

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023 IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT 3PM**

**The meeting was recorded for those who could not attend in person**

71 people were present at the meeting in church.  
Tasha welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**1. Election of Churchwardens and Deputy Warden from St Mary's**

Margaret Warren was standing down as Church Warden and after warmly thanking her, Tasha presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a card.

Tasha also thanked Liz Miller who had been acting as an assistant warden for the year but was now stepping down. She would continue on the PCC and with her other roles. She was presented with a thankyou card.

Val Hanson had agreed to stand again as churchwarden and she had been nominated by Margaret Warren, seconded by Pat Chapple.

Eddie Donaldson had offered to stand as churchwarden and he had been nominated by Olga Soper and seconded by Simon Parnell. Both Val and Eddie were duly elected by the meeting.

Myra Campbell was stepping down as warden at St Mary's as she had served for 6 years and was required to take a break. Although she would not be a warden in name, she would be continuing to serve in many ways. Tasha gave huge thanks to Myra for all she had done over the years.

**Deputy Churchwardens**

Vera Peters had been elected as churchwarden for St Mary's at their DCC meeting. She was appointed by the APCM as deputy churchwarden with special responsibility for St Mary's and as such became an ex-officio member of All Saints' PCC. Tasha thanked her for her work during the year.

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Lesley Prince, Pat Chapple, Sue Dighe , Lynn Kendall and Oliver Webb.

**2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

These had been displayed in church, and had been available on the website. Proposed by Pete Hanson and seconded by Rosemary Marcuse these were approved and were signed by Tasha.

**3. Elections**

**3.1 Election of PCC members.** Myra Campbell, Sue Forward, John Miller and Joyce Rhoden had all come to the end of their term of office. Tasha thanked them all for their contribution over

the years. Bill Darley, proposed by Olga Soper, seconded by Rob Askin. Gillian Peard, proposed Myra Campbell, seconded Vera Peters, Beverley Smith, proposed Alan Chapple, seconded Elizabeth Whatmore were all willing to stand and as there were no other nominations were duly elected for a three year term.

**3.2 Election of Deanery Synod Members** – This year, 2023, all Deanery Reps had to resign but were eligible to restand if they so wished. Annabel Taylor was willing to restand and Rosemary Marcuse had also been nominated. Annabel was nominated by Kate Pinnell, seconded James Soper. Rosemary was nominated by Olga Soper, seconded Margaret Warren. again we were under the number of representatives we are allowed, they were duly elected for a three year term. Tasha noted that we would really appreciate a member of St Mary's to become a deanery rep so that both churches were represented.

#### **4. Appointment of the Independent Examiner**

Bill Darley proposed that Hope Jones, who had been our Independent Examiner for many years, should be appointed again for the coming year. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **5. Reports**

##### **5.1. Changes to the Electoral Roll.**

Since the last APCM 8 names had been removed from the roll and 9 new names had been added. There are now 255 names on the Electoral Roll. (254 in 2022)

##### **5.2. Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC from April 2022 to March 31st 2023.**

The Annual Reports had been advertised on the church website and there had been paper copies of the report in church for those without access to the internet or who preferred to read a hard copy.

##### **5.3 The Financial Statements for year ending December 2022**

Bill reported that copies of the church accounts had been available on the church website and there had also been paper copies available in church. These had been certified by Hope Jones in March and were approved by the PCC on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. They will now be filed with the Diocese and also the Charity Commission as required.

Bill wished to thank the congregation for their generous response to the vision we had and their financial gifts had made it possible for us to recruit first Derek Batterbee and then Olivia Doull as our Operations Manager and Rebecca Webb as our Family and Schools worker. We had been very blessed and were grateful that money had been raised to fund certain capital projects but there was the possibility that we would need further fundraising possibly externally and not just within the church.

Bill thanked Alan Chapple for passing on to him very clear accounts. He also welcomed Dave Kirby, the new treasurer for St Mary's and looked forward to working with him in the future.

He also wished to thank members of the Office and Finance Team who were greatly helping to move things forward.

Tasha thanked Bill for the tremendous amount of work which is involved in maintaining the church accounts.

##### **5.4 The Fabric report**

Val reported that as chair of the Buildings and Fabric team, Adam Smith has written an excellent Fabric Report which can be found on page 8 of the Annual Report. We are hugely grateful for all he has done in his role as chair and we are grateful for all that has been achieved by the Tuesday Maintenance Club which was his brainchild. So big thanks to Adam.

As required for this meeting Val confirmed that the Log Book and Terrier are up to date. Recently new equipment has been purchased to enable a more reliable livestream of Sunday services, which was used in its entirety for the first time today. A number of old records have been deposited at the Hampshire Record Office, the list of which is included in the Log Book. Margaret and Val have been checking the silver at All Saints and Gillian and Vera have updated the inventory at St Mary's.

### **5.5 The proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

The proceedings of the Deanery Synod were recorded on the last page of the Reports booklet.

### **5.6 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

Tasha closed the first part of the meeting letting people know there would be a break in the proceedings for tea and cake followed by a session where various people would be coming forward to tell stories of the good things that had been happening over the past year.

Tasha thanked Kate Pinnell and Liz Miller for providing tea and cakes for us all. Following a question during the tea break Bill gave a short background summary regarding the House in Carrington Lane.

The following people each came forward to give a short summary of reasons to celebrate what God had been doing in their lives over the past year.

Tasha –the joys of this last year including her Institution

Kate Pinnell – Homegroups

Douglas Marcuse – Eco churches

Adam Smith – Buildings Team and Maintenance Club

Gillian Peard – St Mary's Highlights+

Pete Hanson – The Worship Band – in rhyme!

Annabel Taylor – PCC and her own spiritual journey

Rebecca Webb – Families work

Tasha finished by thanking everyone for coming and the meeting closed with the grace.