

## **ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 12.15pm in the Parish Hall**

#### **Parish Pastoral Council Members Present:**

John Hannacher (Chair), Fr Ken, Shadia Anderson, Sue Finch, Brian Gallagher, Peter Kirk, Louise Moss, Finbarr O'Donoghue, Vince Smith.

**Apologies for absence:** Vivianne Gattoc, Deirdre Lay, Anne Parsons.

**Parishioners Present:** In addition to the PPC there were 29 parishioners present.

#### **1. Welcome**

John Hannacher welcomed the parishioners to the meeting, and the members of the Parish Council introduced themselves.

#### **2. Opening Prayer**

Fr. Ken opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **3. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM**

Minutes of the AGM in June 2018 were approved.

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

John Hannacher read his Chairman's report, which contained updates from all ministries and there were no questions. This is available to read on our website.

#### **5. Financial Report**

Sue Finch circulated copies of the Financial Statement, and read her Financial report, both of which are available on the website. There were two questions:

- i) What access do we have to the money in our diocesan account, and how freely it can be spent? Sue explained that anything under £5,000 can be spent without question. Over that amount a case must be put forward before the money is released, but it is 'our' money, and as long as the case is sound then we can spend it. The restrictions are due to fact the diocese is a registered charity.
- ii) Did the parish receive the proportion of the income generated by Together in Faith that had been promised at the time of the appeal? Sue confirmed that we had received the money, and it had gone towards the refurbishment of the church.

#### **6. Pastoral Council Membership for the year 2019-20**

##### **i. Election of next year's elective members of the Parish Pastoral Council**

Vivianne Gattoc and Anne Parsons were happy to stand as PPC members for another year and were elected unopposed. Their role on the council is to represent the interests of the parishioners.

##### **ii. Identification of next year's Ministry representatives to the Parish Pastoral Council**

All existing co-ordinators were happy to remain as representatives, and this was unopposed. However, it was noted that many have been in position many years, and would be happy to stand down if new faces would like to join the council. The Justice & Peace group are welcome to identify one of their number to join the PPC.

##### **iii. Identification of Fr Ken's nominees to serve next year on the Parish Pastoral Council**

Both John Hannacher and Vince Smith will remain as Fr Ken's nominees for the next year.

#### **7. AOB**

- i) The pictures of the Pope and the Queen that used to hang in the hall have not been replaced following the redecoration. Mike Allen explained that these were originally displayed as a symbol of our allegiance to both the catholic church and our country, and requested that they were rehung, which the chairman agreed to.
- ii) There was a request that we have a bidding prayer each week for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Fr Ken agreed to include them in the bidding prayers occasionally.

#### **8. Thank you and closing prayer.**

Fr Ken expressed his thanks and gratitude to the PPC and all parishioners, and closed the meeting with a prayer.

Please go to: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/parish-council/agm-2019/> to read the Chairman's report and Financial report and Statement.

**Louise Moss, July 2019**