

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of All Saints Church, Hertford
Held in the Memorial Chapel on Wednesday 9 April 2014**

Present: As for Vestry Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

As for the Vestry Meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes were approved by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of PCC Members

The following have one or two years remaining of the three year cycle:

Kay Povey-Richards – proposed by Andrew Povey-Richards and seconded by Rosemary Bolton.

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Edwin Godfrey – proposed by Rosemary Bolton and seconded by Andrew Bolton.

Wendall Newbold – proposed by Rosemary Graves and seconded by Janet Bird.

Judy Oughton – proposed by Rosemary Graves and seconded by Janet Bird.

Martin Penny – proposed by Ann Stephens-Jones and seconded by Graham Jones.

Renee Booker – proposed by Ann Stephens-Jones and seconded by Graham Jones.

Tony Weeden- proposed by Mary Penny and seconded by Derek Westwood.

Sandra Weeden – proposed by Mary Penny and seconded by Derek Westwood.

Martin Bird – proposed by Mollie Day and seconded by Leon Ajao.

The following were elected to serve for a three year period:

Helen Harvey-Wright – proposed by Fiona Earle and seconded by Rosemary Graves.

Marion Hassell – proposed by Fiona Earle and seconded by Rosemary Graves.

David Francis – proposed by Kay Povey-Richards and seconded by Andrew Povey-Richards.

Jakki Shepherd – proposed by Hay Povey-Richards and seconded by Andrew Povey-Richards.

Rosemary Bolton – proposed by Andrew Povey-Richards and seconded by Kay Povey-Richards.

Jo thanked all the PCC members for putting themselves forward. Colin explained that PCC members are Trustees of the Charity and said that he would explain this in more detail to new members.

Colin Bird, Janet Bird and Jonathan Bates are nominated as Deanery Synod Representatives and will serve from APCM 2014 to APCM 2017.

These proposals together with those of the PCC members were accepted by the meeting.

5. Election of Sidespersons

Richard Toyn, as Team Leader, thanked all the current Sidespersons for the valued support they give to the smooth running of our church services. They provide a welcoming, friendly face, especially for visitors and new members of the congregation which is extremely valuable. Special thanks to Don Allum who has decided to retire, the loss of Ron Neale and Stan Mansfield was also recorded. Richard proposed that the following 27 members of the congregation be accepted as Sidesperson for the coming year:

Mr Ajao, Mrs Barron, Mrs V Cole, Mr Colin Bird, Mr Martin Bird, Mr Dilley, Mr & Mrs Dean, Dr & Mrs Earle, Mr Huxford, Mr & Mrs Graves, Mrs J Kruger, Mr & Mrs Leech, Ms C Meggison, Mr Murkin, Miss E nailer, Mr Newbold, Mr Poole, Mr Rice, Mr & Mrs Toyn, Mr James Toyn, Mr Weeden, Mrs Weeden.

Richard also wished to thank those members of the congregation who give assistance in times of need.

Finally, when the 8am Holy Communion services resume in June, it is hoped that they will become 'self sufficient' with Sidespersons being drawn from the congregation.

Vergers – Richard went on to say that we also need more people to act as Vergers for additions services. Anyone interested should speak to Derek Westwood, Jo Loveridge or any of the Churchwardens.

6. Financial Report

Colin Bird, the Treasurer, presented the formal charity accounts which had been approved by the PCC as Trustees on 12 March 2014. A Trustees report had also been prepared which is required by legislation.

Colin said the accounts were in good shape following an appeal held last autumn. The accounts can be found on the Charity Commission web site.

7. Election of an Independent Examiner for the accounts

Charles Murkin decided to resign at the grand age of 91 years. A huge thank you goes to Charles for the hard work he has put into examining the accounts over the years. Geoffrey Rice has agreed to take over from Charles. This was welcomed by the meeting.

8. Reports

The following reports were circulated and are attached to these minutes:

Deanery Synod
Junior Church
Child Protection
The choir
Mothers Union
Flower Club
Art Group
St Johns Hall
Churches Together

9 The Churchwardens Report

Janet bird reported:

Fabric – There is no large scale project at present. The lighting in the Memorial Chapel is still under consideration, and the new light bulbs in the main church have made a difference.

The Herts Regiment War Memorial is subject to a donation for cleaning.

Estimates are awaited.

Chancel repair liability – the PCC decided not to pursue, this decision has been recorded in the PCC minutes.

Removal of Pews – Some members of the congregation are in favour of this move and others are against. Obtaining advice in respect of moving items is being considered.

Insurance – We have been visited by a representative regarding Ecclesiastical Insurance, his report will follow with recommendations.

Purchases – new carpet has been laid in the vestry and meeting room.

Repairs - costs have been kept to a minimum, a huge thanks must go to Derek Westwood and his team for all they do to keep us in good order.

Pastoral – we have many special moments at All Saints, Messy Church, Prayers and Bears and the Prayer Group. Ginni brought with her lots of fresh ideas, recently the Easter Journey, we thank her for the enthusiasm she shows.

Events – The Christmas Tree Festival proved to be a great success under the leadership of Dorothy who is now planning a Posy Festival for the summer, thank you Dorothy.

Over the Christmas period we welcomed many children from our local schools, the Fire Brigade also celebrated here with their carol service. We welcomed the Bishop of Hertford and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Westminster and the service to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Women's Ordination was held in All Saints.

Music – we have a spectacular choir and wonderful music. This together with great organists, and we must include Michael Stephens-Jones makes All Saints a very blessed church. Janet thanked Martin and his team for all their hard work.

Last but not least we are especially blessed with 'Canon Jo', Doug, Gerry, Ginni and Geoff who make our family at All Saints complete.

10 Vicars Report

The Vicars report is attached.

11. Any Other Business

Richard Toyn asked us all to be vigilant and not leave items of value including the offertory plate unguarded. We have experienced theft recently. The installation of a security camera is to be considered. He also gave a reminder to check the south door when locking the church as it is often found to be unlocked.

The south west door is becoming a waste area, Richard suggested the PCC consider how we can make better use of the porch area.

Mollie Day expressed thanks on behalf of the parishioners for the warmth and welcome within All Saints Church.

APCM closed at 9.40pm