

PARISH OF ST MARY, SHORTLANDS

Minutes of a Meeting of Parishioners and of the 98th Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's, Shortlands, held on Sunday, 19 March 2017, in the church following the 10.30 am service

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Election of Churchwardens

1. The Chair said there had been two nominations for Churchwardens, namely Adolph Williams and Coreen Corbin. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared Adolph and Coreen elected.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Present: The Vicar, Rev'd Morag Finch, (*in the Chair*), Rev'd Richard Finch, (*Associate Vicar*), Adolph Williams and Coreen Corbin (*Churchwardens*), Tim Dawson (*Treasurer*), Judy Rambridge (*Secretary*) and 69 parishioners

Apologies for absence: Rev'd Jane Peters, Sally Aldred, Catherine and Adrian Bingham, Pat Chase, Ann Phipps, Richard and Margaret Shaw and Peter Stotesbury

The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of the 97th Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. The minutes of the 97th Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24 April 2016, which had been displayed on the church noticeboard, were taken as read. Mark Fox proposed, seconded by Jan Boam, that the minutes be approved. Carried. The minutes were signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Presentation of the Electoral Roll

2. In the absence of Margaret Shaw, the Secretary read her report. The number on the electoral roll was 241 (239 in 2016), 119 of whom lived outside the parish. There had been 8 additions to the roll, namely Boyko Boev, Eileen Garrard, Gillian Hinckley, Gillian Kelleher, Janice Kelsey, Nadine Stewart, Anthony Stewart and David Tillotson. Andrew Brown, John and Jennifer Ellis, Anna Martin, Molly Tout and Thomas Wearden had moved away. She remembered John Ellis, Jean Luckhurst, Mary Morrow, Gerard Peters and Carol Walklin who had died during the year.

Review of 2015

3. **Annual Report:** The Chair presented the annual report for 2016 which had been posted on the notice board at the back of the church and copies had been circulated at the meeting. The meeting received the report.

4. **+Examined Accounts:** The Treasurer presented the accounts. He explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted funds. The overall deficit for the year was £58. The remaining work on the roof trusses, which would be completed this summer, had been provided for in the accounts. He answered questions from the floor. The receipt of the accounts was proposed by Julie Fox, seconded by Tim Aldred, and carried.

* * A copy of the signed Annual Report and Financial
* Statement is attached as Appendix I

5. The Chair thanked Tim Dawson for the enormous amount of work he had done in preparing the accounts and during the year.

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

6. Ann-Marie Jefferys reported on the proceedings of the Synod during the last year.

* * The Report is attached
* as Appendix II

Appointment of Independent Examiner

7. The Chair said that Bram Waring, who had examined the accounts this year, had indicated his willingness to continue and proposed that he be re-appointed. This was agreed.

Appointment of Tellers

8. There were seven nominations for election to the PCC for five vacancies. The Rev'd Richard Finch and the Treasurer were appointed as tellers for the election.

Election of four Deanery Synod Representatives

9. The number of representatives had been increased to four. There were four nominations, namely Jan Boam, Kate Buchanan, Annette German and Ann-Marie Jefferys. There being no other nominations, the chair declared Jan, Kate, Annette and Ann-Marie elected.

Election of five Parochial Representatives of the Laity to the Parochial Church Council

10. There were five vacancies for representatives of the laity on the PCC. As there were seven nominations a secret ballot was held and the following were elected: Pat Chase, Suzie Evans, Robin Hogg, Keith Mills and Heather Wills.

Commissioning of PCC and next PCC meeting

11. The Chair said the PCC and Churchwardens would be commissioned at the 10.30 am service on Sunday, 11 June, the day of the Parish Picnic.

Appointment of Sidesmen

12. Adolph Williams said there were no new sidesmen to appoint. He proposed that all the current sidesmen be re-appointed. This was agreed.

Deputy Churchwardens

13. Ann Parks was stepping down as a deputy churchwarden and Adolph Williams thanked her for all she had done in this roll over several years. He proposed the re-appointment of Pat Chase, Stan Clark, Derek Cooper and David Jefferys as deputy churchwardens. This was agreed.

Election of Officers and Standing Committee

14. This was postponed until the result of the election of members to the PCC was known.

2017 Onwards

15. The Chair, *inter alia*, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the myriad of people who had helped in many ways during the year.

* * The Chair's remarks are
* attached as Appendix III

Site Development Project

16. Tim Aldred spoke about site development project and answered questions.

* * The paper from which Tim Aldred spoke including the
* answers to questions is attached as Appendix IV

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Date

Chair