

Draft Minutes of APCM 2024 Sun April 28th.

Present Julia Gough, Ann Stephens-Jones, Lyn Paddon, Marylyn Britton, David Dean, Sarah Dean, Rosie Dean, Janet Oldham, Jenny Martin, Geoffrey Rice, Fiona Earle, Shirley Glover, Nerine Chalmers, Linda Dye, Helen Briggs, Ann Marie Parker Edwina Nailer, Dorothy Toyn, Richard Toyn, Evelyn Meekins, Leon Ajao, Mollie Ajao, Shanti Gordon, Isabel Hurley, Martin Penny, Colin Bird, Andrew Belfield(lay chair), Verity Tranter, (churchwarden), Janet Bird (churchwarden)and Mary Penny(sec.)

1 Apologies. Written apologies were received from Helen and John Harvey-Wright and from Sue and Wendell Newbold. Verbal apologies were received from Martin Bird, James Toyn and Gillian Harman.

2 Minutes of the APCM 2023, having been posted on the website and on the notice board, were received and approved by a show of hands. The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Lay Chair.

3 Matters Arising. There were none.

4 Electoral Roll. Martin Penny quoted briefly from the report already published,

And reminded the meeting that copies of the Electoral roll can be seen on the website and the notice board. Question. For how long should the application forms be stored? Answer. Not sure.

5 Reports on PCC and Parish Activities, including Safeguarding. These reports were on the website, and the Secretary read the following regarding safeguarding; The PCC has adopted Safer Church which means we have complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 20.6 viz. a duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It will be reviewed annually at a PCC meeting as part of the Annual Business Cycle.

A Safeguarding question was posed to which an assurance was given by the Wardens that the subject would be looked into.

6 Finance. Colin thanked Alixe Bainbridge-Spring who was the independent auditor. She will stand down and a replacement is yet to be found. Our accounts are posted on the Charity Commission website as well as on the All Saints one. Colin reminded the meeting that our planned structural deficit will be supported by the Memorial Fund that is topped up from a large legacy that we received recently.(He emphasised that the Bishops' Policy states that "current expenditure must be paid for by current income" i.e. not by the past in the form of legacies.) The interest from the legacy also supports St. John's Hall by allowing its reserves to be kept at £20,000. The managers, Mario and

Luella Jorge were thanked for their tireless work to assist the Hall being in surplus, and Colin also thanked Nick Hassell and Martin Penny for devising and implementing a new booking system, along with Julia Gough who is Stewardship Recorder. The meeting was glad to hear that the final accounts of the All Saints Mothers' Union has provided a donation to commission a new altar frontal. The Lay Chair thanked the Treasurer, Colin Bird.

7 Fabric. Led by Verity Tranter, (Churchwarden). She reminded everyone that a report and the PCC minutes of the previous year are on the website, and then she briefly outlined the pros and cons of the heating solutions for All Saints that PCC has explored with the help of Tom Abraham.

She explained how the repairs to windows had led to our insurers requiring us to install CCTV security and that the monitoring of the premises will be done "in-house" using the Wi-Fi that will be part of the installation. We have received the Quinquennial Report, and our roof is in the Urgent category. Verity commented that there were many views already put forward as to how water finds its way into the South Roof. The Chair thanked Verity along with David Dean and the Work Party.

8 Deanery Synod. This report is published on the website.

9 Election of PCC. The sec explained the PCC is made up of 2 churchwardens, already elected, 3 Deanery Synod Reps, and 12 others. There were 3 nominations to fill the 3 Deanery Synod vacancies. These were Janet Bird, Colin Bird and Verity Tranter, and they are elected. Of the 12 other places, the sec. explained that they are elected to serve for 3 years on a rolling cycle thus giving the PCC both continuity and renewal. 3 nomination forms were received for the 7 vacancies, from Helen Briggs, Nerine Chalmers and Shirley Glover. The meeting was reminded that if others express interest in joining PCC then this can happen later and Churchwardens would be available for a conversation after this meeting. The 3 Nominees were elected, and the Lay Chair thanked all who had stood for election.

At this point Janet Bird, provided news regarding the Vacancy. She first thanked everyone for the level of support coming from the congregation. She in turn received thanks from Martin Penny for her diary work, not only arranging for priests and readers and Martin Bird our worship leader, but also leading many services herself. Janet expressed her appreciation for Verity's management of the Vicarage during the vacancy, and recognised the team effort that produced the Parish Profile.

The APCM concluded with The Grace