

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting and 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Parochial Church Meeting,

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @12.00 noon 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, 2020

2.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved unanimously.

#### 3. Election of Church Wardens

3.1. Dinos Kousoulou introduced the election process for Church Wardens which is open for participation from anyone living in the Parish. Rev Dr Steve Griffiths thanked the wardens for their work over the last year, in particular Patience Wilson and Catherine Holton who were standing down

3.2. Dinos Kousoulou confirmed that there had been 3 nominations received for the 3 Warden positions. They were:

Adel Barward-Symmons, nominated by Illy Duce and seconded by Tom Duce.

Paul Edwards, nominated by John Tanner and Seconded by Patience Wilson

Barry Snelgrove, nominated by Illy Duce and Seconded by Tom Duce.

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

3.4. Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths asked the meeting to note that it was his intention to invite Rob Barward-Symmons and Illy Duce to act as Deputy Wardens for the coming year as a way of spreading the workload of the Wardens and to provide additional support to himself. If this proved to be successful a formal proposal to establish the posts of Deputy Wardens could be put to the next Vestry Meeting.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### 1. Apologies for absence

- Apologies for absence had been received from: Catherine Holton, Sarah Hargreaves, Laura Bruce, and Chris Trawin

#### 2. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 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 as it had only been 6 months since the last APCM, the PCC had only met on one occasion and considered
  - Budget for 2021
  - Letting of the Parish Centre Flat and Car Park.
  - Additional Donation to the Common Fund

4 members of the PCC had completed their term of Office and, as Frances Cansfield, Andrea Edwards and Claudia De Rienzo had served on the PCC for 6 years, they would be standing down. The meeting thanked them for their contribution.

#### 5. Church Wardens Report.

Paul Edwards presented the Wardens' report. The success of the online services was noted especially the Remembrance Day Service, Nativity, Carol Service and Christmas Day celebrations. Thanks were extended to everyone who has contributed to making the online facility such a success.

#### 6. Financial Report.

As Laura Bruce the Treasurer was unable to attend, Dinos Kousoulou presented her report to the meeting.

The 2020 accounts were still to be finalised by the External Examiner so could not be presented to the meeting.

It is anticipated that total income would be in the region of £168,00 and expenditure £149,000 leaving a surplus of £20,000.

It was recommended and agreed by the meeting that the PCC should be delegated with the responsibility of approving the 2020 accounts once they had been completed.

Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths thanked the Finance Team for all their work over the last year in particular Debbie McGill for her work on Gift Aid and Laura Bruce the Treasurer. We noted that the improved financial position was as a direct result of letting the Parish Centre.

John Tanner asked if there had been any progress in trying to resolve the issues with the Lease for the accountants who occupy the building in the Car Park. Rev Steve Griffiths informed the meeting that he has had discussion with the Archdeacon to see if copies of the original lease could be tracked down as there is significant confusion over the lease and ownership of the building.

**6. Appointment of External Examiners.** Dinos Kousoulou 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 203, an increase of 4 from the last report. Dinos Kousoulou confirmed that this would enable a further 3 people to be elected as Lay representative onto the PCC.

#### 8. Fabric Report.

Dinos Kousoulou, on behalf of the Restoration Steering Group, presented an update on the progress of the Project. Architects have been appointed to enable design options and costings for the project to be prepared. In addition, several specialists have been employed to carry out specialist surveys. It was anticipated that much of the current estimated cost of £6.5 million would

be funded through Grant Applications but local fundraising would also be needed as not all the proposed work would be covered by Grants.

It was noted that work had been commenced on repairing the drains around the Church which will prevent any further damage to the building and monuments.

#### **9. Appointment of Deanery Synod Representatives.**

The meeting noted that Tony Leach and Ruth Mackay were our current reps. However, there were still 2 vacancies that could be filled. If anyone would be interested in becoming a representative they should contact Rev Steve Griffiths.

#### **10. Deanery Synod Report.**

As there had been no Deanery Synod meetings since the last APCM, there was no report.

#### **11. Election of PCC members.**

The meeting noted that there were 7 vacancies and that the following nominations had been received:

Lekish Atkinson	Nominated by Illy Duce and Seconded by Tom Duce
Lowri Banfield	Nominated by Illy Duce and seconded by Tom Duce
Paul David	Nominated by Dinos Kousoulou and seconded by Dorothy Kousoulou
Tracy Jenkins	Nominated by Illy Duce and Seconded by Tom Duce
Allison Paing	Nominated by Diana Lane and Seconded by Vici Wiggins
Sue Saull	Nominated by Illy Duce and Seconded by Heather Gottschall
Louise Sear	Nominated by Illy Duce and Seconded by Tom Duce.

As there were no further nomination from the meeting, the 7 nomination were appointed en-bloc

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

In discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Bell Ringers. Jeremy Taylor presented the report on behalf of Chris Trawin. The Coronavirus has disrupted bell ringing significantly. The membership currently stands at 11- 9 seniors and 2 juniors. It was noted that Chris Trawin had rung a single bell 99 times as part of the memorial for Prince Phillip's. The Tower clock continues to be maintained
- 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. Due to Financial restrictions, Nana's fixed term contract had come to an end. Currently Jo is spending 2 days a week at St Andrew's school and working with the Sunday youth group. We noted the current difficult situation in trying to raise funds. It was confirmed that there was sufficient funding to enable MABs to operate for the next 18 months and that the PCC would need to review the position in 12 months.
- iii. School Governors' Report. Chris Willet provided a report covering 2019 to 2021. The key role played by the headmistress, Cath Mann, and the leadership team during the pandemic was noted. The school had achieved an excellent rating following the last Statutory Inspection of the Anglican and Methodist school Inspectorate.

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

Rev. Steve Griffiths confirmed that his priorities continue to be:

- Continued development of the Digital Provision.

- The Restoration Project.
- Dealing with Social Injustice through the establishment of the Enfield Citizens Group.

The leasing of the Parish Centre had stabilised the finances of the Church and the Centre had been totally transformed. It was anticipated that the Silverways School would be opened in the next few weeks and this would be a positive contribution as a new Special Educational Needs facility in the Borough.

Rev Steve Griffiths was anticipating that the Church would reopen again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Pentecost Sunday, subject to the approval of the PCC.

The meeting acknowledged the personal toll on Rev Steve Griffiths that the pandemic had over the last year and that he was feeling tired and needed to re-establish a better balance in his life. Diana Lane asked if it would be possible for the Church to be re-open earlier as there were a number of people who could not access the online facility. It was noted that a number of things needed to be put in place prior to the reopening which would take time to organise but that the decision was one for the PCC to take. The final decision would be made by the PCC.

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

14.1 Gate between the car park and Church. The gate had been closed for a number of weeks to enable the area in front of the new school to be tarmacked it was, however, now open.

14.2 Car Parking for Sunday Services. The question of accessing the car park on Sundays was raised. Rev Steve Griffiths explained that a new facility has been introduced by the School that prevents the barrier being left open. To access the car park a fob is needed to open the barrier. This would require someone being at the barrier to open it to allow people in and out. The alternative is to use a local parking facility.

As there were no further questions, Dinos Kousoulou thanked everyone for their participation and Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths concluded the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting concluded at 13.15 with closing prayers

Dinos Kousoulou