



**Deaf Anglicans Together
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 17th May 2025**

1. Present:

25 members, including 3 executive committee members

In attendance: Gill Behenna (National Deaf Ministry Advisor)

2. Apologies:

5 members sent apologies including the chair of DAT – Pat Callaghan. In her absence Susan Myatt took the chair.

3. Minutes from 2024: Were approved unanimously.

4. Chairs report:

Pat Callaghan had planned to share her report by video but unfortunately was unable to do so.

5. Treasurers report:

Susan Myatt gave a summary of DAT finances for the year ending 31st December 2024:

Income: £12,439

Expenditure: £13,646

Giving a loss of £1207 for the year (although the detailed accounts show £15,575 in unrestricted reserves so we are able to absorb the loss)

Susan explained there were two main reasons for this; some of the expenses relating to the 2023 IEWG conferences were in the 2024 accounting period. Also the conference centre had changed their rules and asked for much higher deposits in advance meaning a lot of money has had to be paid towards future conferences.

Other comments were that a large anonymous donation had been received so income from donations was much higher than in 2023.

6. General Synod report:

Sarah Tupling gave a summary of the work of the three General Synod reps (herself, Mary Bucknall and Elaine Heath) for the year.

7. Signs Magazine report:

Mary Bucknall reported that three issues of Signs Magazine had been produced and distributed in 2024 – mostly by email with a few hard copies sent out by post.

She thanked Susan Myatt and Ernest Seager for their support in distributing the magazine.

She is always interested to receive stories and news (and photos with permissions) of Deaf church events from round the country – please send them in!

8. IEWG report

Susan Myatt presented the IEWG report (the IEWG is the International Ecumenical Working Group – people involved in Deaf ministry from UK and Europe)

- The IEWG Board met 9 times during 2024
- We discussed the future of IEWG and started negotiations with the World Council of Churches.
- In September we held an online Day Conference about Deaf people and “end of life” care. This was very successful.
- Our next online conference will be on Wednesday 12th November (2025). Look out for more information
- The next IEWG Conference will be September 2026 in Norway.

9. Election of trustees to serve 2025-2028:

The triennial election of trustees took place. As there were only 5 people nominated, the only vote taken was on the position of chair. The results were as follows:

Chair: Hannah Lewis (elected unanimously)

Trustees: Ernest Seager, Penny Beschizza, Sarah Tupling, Mary Bucknall.

Retiring trustees, Pat Callaghan and Susan Myatt were thanked for their 15 years of service to DAT committee.

10. Janice Palmer award

It was announced that the £100 book grant for 2025 had been awarded to Rosie Wallace.

11. Notices

It was announced that the 2026 Spring Conference would take place from 15th – 17th May at the Hayes Conference centre in Swanick. The AGM would take place on Saturday 16th May at this conference.

There being no further business, the AGM was closed, and Susan thanked everyone for attending.