



Minutes

of the

Meeting to Elect Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on

Sunday 7 May 2023

at 11.30am

at Holy Trinity Church

Present:

Revd Canon Sally Lodge	Mary Skelton	Karin Oakley	John Lavender
Revd Richard Terrado-Reardon	Sally Stevens	John Hicks	Martin Shea
Steve Holton	Jane Clark	Patricia Carr	Victoria Stevens
Penny Wells	Richard Cox	Megan Gent	
Brandon Mudditt	Colin Oakley	Richard Cox	

11:49 Revd Sally welcomed all, read from Matthew's Gospel and led the meeting in prayer.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Revd Sally had received two nominations for warden: Steve Holton and Penny Wells. As there were two vacancies and two nominations Steve & Penny were duly elected and Revd Sally invited the meeting to endorse their appointment with applause.

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.

11:52 **Minutes of the 2022 APCM** were proposed by Steve Holton, seconded by Martin Shea, 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.

11:54 **Safeguarding** – Steve Holton, Safeguarding Officer, said there had been no incidents to report. He had noted in the annual report that PCC members' training needs to be updated. Mary Skelton thanked Steve for his email with the training link. Revd Sally said that she couldn't overstate importance of doing training if you are a PCC member the coming year.

11:55 The Annual Report had been made available in hard and softcopy formats. Revd Sally thanked Brandon Mudditt for compiling it and those who supplied photographs.

Rector's Report – there were no queries. Penny Wells thanked Revd Sally for her beautiful report.

Fr Richard commented that the Inclusive Church statement is a strong one and goes out of its way to engage with those who may fall into those groups.

The **Electoral Roll** was twenty-six last year and is twenty-eight this year (due to two additions, nobody left).

Annual Accounts & Treasurer's Report – Brandon noted that the church community give incredibly generously (noting also that should one person move this would have a significant effect). Holy Trinity needs £80,000-£90,000 annually to stay open. He said the accounts are quite dry and suggested all take some time to look through the notes and graphs. The rent review for the two telecoms masts is due this year and we will probably need to seek external advice. There were lots of costs associated with the new lease for the Parish Room but most, bar £3,000, was covered by a very generous diocesan grant (thanks to Bishop Steven for mentioning on his visit to the Room in late 2021). Revd Sally thanked Brandon.

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

Deanery Synod Report had been written by the Deanery Synod Secretary, there were no queries. Revd Sally thanked the Deanery Synod Representative for attending meetings.

Fabric Report had been prepared by Victoria Stevens and edited by Brandon Mudditt, there were no queries.

Garden Sub Committee Report and **Friends' Sub Committee Report** (page 32) – there were no queries.

The **Children's Work Report** by Anne Casson was circulated separately. Revd Sally said she felt it presented a more negative view of children's work than is actually the case. There were no queries.

PCC Report – the PCC had met as part of joint meetings with the two other PCCs. Included in Annual Report [page 9] is a summary document about becoming one parish, there is a fuller report available from churchwardens. Revd Sally confirmed that these documents were now effectively now public. There were no queries, the next PCC meeting is at the end of May and any queries could be raised then.

Election of PCC

Deanery Synod – Mary Skelton offered to stand again and was nominated by Penny Wells and seconded by Brandon Mudditt and was elected with a round of applause.

12:23 *Patricia Carr & Sally Stevens left*

12:31 Revd Sally announced that there were six PCC places and six nominations and the following are duly elected:

Jane Clark (nominated by Karin Oakley, seconded by Victoria Stevens)
Martin Shea (nominated by Richard Cox, seconded by Victoria Stevens)
John Hicks (nominated by Penny Wells, seconded by Brandon Mudditt)
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Richard Cox (nominated by Megan Gent, seconded by Victoria Stevens)
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Revd Sally thanked the new PCC and their election was endorsed with applause.

Any Other Business

Victoria Stevens thanked everyone who does things quietly in Holy Trinity but wanted to say particular thanks to Mary Skelton for all she does for the church. Revd Sally thanked Victoria.

12.32 meeting closed