

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

Sunday 1st May 2022

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: Beth Davidge.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th May 2021 were shared at the meeting and circulated online for approval.

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 2022: 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 the exemplary contribution of Adam & Annette.
6. Bristol West Deanery Synod Report: A report on the Bristol West Deanery Synod meetings over the last year was received at the meeting, with three key topics of inclusivity, Transforming Church and net zero carbon commitments. Father Charles also recognised Helen Clifton, the lay chair of Deanery Synod.
7. Election of Deanery Synod Representative: Liz Badman continues as Deanery Synod representatives from last years' approval.
8. Election of four Parochial Church Council members for a term of three years: Mary Benton, Eric Tyson, Simon Davison and John Davenport 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.

Eric Tyson 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 £31,000 for the year but investments have overall increased in value by £167,000 leaving a net increase in funds of £136,000.

Eric extended his thanks to Philippa Norman for help and support in preparing the accounts.

The annual report and accounts were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Fr Charles and seconded by Liz Badman. All in favour.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Eric advised that Balshaws were willing to continue as Independent Examiner for another year. Balshaws were proposed by Eric Tyson and seconded by Stephen O'Keefe. All in favour.

13. Chairman's comments:

Father Charles reflected that All Saints is a special place, which always feels special and sacred. It is also a lively place, with lots going on, with recent examples being then hanging of pictures at an art exhibition, to being used a polling station on election day. We have even recently had C4 filming in Church, with script approval of course!

Father Charles commented that we are fortunate to have Fathers Paul and Paul in support, along with Father John Pedlar and Peter Dill. Complementing the clergy, a vital role is also performed by the LLM's Liz, Jessica and Helen. Latterly, Ordinands have been shared with Christ Church Clifton, but we will have dedicated ordinands going forward. Sister Teresa Mary is one year away from completing her time as an ordinand and will spend time on placement in the summer at Mucknell Abbey near Worcester. Helen Aberdeen will be an LLM summer placement student as part of her training. We will also have two ordinands from Trinity College on summer placement.

The Early Worship continues to progress well and gains an enthusiastic multi-generational congregation.

The full use of the 'church plant', for ourselves and the community, is returning to pre-covid numbers, events and activities. This is very good news.

Thanks were given to the Endowment Trustees for the support to maintain the Fabric of the buildings and contributions to charitable giving. Their continuing support enables All Saints to perform on our missional priorities.

It is the worshipping community and other 'users' of All Saints that make the character special; together we create an atmosphere that feels and is inclusive, open and serves the community in a prayerful way.

Thank you everyone.

14. Any other matters:

- a. Broadcasting and live streaming options: All Saints Margaret Street has excellent sound quality on the live stream. We will ensure high audio and video quality, with multiple microphones and cameras in our new set up
- b. Update on James Cannon: assistant curate – he was a shared appointment with St Matthews and then moved across to Abbots Leigh
- c. Refresh of website – new set of templates will go live 17th May

15. Date of the next APCM: The next APCM meeting is proposed to be 30th April 2023. Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting this year.

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Chairman

Date:.....

S O'Keefe
PCC Secretary 1 May 2022