

St Philip & St James Church Alderley Edge

I

Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2024

Held in St Philip and St James' Church
after 10 am Service on Sunday 21st April 2024

Opening Prayer

Present in Person: Rev R Pye, Simon Caporn, Clare Wearne, Peter Spooner, Margaret Seddon, Linda Robinson, Alan Robinson, Shelby Quayle, Liz Wilson, Ian Wilson, Anne Aspinall, Rhona Dalziel, Celia Berent, Maxine Drabble, Kate Downes, Rupert Downes, Jane Middleton, John Pinder, Julie Napier, Ellen Brabban-Brown, Pat Percival, Amanda Brabban-Brown, Sheila Brown, Gill Shone, Sandra Thompson, Martin Steiger, Martin Sinker, Jen Pound, Peter Pound, Bob Tuffin, Rev Loveday Alexander, Ian Standen

Apologies

Wendy Davies, Charles Rogers, Rachel Roberts, Mandy Parr, Colin Mills, Sue Mills, Frank Strange, Gillian Swain, Rev Linda Lonsdale, Rev Amy Ruston, Brian Thompson, Sheila Rayner, Chris Wearne, Bethan Weston

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2023 were unanimously approved, and signed by Rev R Pye.

Prop. J Pound, C Wearne

3. Election of Churchwardens

Wendy Davies and Charles Rogers having been nominated, and there being no further nominees and no objections, the Rev R Pye declared Wendy Davies and Charles Rogers duly elected.

Rev R Pye expressed thanks to the retiring Churchwarden Bob Tuffin.

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II

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

Following immediately after the Vestry Meeting on Sunday 21st April 2024

1. Apologies

Attendances and apologies as per minutes of the Vestry Meeting above

2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd April 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2023 were unanimously approved, and signed by Rev R Pye.

Prop. R Downes, Sec. C Wearne

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Annual Report of the PCC for 2023

The Annual Report was very well received by the meeting. There were no questions about its contents.

5. Financial Report and Presentation of Approved Accounts

I Standen drew attention to the accounts approved by the PCC, the External Examiner's signed certificate that he is satisfied with the accounts, and the Treasurer's summary setting out key point in the accounts. The surplus at 2023 year end was £30,075.93. Included in this was nearly £4,000 from the Christmas appeal to be paid out to charities and a legacy of £15,000. In 2022 the surplus was £13,051.43 and no legacies had been received. Total planned giving in the year was £81,559.50 (on which sum Gift Aid awaits reclaiming) compared with £80,486.02 in 2022. Unsolicited donations totalled £8,074.15 compared with £7,747.57 received in 2022.

We continue to support several charities and to make distributions through the Food Bank. The St Elizabeth Fund has given £3,514.93 to help people experiencing temporary financial difficulty. The Conservation Fund has accrued £1058.75 towards supporting the church fabric.

The meeting expressed a unanimous vote thanks to I Standen for his hard work maintaining our finances so diligently. *Prop. B Tuffin, Sec. L Alexander*

6. Elections and Appointments

- **Approval of Lay Reader Rachel Roberts to be a PCC member**

Under Church Representation Rules M15(1)(h), Rachel Roberts was duly approved to be a member of the PCC for the ensuing year.

- **Election of new PCC members**

R Pye explained that there were four vacancies on the PCC, following the death of Michael Scaife, and upon S Caporn, C Rogers and G Shone coming to the end of their elected three year term. There being four nominees to fill the post, namely Bob Tuffin, Rhona Dalziel, Kate Downes and Bethan Weston, no further nominees and no objections, Rev R Pye declared Bob Tuffin, Rhona Dalziel, Kate Downes and Bethan Weston duly elected Members of the Parish Church Council.

R Pye expressed his thanks to S Caporn for filling the post of Health and Safety and Fire Officer, and undertaking to continue in that role.

R Pye expressed his thanks to G Shone for filling the post of Electoral Roll Officer, and undertaking to continue in that role.

- **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

The meeting approved the continued appointment of William Andresen as Independent Examiner, leaving it to the Parish Church Council to consider whether a change of examiner is desirable.

7. Any Other Notified Business

Rev R Pye informed the meeting that our Curate, Rev Amy Ruston, is expecting a baby, due in October. The meeting offered its congratulations to Amy and her husband Tom.

The meetings closed with The Grace