

Minutes of the All Saints' with St. John Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 30th May 2021

Present: Thirty three members on the ASC Electoral Roll attended. Fr Charles Sutton was in the chair.

1. Prayers: Fr Charles opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Apologies: Sister Theresa Mary, Eric Tyson, Sister Rosie, Mary Benton, Liz Badman, Caroline Davenport, Paul Roberts, Hazel Roberts, Robin, Elizabeth Coles, Stephen Clarke, James Norman.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th July 2020 were approved. Proposed Sue Perry; Seconded Georgina Harford. All in favour and signed as a correct record.

Meeting of Parishioners

4. Receiving of the Electoral Roll and the appointment of Tellers: Father Charles reminded the congregation that a new Electoral Roll had been created in 2019 in accordance with Church of England Regulations, and this years' changes had caused a slight decrease. Numbers for 2021: Resident: 33, non-resident: 78 giving a total of 111.

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5. Election of Churchwardens: Adam Chivers and Annette Young were elected as Churchwardens unopposed with all in favour. Father Charles confirmed the huge contribution to the Church from the Churchwardens, and reflected how fortunate we are in having Adam & Annette.
6. Bristol West Deanery Synod Report: A report on the Bristol West Deanery Synod meetings over the last year will be circulated following the meeting. Father Charles also recognised Helen Clifton, the lay chair of Deanery Synod.
7. Election of Deanery Synod Representative: Brendan Biggs and Liz Badman were confirmed uncontested as Deanery Synod representatives for three years.
8. Election of four Parochial Church Council members for a term of three years: Sue Perry, Georgina Harford and James Norman were elected unopposed to the PCC for three years. Father Charles thanked everyone for their contributions to the PCC, which shapes what we are, and what will be in future.
9. Co-option of Licenced Lay Minister: The meeting approved the co-option of Liz Badman to the PCC for one year. Proposed Helen Clifton and seconded by Swarna Simpson. All in favour.

10. Appointment of Sidespersons: Fr Charles highlighted the importance of Sidespeople in the role of welcome and managing 'front of house'. Janis Aitken, Mary Benton (Senior Sidesperson), Mike Benton, Fiona Bristow, Caroline Davenport, Karen Haigh, Stephen Jordan, Sue Norman, James Norman, Sue Perry and Hazel Thomas were all appointed as Sidespersons unopposed.

11. Approval of Annual Report and Financial Statements: The Annual Report was circulated prior to the meeting and time was given to read.

Stephen O'Keefe introduced the Financial Statements and explained the income and expenditure for the year. With income from dividends received from investments we have been able to arrive at net outgoing resources of £21,000 for the year but investments have overall increased in value by £75k leaving a net increase in funds of £54k.

The parish share had been paid to the Diocese being the sum of £66,900. It was noted that Lettings income was expected to remain impacted in 2021 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Please see also written report from the Treasurer.

Comments and questions were invited from the floor. Charlotte Hopkins also thanked the Benton family for hosting the All Saints Society over 2020. The year at a glance was considered very helpful, and a correction to the Children's Committee line to say "establishing and maintain the website" was proposed and accepted.

The annual report and accounts were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Sue Perry and seconded by Georgina Harford. All in favour.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Stephen advised that Balshaws were willing to continue as Independent Examiner for another year. Balshaws were proposed by Sue Perry and seconded by Georgina Harford. All in favour.

13. Chairman's comments:

Fr Charles thanked everyone involved in the Church for their contributions in a year of confusion and disruption. He also noted that over the year we have gained an increasing online congregation, alongside those who attend in person.

He also recognised that we have been fortunate, and highlighted those who are shielding, and the wellbeing and mental health impact of the pandemic.

He gave the example of rules around the use of Choirs changing at the last minute to show how we have been able to take decision quickly and make things work through prayer and effort.

When the rules finally relax, potentially around 21st June, we will take time as a Church to understand what of our approach prior to the pandemic we want to restore, relinquish or renew.

We will go through a process to determine how to shape ourselves, so that we recognise our tradition and keep traditions in worship, while also engaging in the full community around us, whether part of our in person congregation, online, or not part of our congregation at all. The PCC Away Day will focus on these themes.

As we move forward, people will naturally have different views, and navigating this path will not be easy. We will listen to different views and work together to go forward.

14. Any other matters:

- a. The importance of the all ages service was raised, as an entry point for family and children and the Church. Father Charles committed to engage with the YPWG to find a way forward.
- b. It was also commented that it made a great impact for the Church to be open for private prayer, at the most difficult times of the pandemic.
- c. Thanks were given on behalf of the parishioners for continuing worship.

15. Date of the next APCM: The next APCM meeting is proposed to be 1st May 2022. Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting this year.

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Chairman

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S O'Keefe
PCC Secretary 30 May 2021