

St Bride's Church Fleet Street

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Held on Tuesday 25 April 2017

Present: Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce (Rector), Revd Dr Jeff Lake (Assistant Curate), Christopher Betterton, Pam Bevin, Edward Bevin, David Bolton, Gerald Bowey, Geoffrey Burgess, Edwin Chappell, Joan Chappell, Christopher Claxton, Gavin Conn, Chris Cottrill, Edward Cox, Carole Cox, Eric Davies, Paul Dyson, Helen Fraser, Julie Glaser, Penrose Halson, James Irving, Alasdair Johnstone, Peter Longland, Jane McClenahan, Jonathan McEvoy, Matthew Morley, Lucy Nutt, Ashley Painter, Claire Seaton, Everarda Slabbekoorn, Ingrid Slaughter, Bee Tucker Abel, Jerry Wright

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Appointment of Clerk to the meeting

Everarda Slabbekoorn proposed and Carole Cox seconded that Christopher Betterton be appointed Clerk to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This was approved.

3. Apologies for absence

These were received from Bobby Baddeley, Sue Baddeley, David Bawtree, Ann Bawtree, Neil Bellingham, Guy Black, Edward Bowsher, Clive Hill-Archer, Valerie Hill-Archer, Lesley Ann Jones, Charles Leach, Beverly Leach, Ian Locks, Steve Rumbles, John Smith, Terence Smith, Mary Walker, Margherita Watt, Katharine Wilkinson

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 25 April 2016

The spelling of Beverly Leach was amended in the list of apologies. Peter Silver proposed and Ingrid Slaughter seconded that the minutes be accepted. This was approved and the minutes were signed by the Rector.

5. Churchwardens' report

- 5.1. The report had been circulated.
- 5.2. On behalf of the wardens, Jerry Wright thanked the staff and the PCC for their work and support during the previous 12 months.
- 5.3. It was noted that the internal redecoration had been completed with a lesser overall impact on the church finances than had been feared; an Archdeacon's visitation had taken place, and a report on that was imminent; a review of the management of the Charitable Trusts had taken place and the mandate moved to a new manager.
- 5.4. The churchwardens were thanked by the meeting for their work throughout the year.

6. Election of Churchwardens

- 6.1. It was noted that Jerry Wright's term of office was due to end in 2017 and that Guy Black had decided to stand down early due to increased external commitments.
- 6.2. The Rector noted that a number of consultations had been undertaken and that four nominations had been received prior to the meeting for the four vacancies. Helen Fraser, Christopher Cottrill, Lucy Nutt and Christopher Betterton (to fill the casual vacancy for two years) were elected unopposed.

- 6.3. Terms of Office would formally begin in the summer when the churchwardens were admitted to office.
- 6.4. Jerry Wright and Guy Black were thanked wholeheartedly by the meeting for their contribution to the life of the church during their periods in office.

The meeting was declared closed. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Held on Tuesday 25 April 2017

The meeting was preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMoP).

For details of attendees and apologies and appointment of Clerk for the meeting please refer to the minutes of the 2017 AMoP.

7. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 25 April 2016

- 7.1. Item 10.4 was amended to read the individuals 'were thanked' for their work.
- 7.2. Ashley Painter proposed and David Bolton seconded that the minutes be accepted. This was approved and the minutes were signed by the Rector.

8. Rector's Annual Report

- 8.1. The Rector reported to the meeting. The report is attached at Annex 1.
- 8.2. In response to questions it was reported that the work to the exterior was a priority, although the PCC would need to appoint a new architect before the process could continue.
- 8.3. It was noted that research should be undertaken before any work was undertaken in the crypt and that some research had been carried out as part of the Wren Centre project.

9. Presentation of 2015 Annual Report and Accounts

- 9.1. The Annual Report and Accounts had been approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and made available to parishioners.
- 9.2. A report by the PCC Treasurer had been circulated.
- 9.3. Peter Longland proposed and Valerie Locks seconded that the Annual Report and Accounts be received. This was unanimously agreed.
- 9.4. Ashley Painter (PCC Treasurer) and James Irving (Head of Operations) were thanked for their work.

10. Appointment of Auditor

- 10.1. Jerry Wright proposed and Peter Silver seconded that Crowe Clark Whitehill be appointed auditor. This was unanimously agreed.

11. Election of five lay members to the Deanery Synod

- 11.1. The Clerk noted that the term of office of the current Synod members would expire on 31 May 2017.
- 11.2. Four nominations had been received and Geoffrey Burgess, Edwin Chappell, Ashley Painter and Terence Smith were elected unopposed to serve from 1 June 2017 until 31 May 2020.

12. Election of members to the Parochial Church Council

- 12.1. The Clerk noted that the terms of office of Eric Davies and Paul Dyson ended at the meeting. As Lucy Nutt and Geoffrey Burgess had been elected to the PCC as churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative there were five vacancies to serve three year terms and one vacancy to service a one year term.

12.2. Five nominations had been received and Eric Davies, Paul Dyson, Julie Glaser, Jonathan McEvoy and Peter Silver were elected unopposed to serve until 2020. A vacancy remained for the one year term.

13. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

13.1. The Architect's report had been circulated.

13.2. It was reported that a specification had been provided for work to the boiler and that the fire alarm work would begin in May.

13.3. The internal redecoration was almost complete, with work on the carpets, kneelers and cushions remaining to be carried out. The contractor had not provided a completion date for this work.

13.4. John Smith, Architect, was retiring from post and was thanked for his work over many years.

13.5. It was reported that the PCC would appoint a new architect in consultation with the Diocese.

14. Report on the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod

14.1. A report by the Rector was presented to the meeting.

15. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

15.1. A report by Ashley Painter (Deanery Synod representative) was presented to the meeting.

15.2. It was agreed that the PCC would have a discussion on Church Mutual Credit Union at a future meeting.

16. Electoral Roll report

16.1. The Electoral Roll report was presented to the meeting. The Electoral Roll stood at 328 at the date of the Annual Meetings.

16.2. The electoral roll officer reported that the roll had been relatively stable and that the church would continue to encourage members of the congregation to join the roll.

16.3. Claire Seaton was thanked for her work.

17. Any other business

17.1. James Irving was congratulated on his forthcoming wedding.

The meeting ended with prayers.