

St Simon's Church, Southsea

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30th April 2019

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 Rev Andy Finn (Chairman) at 12.30 p.m. 43 people (approx.) were present.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Dinah Mason, Louise Roulston-Thomas, Ken Slater & Ruth Taylor.

A. VESTRY MEETING

Minutes of the annual meeting in April 2018

Acceptance of the minutes for the meeting held in April 2018 was proposed by Barbara Moore & seconded by Pat Hills. This was carried unanimously.

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

Minutes of the meeting in April 2018

It was proposed by Hugh Mason, and seconded by Pat Jolly, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in April 2018 be accepted as an accurate record. This was carried unanimously.

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. Rev Andy Finn announced that he is also now a member of the Deanery Synod.

Election of lay PCC members

There were six vacancies on the PCC as the Church Electoral Roll had exceeded 101, allowing an extra three places on the PCC. Jerry Brown, Oyin Alonge & Gail Chipperfield had been nominated to serve on the PCC and as there were no other nominations the Chairman

declared that they were elected to serve. It was hoped that Bethan Fogell & Jerry Lightup could also be co-opted to serve at the first full meeting of the new PCC, as they would then have been on the Church Electoral Roll for the requisite minimum of six months before being eligible to serve. The Chairman thanked Rob Borley & Jo Crawley who were resigning as members of the PCC for their contributions to the committee.

Appointment of independent examiner

Margaret Burke has indicated that she was happy to continue to act as the independent examiner of the church accounts. It was proposed by Hugh Mason, and seconded by Pat Jolly, that Margaret should be invited to continue in this role, and this was carried unanimously.

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

There were 96 names on the Electoral Roll on 31st September, but that had now increased to 103.

Presentation of Annual Report 2018

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

The following made short presentations to the meeting:

Church Wardens' report (Hugh Mason, Church Warden)

PCC report (Mike Taylor, PCC secretary)

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

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

Social Committee (Dinah Walters)

Pastoral report (Michael Piper)

World Mission Geraldine Poulter)

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).

Following the resignation of Bryn Jenkins as Youth Pastor in August 2018, a question was asked about the future of work with teenagers at St Simon's. The Chairman replied that the

Monday evening group would continue under the joint leadership of Jo Borley & Jo Crawley, and the Friday Fusion Café was being run by Dom DeBoo (Children's worker at St Jude's). There was also a possibility that assistance may be found from a training college that offered a Youth Work programme as part of their training course, and this was being investigated.

After presentation of the reports the Chairman paused the meeting for a short time of open prayer. After closing the time of prayer the Chairman thanked all those who had given reports to the meeting.

Presentation of Accounts

The treasurer (Gail Chipperfield) presented the accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2018, as outlined in the Annual Report. Thanks were expressed to the Waverly Trust and Coffee Tavern Trust for their continued financial support. In response to a question, the Treasurer stated that it was not certain whether the Church could finance the employment of another Youth Pastor as a lot of the current balance in the church general account was in restricted funds. The treasurer also stated that the role of assistant treasurer was still vacant, although someone for the role was still being actively sought.

Vicar's report

The Chairman, Rev Andy Finn, read from Colossians Chapter 2 v 6-7 and shared with the meeting some reflections on his first five months since becoming Priest in Charge.

A.O.B. Hugh Mason thanked Rev Andy Finn for his work since his appointment as Priest in Charge, and also extended thanks to Mick Walters (Church Administrator) for organising the meeting and getting the paperwork done.

The Rev Bob Mason closed the meeting with prayer at 1.15 p.m.

