

**St Simon's Church, Southsea**

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

Note: These minutes are subject to acceptance at the next annual meeting and should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report previously circulated.

**WELCOME:** The meeting was opened by Hugh Mason, chair of the PCC, at 12.30 p.m. 51 people (approx.) were present.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Margaret Burke, Jo Crawley, Sylvia Godsell, Vi Mitchell & Barbara Moore.

**A. VESTRY MEETING**

**a. Minutes of the annual meeting in April 2017**

Acceptance of the minutes for the meeting held in April 2017 was proposed by Michael Piper and seconded by Cliff Golledge. This was carried unanimously.

**b. Election of Church Wardens**

The existing Church Wardens (Hugh Mason & Mike Taylor) had both been nominated for re-election. The meeting was asked to vote if they would like the existing wardens to continue and this was carried unanimously.

**B. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**a. Minutes of the meeting in April 2017**

It was proposed by Gail Chipperfield, and seconded by Fran Sherren, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in April 2017 be accepted as an accurate record. This was carried unanimously.

**b. Matters Arising** None.

**Election of Deanery Synod Members**

No election was necessary since Hugh Mason and Sue Piper were willing to continue in these roles.

**c. Election of lay PCC members**

Vicky Bell, Cliff Golledge & Linda Jenkins had been nominated to serve on the PCC and as there were three vacancies and no other nominations the Chairman declared that they

were elected to serve. The Chairman thanked Dianna Carruthers and Michael Piper who were resigning as members of the PCC for their contributions to the committee.

**d. Presentation of Accounts**

The treasurer (Gail Chipperfield) presented the accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, as outlined in the Annual Report. Thanks were expressed to the Waverly Trust and Coffee Tavern Trust for their continued financial support.

At the conclusion of the report it was proposed by the Chairman that the accounts for the last financial year be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

**e. Appointment of independent examiner**

Margaret Burke has indicated that she was happy to continue to act as the independent examiner of the church accounts. The Chairman proposed that Margaret should be invited to continue in this role, and this was carried unanimously.

The chairman thanked Margaret Burke & Gail Chipperfield for their work as examiner and treasurer, and also thanked Mick Walters for the assistance he had given to the treasurer.

**f. Report from Electoral Roll Officer (Mick Walters, Church Administrator)**

There were 96 names on the Electoral Roll on 31<sup>st</sup> September, but that had now increased to 100. If the roll increases to 101, three more members would be eligible to serve on the Parochial Church Council.

**g. Presentation of Annual Report 2017**

The Annual Report had been published on line and some printed copies were available during the AGM.

The following made short presentations to the meeting:

Activities at St Simon's (overview) (Mike Taylor, Church Warden)

Children & Families work (Andrea Grainger, Children & Families pastor)

Youth work (Bryn Jenkins, Youth Pastor)

Sunday suppers & Breakthru (Lorna Sandland, Community Development worker)

Fabric Committee (Louise Roulston-Thomas)

Deanery Synod report (Hugh Mason, Church warden)

In addition the following reports had been received for inclusion in the annual report:

Preaching report (Bob Mason); Men's ministry (Cliff Golledge); Social committee (Dinah Walters); Home groups (Michael Piper); Christmas shoeboxes (Ruth Taylor); World mission (Ruth Warner & Geraldine Poulter).

After presentation of the reports the Chairman thanked all those for their contributions and proposed acceptance of the Annual Report. This was carried unanimously.

**A.O.B.** i) The Chairman announced that £579 had been collected for Rev Susikaran James and his family as a leaving gift, and he passed on Susi's thanks for this generous token from the church.

ii) A general appeal was made for more volunteers, particularly to assist with Children's and Youth work so as to enable these ministries to continue to thrive.

In response to questions from members, the Chairman made the following points:

- Work on rebuilding the car par wall and resurfacing of the car park is due to start on April 24<sup>th</sup>;
- Cleaning and re-assembly of the Eagle Lectern would be undertaken fairly soon;
- An offer of a free digital organ had been accepted and this could be located at the base of the pulpit;
- All church valuables had been photographed in line with insurance demands;
- There was a need for someone to volunteer to fill the role of Health & Safety Officer for the church;
- Use of the Prayer Space would continue to be developed in the coming months.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with payer at 2.00 p.m.