

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

1. Area Dean Canon Chris Ford chaired this meeting and the Rev. Rodney Green opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Apologies for absence: Pat Nicklin, Gill Hampson
3. Clerk, Angela Easdon appointed to minute meeting.
4. Minutes of the last meeting of Parishioners dated 7.4.19: Accepted as a true and correct record. Proposed by Sue Thatcher and seconded by Janice Mortimer
- 4) Election of Churchwardens: Robert Beale was re-elected on the proposal of Graham Dey and seconded by Janice Mortimer. Graham Dey was re-elected on the proposal of Robert Beale and seconded by Pat Beale. All voted in favour. Canon Chris expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that Robert and Graham have put in during the pandemic. All present echoed their thanks in applause.

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

1. Apologies: as above.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting were accepted as true and correct proposed by Janice Mortimer and seconded by Eileen Allsop.
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll: Eileen Allsop the Electoral Roll Officer presented the roll, and informed the meeting that there are now 66 names on the Electoral Roll of St John's Church. Thanks were offered to Eileen.
4. Annual Report and Financial Statement: Robert Beale had circulated the report prior to the meeting for all to read. Robert read out a report explaining:

'The Receipts and Payments totals show a surplus in the year of over £10,000. This is very largely due to the Non-recurring Donations total, which was exceptional and should be viewed as a 'windfall', so in other respects it was a break-even year, which was what we budgeted for. The change in net assets from the end of 2018 to 2019 shows as a gain of just over £14,000. The basic reasons for that being higher than the Receipts & Payments surplus are to be found in the three changes in end-of-year liabilities in unrestricted funds: the uncashed cheques figure is £2,559 lower for 2019 than it was for 2018; the cash held as agent figure is £739 lower; and the loan total is £1,000 lower. The last of those represents our agreement with the Heart & Stroke Club that in 2018 and 2019 the loan they made to us should be considered to have reduced by £1,000 each year, in lieu of their paying rent for use of the hall.'

Canon Chris Ford gave thanks to Michelle Byrne for her work as Treasurer and to Gill Hampson for helping her. Canon Chris also thanked all who donate money to the church.

5. Churchwardens' Report 2019-2020: A report of works undertaken during the year was attached to the Annual Report. Thanks were offered to Robert Beale and Graham Dey for the work undertaken last year and for the coming year. Robert explained that the report only goes up to Dec 2019 but since then some remedial work has been completed to deal

with the leaks that church has experienced. A new drainpipe has been fitted. Thanks were given to all who help maintain the building.

6. Review of the year - thanks were given to Rodney and Mo for all their service. Canon Chris also wanted to give a great vote of thanks to all who preach at St John's. Canon Chris also gave thanks for the work with De Brook Lodge.

7. Deanery Synod Report 2019-2020: A report of the Deanery Synod meetings was attached to the Annual Report. Canon Chris thanked the Synod reps for their work. He also said that they were hoping to work more closely with the borough councils as the pandemic allows.

8. Child Protection Officer's Report: Matthew Thorne read out the report confirming that St John's church adheres to the diocesan policy. He confirmed that there have been no issues in the last year and all training is up to date. Canon Chris thanked Matt for his work.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner: John Holdsworth was proposed by Eileen Allsop, seconded by Brian Allsop and accepted as Independent Examiner for the coming year.

10. Reports by groups and organisations: Canon Chris thanked Pat, Julie, Sue and Carol for their work with the All Age service. Thanks were given to Sue Thatcher for Monday Prayers (Robert pointed out that we are unable to hold this at present due to the pandemic). Canon Chris expressed his thanks to all who support the groups that run in our church building.

11. Election of 2 Deanery Synod representatives:

Carol Cosham was proposed by Janice Mortimer and seconded by Graham Day. Janice Mortimer was proposed by Geoff Andreassen and seconded by Carol Cosham. Carol and Janice were declared duly elected.

12. Election of PCC members: The following people were all duly elected as PCC members –

Brian Allsop, Geoff Andreassen, Neil Barnes, Angela Easdon, Gill Hampson, Aileen Haywood, Michelle Byrne, Matthew Thorne and Carol Hatton.

11. Items of interest - none to report.

12. Chairman's remarks: Canon Chris Ford concluded that this is a very difficult time for us all. He said these are strange times and people are feeling aggrieved for many reasons; out of work, furloughed, ill, bereaved, isolated, working too hard, feelings of missing out. He said we will all come out of this time differently even the church. He reminded us that as Christians we can look for the good in situations and that we always have hope in Christ. He said that how we change as people is the most important thing. We should look for the opportunity to be empathic, consoling, understanding, loving more like Christ. It is this change that fills us with hope. Canon Chris finished by blessing us all.

The meeting closed in prayer.