ordination to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved consent and recommendation, authorizing certification via the diocesan digital portal.

b) An informational brief was presented by Daria Brown outlining the timeline for electing four Vestry members: nominations open in November and close January 9, 2027, followed by candidate publications and an election conducted over two consecutive Sundays in February with the week in between.

c) Don Foy and Marsha Foos presented a discussion brief outlining the draft full-year 2027 budget alongside the transitional 6-month budget (January 1–June 30, 2027) required for the fiscal year realignment. Discussion included staffing cost-of-living adjustments, potential health insurance savings, worship program adjustments, and capital maintenance priorities.

d) A decision brief was presented by Daria Brown to upgrade the failing video distribution system in the sanctuary, to be funded by a grant from a local foundation. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved the plan and funding request.

Officer and Other Reports

a) Director of Operations Report:

- Facility Projects: Updates on concrete and front sidewalk repairs, parish office carpeting, stairwell water damage remediation, and commercial property and health insurance renewals.
- Diocesan Synod (November 12–14, 2026): Logistics review for hosting approximately 350 attendees, covering tent heating, food service locations, modified weekday school schedules, offsite parking coordination, and volunteer opportunities.

- Staff Health and Support: Requests for prayer for staff members facing or recovering from medical procedures and for volunteers assisting with hospitality and catering needs.

b) Senior Warden - No report submitted.

Executive Session

The Vestry entered executive session at **8:22 pm** and ended at **8:52 pm**.

Closing, announcements, and adjournment

a) Tom Heitman reported on a steeple HVAC site visit by contractors to calculate heat-gain loads for a formal air-handler proposal to the Building and Grounds Committee.
b) The Vestry agreed to reschedule the regular November Vestry meeting from November 17 to Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm in Common Grounds.
c) Nancy Gordon led the Vestry in a closing prayer.
d) The meeting adjourned at **8:55 pm.**

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