

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, SOUTHWOLD

Minutes of the meeting to elect Churchwardens 12.30pm, Sunday 30th April 2023 in St Edmund's Church

Present: Revd Alan Perry and 19 parishioners.

Revd Alan Perry opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Apologies for absence:

Judy Butter, Mike & Priscilla Carter, Wendy Cooper, Doreen Miles, Emma Taylor, Sarah & Andrew Wallington Smith, Daisy Williamson

2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of Friday 22nd April 2022 were approved and signed.

3. Election of Churchwardens:

Jonathan Sutton was thanked for his service in this essential role during the past year.

There were two nominations -

- Jill Horne, proposed by Diana Larkins, seconded Jonathan Sutton
- Jonathan Sutton, proposed by Jill Horne, seconded Joan Goldsmith

Both nominations were unanimously approved.

4. Deputy Churchwardens:

Fred Butter was happy to continue as Deputy for a further year, which was accepted with thanks.
Sue Thomas also kindly agreed to serve as a Deputy.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

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Minutes of the Southwold Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 30th April 2023 in St Edmund's Church following the meeting to elect Churchwardens.

1. Apologies for absence:

These were the same as for the meeting to elect Churchwardens.

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday 22nd April 2022 were approved on a proposal by Jill Horne, seconded by Ian Johnson and duly signed.

3. Electoral Roll:

The Church Electoral Roll Officer reported of the 113 names on the 2022 roll, 6 had died. No new names had been added and the total now stood at 107.

4. Annual Review:

The Annual Review, outlining the life of the church in 2022, was presented. St. Edmund's continues to welcome many visitors throughout the year and thanks were expressed to those who work hard to keep the church in good order including the cleaners, dusters and polishers, flower arrangers and welcomers.

5. Annual Accounts:

Jill Horne, Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2022. There were no questions and Jill went on to express her thanks to Ann Pooley and Liz Tarris who assisted with the counting. She continued by thanking those who give regularly to the church and asked people consider giving through the Parish Giving Scheme. She was appreciative of the efforts of people to save electricity.

On a proposal from Jonathan Sutton, seconded by Sue Thomas, and unanimously agreed the accounts were approved and accepted.

Thanks were given to Jill for her hard work in looking after the accounts; this was greatly appreciated.

6. Appointment of Examiner:

The Treasurer recommended the re-appointment of Ensors and on a proposal by Jonathan Sutton, seconded by Ann Pooley, the appointment of Ensors was agreed unanimously.

7. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of St Edmund's Parish Church:

The written report of the Fabric Officer, Ian Johnson, was accepted. Thanks were expressed to Ian for his work.

8. Election of Parochial Church Members:

This year we are losing Rob Temple and Hugh Williamson. Thanks were given for their term of service, and presentations were made to them in appreciation.

Revd Philip Tarris has kindly offered to join the PCC for at least one year to give support during the interregnum. He will take on the role of Secretary.

Three nominations had been received for vacancies:

- Emma Taylor - proposed by Jonathan Sutton, seconded by Jay Williamson
- Andrew Hirst - proposed by Revd. Alan Perry, seconded Ian Johnson
- Marcus Knight - proposed by Hugh Williamson, seconded Jenny Whines

All nominations were approved and elected for a term of three years.

9. Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod

Jenny Whines and John Cooper indicated that they were prepared to continue as our representatives and were duly re-elected. John advised that he would probably be starting a full-time job and may therefore not be attending services at St. Edmunds. It was suggested this be addressed at the first PCC meeting.

10. Safeguarding:

Jonathan Sutton spoke to the report provided by Caroline Kerr, Safeguarding Officer. No safeguarding incidents had been reported in 2022. Currently there are 81 volunteers covering 12 different groups within the church, some of who need to complete the required training.

Carolyn was thanked for the tremendous amount of work she had undertaken.

11. Other reports:

The following written reports were received:

- Deanery Synod
- Children's work
- Bell Ringers
- Flowers
- Hand Bell Ringers
- Mothers' Union
- Music
- Shop
- Stewarding

12. Appointment of 2 Representatives to the Team Council:

Jenny Whines and Joan Goldsmith were re-appointed.

13. Team Rector's Report:

The written report of Revd Simon Pitcher, Team Rector before taking up his new post at Lavenham, was received. He expressed his gratitude for the support he had received from his colleagues during his 12 years with the Sole Bay Team and left with a sense of gratitude for what had been done together in the Lord's name.

14. Any Other Business:

- At the last PCC meeting it was agreed to donate £2,000 to the following three charities: £900 to Kagera : Balance split between the Salvation Army and the Foodbank
- Carl Yates was resigning as cleaner and also Diana Larkins was stepping back from her cleaning support role. Thanks were expressed to both for all of their hard work and contribution to St. Edmunds. Presentations were made to both. A new cleaner has been appointed who will also cover opening the church Monday to Saturday inclusive.
- Revd Alan Perry gave details of a forthcoming exhibition to be mounted in the church by a local artist Iaian McKillop. There would be no charge from the artist and donations were to be encouraged. These would be split between our link Diocese of Kagera and the deficit on the newly installed sound system. An appeal was made for additional stewards during the period of the exhibition.

- The sound system was now installed and thanks were given to Marcus Knight for his work in setting this up.
- **Rota for help at services:**
Currently organised by Jill Horne, she is looking for somebody to take this over.
There is also a need for more volunteers.

Thanks were expressed to Revd Alan for chairing these meetings and he closed the proceedings with prayer.