

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of All Saints Hertford held in Church on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 12.10 pm.

Present

As for the Vestry Meeting

1 Apologies for Absence

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2 Minutes of the 2018 APCM.

The minutes were approved

3 Matters arising

There were none

4 Vicar's Report

Jo's sermon at the Parish Communion immediately before the meeting was the first part of her Report, when she spoke of the Church as the Body of Christ. She asked us to consider the heritage of earlier generations building and rebuilding churches to serve the worshipping community spoken of as the body of Christ. She called for us to plan for our future ministry in the coming years, and challenged the congregation to think ahead to who might be the Church Family of the future and how will we reach out to them. Our very serious financial situation must be a driver towards a sustainable future and she reminded us that not only are we unable to raise enough money to pay or way but our reserves are being depleted. During the APCM she delivered light-heartedly a long list of thankyou's.

5 Election of the Parochial Church Council

The following were elected: Jonathan Bates, Andrew Bellfield, Rosemary Bolton, Nerine Chalmers, Cheryl Massey, Wendell Newbold, Martin Penny, Mary Penny, Andrew Povey-Richards and Ann Stephens-Jones. Janet Bird and Dorothy Toyn are the Deanery Synod Reps.

6 Election of Sidesmen

Richard Toyn proposed a list of 25 members of the congregation to be sidesmen for the coming year. The meeting approved the list. Richard thanked everyone and called for more helpers in this important work.

7 Financial Report 2018

Colin Bird, in talking us through the accounts reminded us that some of our Parish Share supports churches that are unable to pay the full cost. He complimented all the treasurers of church groups and especially the Hall on managing their accounts well. Geoffrey Rice our Independent examiner was also thanked. Some further details of the financial situation can be read in the All Saints Alive and on the webpages. Colin called the meeting's attention to the fact that we expect a shortfall of £20,000 this year and our savings accounts are already depleted, so it is vitally important that we rise to the challenge that faces us to sustain All Saints for the church family of the future.

8 Election of the Independent Examiner of the Accounts

Geoffrey Rice was elected.

9 Reports received

Copies were available to read in the church and on the website. There were 2 verbal reports. The first was the statutory Safeguarding Report to the APCM which reported no incidents. The second was concerning Churches Together who continue to function well as evidenced by their recent Good Friday Walk of Witness.

10 Church Warden's Report

Julia Gough reminded the meeting of repairs to the Vestry Roof and the Reredos, and the fitting of Roof Alarms. She drew attention to the launch of an appeal by the bell ringers to undertake repairs in the belfry. She expressed her thanks to all who perform the unappreciated unnoticed, and often unpleasant household tasks at All Saints. Other thanks were to Jo, Colin, Leon, The Toyons, Choir, and the Work Party led by Dave and Brian.

11 AOB

Leon Ajao and Cheryl Massey will help as deputy wardens with unlocking and other tasks as needed.

The meeting ended at 1.08 pm