



Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2022 held on Thursday, 5 May 2022

Revd James opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Present: 30 members of the congregation.

Apologies were received from Sue Mackworth-Praed, Lucy Hine, Cathy Putz, Trisha Hawkins, Wiz Dundas, Ann Willard Sullivan, Peter Stanford, Lis and Sebastian Munden, Carolyn Wilson, Rachel Skilbeck

2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 29 April 2021 were signed as a correct record after the spelling of Philip Bladen's name had been corrected.

A. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2022 for the purpose of electing two churchwardens to serve for the coming year.

Fouki Heller was proposed by Peter Boyling, and seconded by Patty Darke

Steve Cox was proposed by Phil Bladen, and seconded by Fouki Heller

Phil Bladen was thanked heartily for his service over the past two terms as church warden and our appreciation will be demonstrated fully at a later date.

B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

1. Report on the Church Electoral Roll: On behalf of the Electoral Officer it was reported that there were now 277 on the roll, an increase of 18 on 2021. Rachel Skilbeck, Trisha Hawkins and Cheryl Cole were thanked for all their work renewing the roll.

2. Elections to the Parochial Church Council of five representatives to serve for three years

Trisha Hawkins was proposed by Juliet Kingsmill Hogan and seconded by Paul Teverson

Alison Macmillan was proposed by Fouki Heller and seconded by Lucy Hine

Helen Eidi was proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Geoffrey Barnet

Carolyn Wilson was proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Natasha Mold

Geoffrey Barnet was proposed by Christabel Gairdner and seconded by Peter Boyling

All nominated candidates were duly elected.

3. Report on proceedings of the PCC was received.

4. Report on the annual accounts.

In Patrick's last Treasurer's report, he highlighted the main event was the receipt of £659K for our share of Boileau Road. While it looks like a big gain, but we had owned the property for 30 years, and had little income from it. The PCC agreed that the proceeds should go into Charity Investment Funds, in view of the performance of our existing investment (50K to 90K in 5 years). Due to recent world events, today it is showing a large loss but this is a long term investment.

There had been a major increase in "voluntary income" 13+% due to increased generosity. Other major increases – KH income up 42%, weddings etc. up 85%. We paid £183,600 into the Parish Support Fund, and were one of very few who increased their contribution. Other expenses had been well controlled and assisted by a further £14,000 from government Covid scheme. This year will be

more difficult – giving is dropping, expenses are rising. Youth Fund pays the youth workers. It will be exhausted in a couple of years.

Patrick thanked Tiziana very warmly for her book-keeping assistance over the past 13 years and Richard du Parc for his invaluable work as Banking Officer.

Patrick was thanked warmly for all his work. Michael Ross-McCall will be appointed at the first PCC meeting.

5. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts for 2022

Resolution: That following the retirement of Alastair Cameron as the independent examiner, the PCC is authorised to appoint a suitably qualified independent examiner of the accounts for 2022 and to agree the remuneration. Clare Boyling proposed and Patrick Findlater seconded. All in favour.

6. Report on the fabric of the church, and of the church hall were received. James expressed his thanks for all the work undertaken. A new hall manager has been appointed, Anita Janus, to release Cheryl to focus on her role as the Church administrator.

7. Report on the Team Council was received. James is very pleased that there is a very good relationship across the 3 parishes and there will be further opportunities for working together.

8. Report on Deanery Synod was received.

9. Rector's reflection.

It is important to celebrate the quiet good things undertaken during the year. We are in a great time of change and uncertainty with Covid, Ukraine and cost of living crisis for recently. This will mean more challenges that we need to address. The first Ukrainian refugees have arrived in the parish. There is change in parish life too with a new ChurchWarden and Treasurer, and Sue Adams stepping down as Chief Florist, after 21 years. Many thanks to Sue and all who supported her in that role. Judith Blacklockis going to help in the transition. We are seeking to appoint an Associate Priest, shared 50/50 with St Michaels. Both churches have similar problems; lots of people who are aware of the churches but James and Stephen needed more clergy support to engage more people. This is a great opportunity to work with St Michaels. Lectionary reading for today: Acts 8 v26. 'I need someone to guide me'. The danger is we can have a very welcoming front door but also a large back door. We need to nurture any newcomers. James thanked everybody for support over the past year. It is going to be a testing time but we can grow through it. There was a question from Roger Jeffries about the liturgy. He had found that the BCP language at Morning Prayer and Evensong had been diluted. Common Worship was introduced in 2000. BCP is read at every 8.00 service on Sundays, half of the midweek services and half of evensongs. We seek to have a balance.

Joan Wheeler Bennett made a comment that when the Scouts were in church, there were no rousing, familiar hymns. She offered to produce a list of rousing hymns. We are mindful of having appropriate hymns. Last night we interviewed for the new Director of Music last night. A candidate has been offered and accepted verbally. James hopes we shall integrate the music more with the liturgy in future. Paul Teverson asked whether there should be a revision of the liturgy for the All Age services. While it was different to the regular liturgy, it is still quite challenging and we should be braver and go further. James agrees and will follow it up.

10. Churchwardens' report by Fouki. – thanked James very much. He has added new spiritual input.

11. Any other business

Judy Gowing was thanked for her work as PCC Secretary for the past 11 years. She has expressed a wish to stand down and we are looking for a replacement. Cheryl Cole was also thanked for everything she does running the Church Office so efficiently. She handles people very appropriately and sensitively.

12. Date of next annual meeting: Date will be announced.

Closed with the Grace at 20.40.