

**The Parish of Chingford
SS Peter and Paul Chingford
with All Saints**

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and
the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held on 16th April 2016 at 10.00 am
at the Parish Church of Ss Peter and Paul.

Annual Vestry Meeting

1. Appointment of Clerk:

Alison Goulter was appointed as clerk

Proposed: Marilyn Claydon Seconded: Jan Harrison. All in favour.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These had been circulated.

Acceptance proposed by Sue Emerson, seconded: Michael Freeman. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising

There were none

4. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations for Joyce Hilton and Jan Harrison, both were willing to stand. Proposed: Claire Codling seconded: Mike Hill, accepted unanimously. Fr Andy expressed thanks to them both for the massive amount of work they have done in this capacity over the last year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Derek and Margaret Rundle, James Bowles, Julia Bowles, Graeme King, May Tonkin, Lascelles Alexander, Fr Hall & Sarah Speers, Jenny Beardsmore, Aleks Mazalon, Joe Collins, Pat Drapper, Emma Trenier, Mavis Read, (and George Neophytou who would be late).

2. Minutes of previous APCM

These were considered to be a true record of the previous year's meeting.

Proposed: Barbara Fox Seconded: Simon Goulter Agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Appointment of Presiding Officers and Tellers

Presiding Officer Reg Bedding

Tellers Fr Rodney and Mthr Tina

Proposed Fr Andy

Unanimously agreed

5. Elections

(Our three Deanery Synod representatives have one more year to serve. Thanks were expressed for their work in this respect.)

a) Elections to PCC

There are 12 places and 12 nominations as follows:

Old Church:

Deputy Warden & DCC Chair: Gill Hoxby.

Deputy Warden & DCC Secretary: Aleks Mazalon.

Larry Relfe

Graeme King.

Parish Church:

Deputy Warden & DCC Chair: Sue Emerson

Deputy Warden & DCC Secretary: Jacqui Neophytou

Mike Hill

Bryan Taylor

James Bowles

Mike Emerson

Simon Goulter

Christine Rampton.

Fr Andy stated that we will pray for the Wardens and Deputy Wardens in the services during the morning on Sunday 8th May and for the newly elected PCC at Pentecost Evensong.

b) Sidespersons

The list for both Churches remains the same as for last year. namely:

Old Church: Jean Gibson, Iris Johnson, Betty Clark, Pamela Hanley, Iolanda Whitehead, Christine Bowles, Gwen Kearsey, Marian Bedding, Reg Bedding, Audrey Lain, Graeme King, Val Lewis, Toni Young, Sarah Speers.

Parish Church: Michael Wetton, Gerald Osmond, Lorna Osmond, Colette Samuel, Sue Flower, Susan Emerson, Nicola Thorndyke, David Wridderholt, Michael Freeman, B Sakarya, Diana Alexander, Judy Hill, Mike Hill, George Neophytou, Joan Piggott, Alison Goulter, Keith Robinson, Bryan Taylor, Tim Bowles, Katherine Ward, Peter Wright, Janet Wright, Claire Codling, Shirley Bumfrey, Rosemary Dooks, Harriet Kerr.

6. Electoral Roll

There are currently 197 people on the Electoral Roll.

Thanks were expressed to Claire Codling in administering the Electoral Roll.

7. Annual Report and Financial Statements

This had been circulated.

Thanks were expressed to Gerald Osmond for his work as treasurer over the last two decades and for the meticulous way in which he kept the accounts. Joyce Hilton had a card and gift of thanks which she would take to him.

Fr Andy explained that Terry Gray from the Diocese is helping with the transition to a new accounting system. Although the diocese are going to be dealing with the new accounting system there is still a lot of work for the new treasurer to do. Margaret Preddy has agreed to take over as the new treasurer. The meeting expressed their thanks to Margaret and Gerald.

Claire Codling asked why the parish share is so much. Fr Andy pointed out that it covers the pay for the clergy, so it is quite good value. We have also had a recent reassessment so that our share is more realistic.

a) Appointment of Independent Examiner

Hannah Clegg who is a member of SS Peter & Paul's congregation is willing to be Independent Examiner for the coming year. She was proposed by Mike Hill and seconded by Bryan Taylor. All were in favour.

8. Fabric Report and Hall on the Green

The management team - Fr Andy, Fr Hall and the two wardens meet every two weeks to discuss the running of the parish including the fabric of the church. A summary was circulated.

During the year a document has been drawn up on guidelines for Parish expenditure.

12. Deanery Synod Report

This had been circulated.

13. PCC Report

This had been circulated.

Fr Andy expressed his thanks to all those who, especially during the interregnum, maintained the life of the parish and the care for parishioners in particular Mthr Tina, the churchwardens and the ministry team. He also expressed thanks to Mike Emerson and the organists who play at both churches.

He stated that his first year has been spent in fixing up patterns for administration within the parish and there has been a huge willingness of the parish to work together on this. Since February the PCC has been looking forward and planning ahead. We need to help people to develop their gifts and ministries. The PCC has focussed initially on the provision of pastoral care and in the year to come will be looking especially at encouraging children's ministry and the DCCs will focus on welcoming ministry. Once this has been developed we will hopefully be able to focus on our ministry to the wider community.

Comments:

David Wridderholt expressed his thanks to Fr Andy and all the clergy team for the work they do in the parish, this was endorsed by all present. He also reminded people of the ecumenical Prayers for Peace which are held every Thursday at 12 noon at the Parish Church. There is a red book at the back of church to jot down prayer requests if you are unable to attend.

May Tonkin expressed her thanks to Diana Alexander for her care after the death of Les Tonkin.

Children's ministry: Joyce Hilton stated that the Sunday Club is growing well but for the 10 or so who are not in the choir, there is nothing else for them and we need to be looking for youth leaders. Fr Andy announced that we are hoping to employ a children's worker jointly with All Saints Highams Park using grant money from the Diocese. George Neophytou said we need to ensure that the provision is relevant, he would be willing to spend an evening a week helping. Kathryn Ward suggested that we should be linking up with the other E4 churches to share resources.

Quiet Day: Marilyn Claydon pointed out that there had not been one in the Parish for a long while and that she would be willing to help with and be part of one.

11. Date and Venue of next APCM

Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Old Church

Michael Wetton requested that there should be a Eucharist first. This was agreed; it will be at 9.30 am.

12. Date and Venue of next PCC meeting

A short meeting would take place immediately after the close of the APCM.

18. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer at 11.05am