



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024** at 7.00pm  
in St Mary's Church

**Present:** Peter Reynolds (Vice Chairman), two members of the Ministry Team and 26 parishioners.

*Canon Freda Davies gave a reading from Ephesians 2:8.10 where Paul encourages the early church to continue its mission in spite of problems just as we need to continue to work together through the vacancy to inspire faith, hope and love into the community. She concluded with a prayer.*

*The first meeting opened at 7.02pm and Peter Reynolds was chosen to chair it.*

### **Meeting of the Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Pat and John Dazeley, Caroline Pascoe, Bryan and Sue Jones, Janet Cooper, Melanie Mellor, Helen and John Setchfield, Dene Eward, Derek Glover, Marilyn Reynolds, Pam Altree, Andrew Morris and Pat Milnes.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were accepted as correct.

**3. Churchwardens' Reports**

The churchwardens' report was accepted and no questions were asked.

The Vice Chairman thanked Bryan Jones and Mark Sanderson for all their work during the year.

**4. Election of Churchwardens**

It was proposed by Paul Eward and seconded by Gerald Altree to elect Bryan Jones as church warden.

It was proposed by Jane Rothery and seconded by Rachel Lewis to elect Mark Sanderson as church warden.

**There being no other nominations, Bryan and Mark were elected as Churchwardens until the next Annual Meeting**

*The meeting closed at 7.07pm.*

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**Annual Parochial Church Meeting****1. Minutes of last Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Proposed: Nick Nelson

Seconded: Roy Milnes

Unanimous.

**It was resolved that the minutes of a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be accepted as an accurate record with an amendment that Paul Cummings was present and did not present apologies.**

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Pauline Leggate had asked that the meeting be held in the hall this year due to difficulties with hearing. The sound system has now been vastly improved and with the correct use of the microphones this should no longer be a problem. Several people agreed they would rather be in the hall anyway but others preferred the church.

**3. PCC Treasurer's and Trustees' Report**

The treasurer was pleased to report a healthy set of accounts. His report and accounts were accepted. He added that since the report was written he had received promises of two grants of £27,000 and £5,000 for the LifeLink Chaplaincy Project.

Proposed: Nick Nelson

Seconded: Pauline Leggate

Unanimous

**It was resolved to accept the Report of the Trustees.**

**4. Electoral Roll Officer's Report**

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 there were a total of 142 members on the electoral roll, an increase of ten since the last Annual Meeting held in May 2023. A full revision of the Roll takes place in 2025.

The report was accepted.

**5. PCC Secretary's Report**

The secretary's report which outlined the work of the PCC over the year was accepted. There were no questions.

**6. Safeguarding and DBS Officer's Report**

The Safeguarding and DBS Officer's very comprehensive report was accepted. Colin Leggate expressed our gratitude for keeping everyone safe.

**7. Deanery Synod Report**

The report of the Deanery Synod was accepted. There were no questions.

**8. The Incumbent's Report**

The incumbent's report for 2023 was submitted by Sean. The report was accepted.

**9. Hopes for the Future**

Caroline submitted a report to follow on from Sean's report to outline the way we hope to continue. Her report was accepted.

**10. Vision Portfolios – the full reports are in the booklet which forms a part of these minutes**

- a**      **The Inspiring Faith** report was accepted and noted. Meryl Bedford asked about the suitability of a Communion Service at Ross Court rather than a simpler service to include hymns. Freda explained that some residents wish to receive communion and that we mustn't deny them that. It was agreed that when going to a care home, the Pastoral Visitor needs to assess the situation and attendees and be prepared to offer the best service for them.
- b**      **Inspiring Faith in Schools** report was accepted and noted.
- c**      **The Inspiring Hope** report was accepted and noted.
- d**      **Inspiring Love** report was accepted and noted. The Vice Chairman noted that Julian, Rosie and Melanie are Trustees of Enviroability which he felt was a terrific link to have.

**11. Election of one member to the Deanery Synod to fill a vacancy**

There were no nominations. There are currently three (Gerald Altree, Rachel Lewis and Mark Sanderson) out of four possible members who are now in the second of a three year term.

**12. Election of twelve members to the Parochial Church Council**

Proposed: Mark Sanderson	Seconded: Julian Hallett	Unanimous
<b>It was resolved to elect to the Parochial Church Council,</b>		
Jean Brown	Julian Hallett	Anne Morris
Paul Cummings	Hugh James	Peter Reynolds
Mike Donovan	Roy Milnes	Jane Rothery
Paul Eward	Melanie Mellor	Rosie Winyard.

**13. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the Accounts**

Roy Milnes had ascertained that David Bennett was prepared to continue as Independent Examiner for the Accounts prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Roy Milnes	Seconded: Mark Sanderson	Unanimous
<b>It was resolved to appoint David Bennett as Independent Examiner for the Accounts.</b>		

**14. Organisations' Reports**

The booklet which contains the organisations' reports listed below which had been published prior to the meeting and forms part of these minutes.

Altar Servers, Bell ringers, Bereavement Support Group, Bible-a-Month Club, Bible Study Groups, Brampton Abbots Primary School, Churchyard Angels, Church Hall Committee, Church Welcome, Commercial and Industrial Chaplaincy, Community Food Larder, Contemplative Prayer Group, Flicks in the Sticks, Flower Arrangers, Friends of St Mary's, FFF (Fun, Food and Funds Group), LEAF/GROW Youth Group, Messy Church, Mothers' Union, Music, Open the Book, Prayers for St Mary's, Ponder & Pray, Prayer Chain, Residential Communities, Sidespersons, Sunday Kids, Toast and Toddle, Thursday Morning Zoom Prayer Meeting.

The Vice Chairman thanked all the groups for the work they do.

Comments were made regarding the following groups:

The Vice Chairman highlighted the work of the **Altar Servers** who now have several regular new young members.



The Vice Chairman added a special thank you to the **Churchyard Angels** who are doing a wonderful job in the open churchyard.

Freda said that the **flower arrangers** who provide their own flowers, need more people to go on the rota though if anyone wishes to donate money for flowers on a particular Sunday, this would be very helpful too.

Margaret Willis had asked that the PCC be thanked for giving the proceeds from the 2024 Lent Lunches to the **Mothers' Union** Overseas Fund.


Colin thanked the Sunday morning welcomers (from the **sidespersons** team) who ensure everyone gets a good welcome.

It was announced that **Flicks in the Sticks** will be vacating the hall from June to go to the Phoenix Theatre due to insufficient space in the hall for everyone to be able to see.

**15. AOB**

The Vice Chairman informed the meeting that a timetable had been prepared by Mark for the process of recruiting a new Rector. While theoretically, some one could be in place early in 2025, this was unlikely due to the crisis in the Church of England of a shortage of clergy. The PCC will be meeting with the Archdeacon in June to find out exactly how the process will work for us with meetings for all following.

*Colin pronounced the Blessing and the meeting closed at 7.43pm.*



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