

St Bride's Church Fleet Street

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Held on Monday 25 April 2016

Present: Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce (Rector), Revd Dr Jeff Lake (Assistant Curate), Emmanuel Adeniji, Bobby Baddely, Christopher Betterton, Pamela Bevin, David Bolton, Gerald Bowey, Lucy Bowsher, Geoffrey Burgess, Rosemary Carpenter, Christopher Claxton, Chris Cottrill, Eric Davies, Josh Delia, Helen Fraser, Clive Hill-Archer, Valerie Hill-Archer, James Irving, Alasdair Johnstone, Lesley-Ann Jones, David Kirkby, Ian Locks, Valerie Locks, Peter Longland, Jane McClenahan, Rachel McClenahan, Matthew Morley, Crevan O'Grady, Ashley Painter, Steve Rumbles, Peter Savage, Claire Seaton, Peter Silver, Everarda Slabbekoorn, Ingrid Slaughter, David Smith, Terence Smith, Bee Tucker-Abel, Margherita Watt, Jerry Wright

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Appointment of Clerk to the meeting

David Smith proposed and Valerie Locks seconded that Christopher Betterton be appointed Clerk to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This was approved.

3. Apologies for absence

These were received from Ann Bawtree, David Bawtree, David Bell, Guy Black, Valerie Boakes, Geoffrey Bolland, Ed Bowsher, Susan Bradbury, Charles Christie-Webb, Julie Christie-Webb, Mary Cohen, Rachel Corp, Carole Cox, Julie Glaser, Simon Greaves, David Gwynne, Elizabeth Hatt, Alec Hithersay, Fiona Hoyle, Stephen Hoyle, Sue-Anne James, Janet Kitchen, Beverley Leach, Charles Leach, Patrick Lewis, Roma Lewis, Jean Longland, David Lowish, Alison Martin, Caroline Milward, John Smith, Russell Spencer, Mary Walker, Katharine Wilkinson

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 14 April 2015

Peter Longland proposed and Lucy Bowsher seconded that the minutes be accepted. This was approved and the minutes were signed by the Rector.

5. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were none.

6. Churchwardens' report

The report had been circulated. The churchwardens were thanked by the meeting for their work throughout the previous 12 months.

7. Resolution under Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001

- 7.1. The Rector advised the meeting that the legal term of service for churchwardens is a maximum of six annual successive terms of office. However to seek a smoother transition and allow for a broader range of congregation members to take on the role it was proposed to move to a convention of churchwardens serving four annual successive terms of office. It was noted that the parish was not seeking to alter the legal maximum term.
- 7.2. The Rector further noted that in order to achieve this convention it would be necessary for Jerry Wright, whose term of office would normally have ended in 2016, to serve an additional year, so that two churchwardens were not standing down at the meeting.
- 7.3. Gerald Bowey proposed and Ian Locks seconded that the meeting approve the resolution that 'This Annual Meeting of Parishioners resolves that Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 shall not apply in the parish of St Bride Fleet Street with Bridewell and Trinity Gough Square'. The resolution was unanimously agreed, with Jerry Wright abstaining.

8. Election of Churchwardens

- 8.1. It was noted that Peter Silver's term of office was due to end in 2016.
- 8.2. Four nominations had been received prior to the meeting for the four vacancies. Jerry Wright, Helen Fraser, Guy Black and Christopher Cottrill were elected unopposed.
- 8.3. Dr Cottrill's term of Office would formally begin in the summer when the churchwardens were admitted to office.
- 8.4. Peter Silver was thanked wholeheartedly by the meeting for his contribution to the life of the church during his period in office. Gerald Bowey proposed a resolution that the meeting recommend that the Parochial Church Council confer on Peter Silver the role of Churchwarden Emeritus. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

The meeting was declared closed. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Held on Monday 25 April 2016

The meeting was preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMoP).

For details of attendees and apologies, appointment of Clerk for the meeting and approval of the minutes of the 2015 APCM, please refer to the minutes of the 2016 AMoP.

9. Rector's Annual Report

The Rector reported to the meeting. The report is attached at Annex 1.

10. Presentation of 2015 Annual Report and Accounts

10.1. The Annual Report and Accounts had been approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and made available to parishioners.

10.2. Ashley Painter (PCC Treasurer) reported that the PCC had achieved a surplus in 2015 of £11,477 (on income of c. £700,000 and expenditure of c. £691,000). It was also noted that there had been some accounting presentation and disclosure requirement changes which had been made. In line with new reporting standards the Annual Report highlighted one of the main risks to the church as being reputational, although it was stressed that this was a theoretical risk.

10.3. Peter Silver proposed and Valerie Locks seconded that the Annual Report and Accounts be received. This was unanimously agreed.

10.4. Ashley Painter (PCC Treasurer) and James Irving (Head of Operations) were thanked for their work.

11. Appointment of Auditor

Emmanuel Adeniji proposed and Chris Cottrill seconded that Crowe Clark Whitehill be appointed auditor. This was unanimously agreed.

12. Election of two lay members to the Deanery Synod

12.1. The Rector noted that the term of office of the four current Synod members would expire in 2017 but that two members were standing down at the meeting.

12.2. The meeting thanked Clive Hill-Archer and Grace Stedman for their work on the Synod and on the PCC.

12.3. One nomination had been received and Geoffrey Burgess was elected unopposed to serve until 2017.

13. Election of five members to the Parochial Church Council

13.1. It was reported that the terms of office of Emmanuel Adeniji, Gerald Bowey, Rachel Corp, Janet Kitchen and David Lowish ended at the meeting. The members were thanked for their contributions to the work of the PCC.

13.2. Five nominations had been received and Emmanuel Adeniji, Gerald Bowey, Alasdair Johnstone, Jane McClenahan and Margherita Watt were elected unopposed to serve until 2019.

14. **Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church**

14.1. The Architect's report had been circulated.

14.2. The churchwardens noted that there had been no major purchases of objects in the preceding twelve months.

14.3. It was reported that the Quinquennial Report on the church had been received.

14.4. John Smith, Architect, was thanked for his work.

15. **Report on the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod**

A report by the Rector was presented to the meeting.

16. **Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

A report by Terence Smith (Deanery Synod representative) was presented to the meeting.

17. **Electoral Roll report**

The Electoral Roll report was presented to the meeting. The Electoral was 333 at the date of the Annual Meetings. Claire Seaton was thanked for her work.

18. **Any other business**

The Rector noted that a series of Diocesan meetings, designed to raise awareness of the needs of refugees and how parishes could respond to those needs were being held. The Two Cities meeting would be held on 19 May 2016 at St Andrew's Church Holborn.

The meeting ended with prayers.