

# Annual Meetings 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

*Our Staff Reporters – with thanks to Andrew Povey-Richards (taker of minutes)*

## Vestry Meeting

### Approval of the Electoral Roll

Andrew Povey-Richards reported that the total for the Electoral Roll last year was 188. During the past year there have been two deaths: Margaret Ensom and Derek Westwood. Six people have been deleted as they have not worshipped at All Saints for a considerable period of time.

Eight new people have joined the Electoral Roll, making the same total of 188 for the coming year.

### Election of Churchwardens

Jo thanked Richard Toyn for his hard work as Churchwarden during the last year. Julia Gough has agreed to stand as Churchwarden for the next four years. Leon Ajao has agreed to be a deputy church warden.

Colin Bird was proposed by Julia Gough and seconded by Ann Stephens Jones. Julia Gough was proposed by Colin Bird and seconded by Jo Loveridge. All were in favour.

## Annual Parish Church Meeting

### Vicar's report

Jo referred to the excellent welcome All Saints gives to people and gave a number of examples.

In thanking people for their contribution Jo emphasised that everyone makes a significant difference to the life of the Church.

Jo said we have been thinking about what we are as a church and particularly the need to flourish. There have been discussions with HeartEdge to help formulate a way forward to make All Saints sustainable, particularly financially. She said

we need to reach out and develop a Mission based culture, being consumer orientated and asking 'what does it take to be with us?', 'what does it need to be part of the All Saints family?' And sharing in the breaking of the bread and sharing the wine.

She mentioned the May Vision day and suggested we need to develop Mission shaped ministry further. Kath Oates has been exploring this and will be making a presentation to the PCC.

We also need to ensure that we grow in numbers and use the space, including the Church Hall and Annex effectively.

We will be looking with HeartEdge to make our building pay. Jo hopes and prays that everyone will engage with the mission of the church. The Mission Group will be "hands on", not a committee.

We are also planning a Pilgrim Course in September for those who want to explore their faith.

We are focusing on key services where we can invite people who don't usually come to church; the Mothering Sunday service was successful in this respect and the next one will be Harvest.

### Election of Parochial Church Councillors

The following were re-elected:

Jonathan Bates, Rosemary Bolton, Marion Hassell, Cheryl Massey, Wendell Newbold, Janet Oldham, Martin Penny, Andrew Povey-Richards and Ann Stephens-Jones,

We welcome three new members:

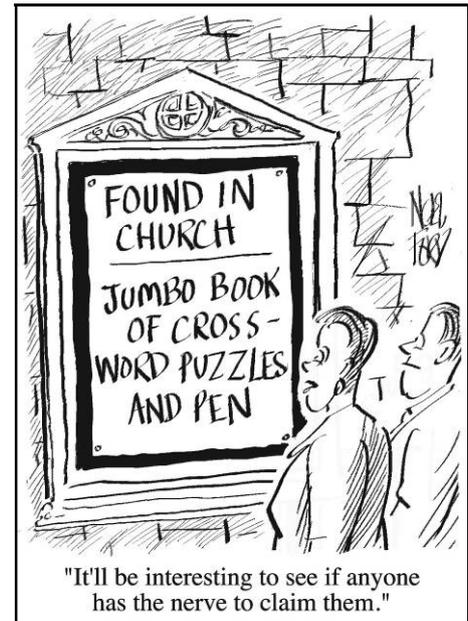
Andrew Belfield, Nerine Chalmers and Mary Penny,

### Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Colin Bird, Janet Bird and Dorothy Toyn.

Finances

	2017 Actual £	2018 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Giving net of tax	68,627	62,000
Income tax	16,764	17,000
St John's Hall	7,000	6,000
Soundbites	3,500	3,500
Baptisms weddings & funerals	9,997	10,000
Magazine	390	-300
Interest	9	10
Dividends	687	675
Church hire	3,510	3,750
Other income/events	5,346	5,000
	115,830	107,635
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Clergy expenses	3,187	3,250
Curate expenses	0	0
Choir	31	50
Service materials	797	1,000
Insurance	6,793	6,950
Heating	9,802	10,000
Cull interest/Heating Fund	-1,232	-1,232
Electricity and water	2,222	2,250
Organ tuning	896	1,000
Organists	10,990	12,000
Choir pay/music	1,676	1,750
Administration	4,833	5,000
Copying	585	600
Diocesan contribution	69,634	72,485
Cleaning	1,450	1,500
Sundries	-2	250
	111,662	116,853
<b>Net income</b>	4,168	-9,218



We were able to transfer £2500 to the Fabric Funds and £1500 to the Organ Fund, leaving a net surplus of approx. £800.

He emphasised that we are heavily reliant on too few people making sizeable donations. Even with these transfers we do not have sufficient money in our Fabric Fund to pay for any substantial works. Our Organ Fund is woefully short of what is needed to keep the organ in good repair.

The proposed budget for 2018 predicts a substantial deficit of around £9,200. This is a realistic assessment of our position. In the first quarter of 2018 there had been a deficit of £2,400 compared with a budgeted deficit of £1,800.

This gives increased urgency to our work with HeartEdge to create a sustainable future for our church.

## Wedding

At her wedding the bride tripped and fell into the arms of the vicar. 'That's the first time I've held a fallen woman,' he quipped. To which she retorted: 'It's the first time I've been picked up by a vicar!'