



Minutes

of the

Meeting to Elect Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on

Sunday 14 April 2024

at 11.30am

at Holy Trinity Church

Present:

Revd Canon Sally Lodge	Mary Skelton	Karin Oakley	Victoria Stevens
Revd Richard Terrado-Reardon	Sally Stevens	John Hicks	John Hardman
Penny Wells	Jane Clark	Megan Gent	June Faulkner
Brandon Mudditt	Richard Cox	Martin Shea	

11:48 Revd Sally welcomed all to the meeting, clarified that the Election of Wardens Meeting is open to everyone residing in the parish, and read from St Matthew's gospel then led the meeting in prayer.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Revd Sally had received two nominations for warden: Steve Holton and Penny Wells who are therefore elected. Steve was unable to be at the meeting. There was a round of applause in appreciation for the wardens. Revd Sally reminded the meeting about the importance of the role. There was no AOB for this part of the meeting.

11:52 meeting closed

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A booklet incorporating the PCC, Chair's Report, Electoral Roll, Financial, Safeguarding, Deanery Synod, Fabric, Friends' and Garden Committee Reports had been circulated with a copy of last year's minutes. Revd Sally gave all a few minutes to read through the report.

12:01 Minutes of the 2023 APCM were proposed by Martin Shea seconded by Richard Cox, and unanimously accepted, by those who had been present last year, by a show of hands. There were no matters arising which were not included on the agenda.

Safeguarding – the report confirmed that there were no safeguarding incidents or concerns reported during the year.

12:03 Rector's Report – Revd Sally said the same report has gone to all parishes. In response to a query from Karin Oakley, Revd Sally said the Alma Beacon is not open to the public but you can arrange to visit. Brandon Mudditt thanked Revd Sally and Revd Richard and appreciated the swift progress made towards a single parish.

Messy Church Report – the report from Penny Wells detailed activities during the sessions and stated that x72 children had now attended at least once.

12:06 The Electoral Roll has twenty-eight on it this year, as last year, with nobody leaving or joining.

Annual Accounts & Treasurer's Report – Brandon Mudditt said the PCC passed the 2023 accounts at a meeting earlier in the year. On page 17 there is a statement of financial activities which sums up the year. Holy Trinity is not wealthy but it may appear that way as Holy Trinity Parish Room is recorded in the accounts as an asset. The current end of year figure is £109K after paying £9K to pay for chimney repair at HTPR (WCA is refunding the VAT reclaimed from that). On page 21, the first graph shows the income received over 30 years - it is now declining but HT's payments are not reducing. Last year only £150 in extraordinary maintenance was spent (other maintenance that has to be carried out has remained static) as we are cutting our cloth. Brandon confirmed to Megan Gent that the list of debtors on page 26 is just a snapshot at 31 December and the monies are not still outstanding. Revd Sally thanked Brandon and reminded all that we all need to review our giving with costs rising (with the Parish Giving Scheme you can opt for your donation to be adjusted with inflation) and thanked everyone for giving. Brandon said HT is grateful for donations in whatever form they are given but the preferred method was via PGS as it is administrated by the scheme and gift aid immediately reclaimed (there is small fee from the bank for paying in cash). Brandon also asked for receipts for items such as food that are given as he can reclaim the Gift Aid.

12:15 **Deanery Synod Report** had been written by the Deanery Synod Secretary. Mary Skelton is the Deanery Synod Representative. There were no queries.

12:17 **Fabric Report** had been prepared by Victoria Stevens and Brandon Mudditt. There were no queries. Brandon confirmed to Karin Oakley that nothing has been used on the algae outside on the north side but biocide could be used.

Garden Report had been prepared by Steve Holton. Megan Gent asked for updated regarding the external light – Victoria Stevens confirmed the electrician is coming to look next week. MG asked for an update regarding lighting. Revd Sally stated it is likely to require a faculty or similar permission.

12:20 **Friends of Holy Trinity Report** had been prepared by Richard Cox. There were no queries and there will need to be further discussion prior to Trinity Sunday.

Music Report was from John Halsey. There were no queries.

John Hardman asked if he should change his donation from a standing order to the Parish Giving Scheme. Brandon thanked him and said it is a personal decision but PGS is more tax efficient and efficient for the Treasurer (and doesn't cost). You can also give one off gifts – PGS take a small percentage of these but it is less than alternative ways of giving.

12:24 **Appointment of auditor** – Brandon Mudditt proposed Frank Hovell of Perfect Accountancy Services, seconded by Richard Cox, and unanimously accepted by a show of hands.

Election of PCC

Revd Sally explained the requirement for all PCC members as trustees to have done Safeguarding training and be DBS checked. There were six people nominated (via the diocesan M3 form) for six vacancies, so no election was necessary, and their election was endorsed by a round of applause. Mary Skelton continues as Deanery Synod representative (election term is for three years).

Richard Cox (proposed by Penny Wells, seconded by Brandon Mudditt)

Jane Clark (proposed by Richard Cox, seconded by Marilyn Cox)
Brandon Mudditt (proposed by Richard Cox, seconded by Megan Gent)
John Hicks (proposed by Penny Wells, seconded by Karin Oakley)
Megan Gent (proposed by Brandon Mudditt, seconded by Penny Wells)
Sally Stevens (proposed by Mary Skelton, seconded by Victoria Stevens)

Richard Cox thanked Brandon for the marvellous report booklet and the meeting expressed thanks with applause.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12.32 meeting closed