

## **Minutes of the Vestry Meeting and 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Parochial Church Meeting,**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @12.30pm via Zoom.**

### **Vestry Meeting**

#### **1. Prayers**

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with a prayer

#### **2. Minutes of the Annual Parishioners' Vestry Meeting, 2019**

2.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2019 were approved unanimously.

#### **3. Election of Church Wardens**

3.1. Steve Griffiths introduced the election process and the rules usually governing elections of Church Wardens. He thanked the wardens for their work over the last year.

3.2. Three nominations had been received for the election of churchwardens: Paul Edwards, Patience Wilson and Catherine Holton

3.3. As there were no other nominations, the three nominees were elected unanimously en bloc.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

- Apologies for absence had been received from: Belinda Sharp and Laura Bruce.

#### **2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved unanimously.

#### **3. Matters arising**

- There were no matters raised.

#### **4. Parochial Church Council Report**

- Dinos Kousoulou introduced the PCC report. The meeting noted that following the Dioceses' direction, the PCC continued to meet until the APCM, resulting in an additional 3 meetings of the current membership. The significant issues considered by the PCC were noted as:
  - The letting of the Parish Centre to the Kedleston Group.
  - Management of services during the Pandemic.
  - Finances.
  - Mission Action Plan monitoring.
  - Changes to the Church Representation Rules.

## **5. Financial Report**

- Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths presented the Financial Report on behalf of Laura Bruce, Treasurer. The deficit of £2810 was noted. The letting of the Parish Centre and Flat will substantially change the pattern going forward, with a predicted surplus of £37,000 for the current year.
- Rev Steve Griffiths thanked the Finance Advisory Group and all the individuals who help maintain the Finances of the Church.
- The adoption of the Accounts for 2019 was proposed by John Tanner and seconded by Rex Bourne. They were adopted unanimously.

**6. Appointment of External Examiners.** Steve Griffiths noted that Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co had acted as External Examiners for the Church for many years and proposed that they be appointed again for the coming year. This was approved by the meeting.

## **7. Electoral Roll Report**

Patience Wilson confirmed that the Electoral Roll stood at 199, an increase of 11 from the last report.

## **8. Fabric Report**

Rev. Steve Griffiths introduced the Fabric Report and highlighted key achievements as set out in the report. The key issues were noted as:

- The maintenance and decoration of the Vicarage
- Toilets installed in Church
- Parish Centre Lease completed in March with work commencing in August
- Quinquennial Inspection undertaken.

Thanks were extended to everyone involved in the maintenance of the buildings.

## **9. Deanery Synod Report.**

The Deanery Synod report was noted. Steve Griffiths reported that Andrea Edwards was standing down as a representative. Andrea was thanked for representing St Andrew's.

## **10. Election of PCC members.**

There were 5 vacancies for appointment and the following nominations had been received. Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adel Barwood-Symmons, Emma Oppong-Addai, Ruth Mackay and John Tanner. Rev. Steve Griffiths confirmed that as there were only 5 nominations there was no need for a vote and the 5 nominees were elected to the PCC en bloc.

## **11. Appointment of Deanery Synod representatives**

With the resignation of Andrea Edwards there were 3 vacancies. It was noted that Tony Leach was prepared to continue and Ruth Mackay had been nominated as a new Representative. Both were elected to represent St Andrew's at the Deanery Synod.

Dinos Kousoulou reminded the meeting that there were still 2 vacancies and anyone interested in standing should contact Rev Steve Griffiths.

## **12. Reports from Committees and Organisations**

In discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Bell Ringers. Chris Trawin presented the report and stated that new members were always welcome and anyone who wished to observe the Bells being rung could attend the practice evenings on Thursdays.
- ii. MABS and Youth Work. Jo Griffiths presented the report and thanked the MABS team and all the volunteers for their work during the year. The Coronavirus situation had greatly affected the work of the Team. However, work continues with both schools and the various groups.
- iii. Patience Wilson introduced the Wardens' report, noting the significant achievements over the last year. Particular thanks were extended to all the volunteers who have helped with getting the Church reopened for private prayers and services.

### **13. Vicar's Report.**

Rev. Steve Griffiths presented his report in a video format covering each chapter of the Mission Action Plan. "Towards 2030", he highlighted his priorities for 2021 as:

- Continued development of the On-line Provision.
- The Restoration Project.
- Dealing with Social Injustice through the establishment of the Enfield Citizens Group.

### **Questions from the floor.**

1. Ruth Mackay asked how the coronavirus was impacting on Rev Steve Griffiths' work, what support he was receiving and if there was anything that could be done to help? Rev Steve Griffiths confirmed that there were significant additional pressures not only on himself but also Jo Griffiths and Nana Otchere. This was particularly as a result of the increased number of funerals, where people have not been able to grieve effectively. Rev Steve Griffiths confirmed that the majority of the additional contacts were seeking advice and guidance from him as Vicar so this could not be shared. He stated that Bishop Rob had been very supportive and was available when needed.
  2. Christingle Service. Diana Lane asked if there would be some form of service this year. It was confirmed that a planning meeting was being held shortly.
  3. Illy Duce asked that the thanks of the PCC for Rev. Steve Griffiths' and the Wardens' leadership and support for the "Church Family" be recorded
- The meeting concluded at 13.45 with closing prayers

Dinos Kousoulou