

Annual General Meetings 12th May 2024

Vestry Meeting

1. Jim opened the meeting in prayer at 12:04.
2. Apologies were received from Penny Chisnall, Jill Moore, Ann Windle, David Leary, Sonia Crossley and Ruth Mason. There were 14 adults present - including one person 'in attendance'.
3. No comments were made on the minutes of the meeting held in 2023, previously displayed on the porch notice board for 3 weeks. The minutes were proposed by Geoff, seconded by Harriet and accepted as a true record, agreed by a show of hands of those who were present at last years' meeting. There were no matters arising.
4. Election of Wardens:-

Thanks were given to Trish Atkins for her work over the past year.

There was one valid nomination for the position of Churchwarden:

Karen Kittle proposed by Sonia Crossley, seconded by David Windle.

Karen was duly elected for the coming year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Attendance and apologies were as at item 2 above.
2. Harriet received comments regarding the minutes of the meeting held in 2023. The minutes are missing a comment regarding the presentation of the accounts. It was agreed that an amendment is made to add 'The 2022 accounts were presented and any questions answered'.

Subject to this amendment, the minutes were proposed by David and seconded by Kath. They were accepted as a true record by show of hands of those who were present at last year's meeting.

3. There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.
4. Elections:

Thanks were given to Harriet and David for their work on Deanery Synod over the past year.
Thanks were given to Hazel and Kath for their work as deputy wardens for the past year.

Deputy Wardens: There was one nomination for Deputy Warden:

David Windle proposed by Trish Atkins, seconded by Kath Leary

David was duly elected for the coming year.

Church Council:

Thanks were given to Ruth, David, Penny and Michelle, the retiring members of the PCC, for their time of service. There are five potential vacancies on the PCC.

There were two nominations for PCC members:

Ruth Mason proposed by David Windle, seconded by Pam Pix.

Paul Simpson proposed by Geoff Moore, seconded by Barbara Hukins.

Ruth and Paul were duly elected.

Church Accounts Examiner:

Stuart introduced himself as the new treasurer of the PCC and gave thanks to Geoff for all the work he has done throughout his time as treasurer.

Stuart recommended **Jonathan Buckley** as examiner of the church accounts (which will include both church and hall accounts from now on). Jonathan has been our examiner for a few years. Geoff proposed, Kath seconded, agreed unanimously.

5. Report of Electoral Roll:

David reported 59 on the roll, 40 resident, 19 non resident. David reminded us that we have a renewal next year. The roll was received and accepted. Pam proposed, David seconded, this was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

6. Report of the church accounts.

Geoff reported the accounts, he praised God for continuing his continued generosity, including a donation of £8,000. Geoff thanked Stuart for taking over the role of treasurer. No questions were raised.

7. Report of the church hall accounts.

Jim read the summary of the hall accounts from the financial report. No questions were raised. Geoff gave thanks to Steve for the church hall accounts and all the work he has done with the hall throughout the year. Steve has been cleaning the church hall since November 2023 due to illness of our cleaner, who then resigned in December.

8. Report on Safeguarding Procedures – Promoting a safer church.

In Ruth's absence, Jim reported that Ruth has brought our PCC up to the correct standard of DBS checks and safeguarding training. Jim records his heartfelt thanks for all her hard work in the role of Parish Safeguarding officer.

9. Annual Report:- Jim asked for comments or questions, none were received.

Jim gave thanks to a number of people as follows:

- Sharron for serving as Chair of Governors and her work with the links to the school;
- Sonia and her 'angels' (the singing group) for the lift given with the Christmas singing;
- Geoff for his years' of service as treasurer, and Stuart for stepping up as interim treasurer;
- Penny for continued work as parish giving officer;
- David as chairman of the campus maintenance group;
- Jill for continuing to faithfully visit the bereaved;
- Pam for her work on the hospitality team;
- Ted for joining the audio visual team;
- David and Harriet as H&S officers;
- Harriet and Trish for creating the records team for continuing work organising records;
- David and Ruth for keeping the Dunelm group going; and
- Our Heavenly Father for growing all aspects of the church family.

Jim commented that the report demonstrates all the work that has been going on during 2023 and all the promising things to come.

10. Matters of current or future concern in the life of the church and parish (open discussion).

Fee Ball mentioned that she likes the evangelism with the kids but what about the adults in the community? She would like to see us getting a group of adults out into the community to talk about church and Jesus.

Trish Atkins is keen to do what she didn't manage last year, to have a drop in 'cup of tea and a bun' to invite people to come and have a chat. Jim commented that Trish and Jacquie are in conversation about getting that going and have full PCC backing.

Kath Leary commented on the fact the report is full of the same names and that we need to pray and encourage more people to come forward to help. Jim mentioned that we have been blessed by a growing number in the congregation that hopefully will grow the volunteers.

Stuart Robinson (treasurer) mentioned our financial resource, that if you are a taxpayer to fill in a gift aid form so that we can claim back the tax that has already been paid on that money.

Pam Pix gave thanks to Jim for all the work the Crossley family have done since they joined.

Jim closed the meeting with prayer at 13:09