

## **St Peter's & St Mark's, Maidenhead**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at St Peters Church, Maidenhead

**Present:** There were 71 people present at the meeting.

**Apologies:** Pippa Ayres; John & Liz Barringer; Carol Boyd; Tom Collison; Liz Eaton; Jane Goldsmith; Linda Goulding; Lesley Haldane; Isabelle May; Maggie McPherson; Alan & Marion Jell; Fran Sharp.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (VESTRY MEETING)

1. **Apologies** as listed above
2. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
These had been amended to include Larry Galliford on the attendance list. Andrew Fleet proposed that the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Sue Stabler seconded the proposal. The Minutes were approved and signed without further amendment
3. **Election of Church Wardens**  
Anthony May was nominated by Sandra Young, seconded by Hazel Cronbach.  
Mary Janes was nominated by Alan Jell, seconded by Andrew Fleet

As the number of nominations matched the number of available vacancies,, Tony and Mary were declared duly elected, and their appointments were affirmed with warm and appreciative applause from the fellowship.

David took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Church Warden Charlotte Cox for her work over the last three years, particularly throughout the interregnum. A presentation was made to Charlotte, and the church expressed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause.

Prayers were said for Mary and Anthony.

The meeting closed.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for absence – see list above
2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
These Minutes had also been amended to include Larry Galliford on the attendance list and Howard proposed that the Minutes were accepted as a true record, seconded by Larry Galliford. The Minutes were then approved and signed without further amendment.
3. Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.
4. Declaration of Any Other Business  
No items were declared.
5. Elections to the Deanery Synod and PCC

Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by	Period of Time
Wendy Frampton	Clifford Baker	Penelope Baker	2017-2020
Alan Berry	Anthony May	Jeremy Stevens	2017-2020
Fran Sharp	Sandra Young	Anthony May	2017-2020
Carol Cooper	Stephen Cronbach	Jeremy Stevens	2017-2020

As the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, all of the above were declared to be duly elected unopposed onto both the PCC and the Deanery Synod.

6. Additional Elections to the PCC

Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by	Period of Time
Jeremy Stevens	Stephen Cronbach	Anthony May	2015-2018
Mark Gould	Jeremy Stevens	Richard Thorogood	2015-2018
Tom Collison	Jeremy Stevens	Sally Gould	2015-2018
Carole Streeter	Sarah France	Hazel Cronbach	2016-2019

As the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, all of the above were declared to be duly elected unopposed.

Both the appointments to the Deanery Synod and the PCC were met with warm applause from those present; prayers were then said for all elected members of the Deanery Synod and the PCC.

7. Appointment of Stewards/Sides people  
Jean Stevens proposed that the following people be accepted as Stewards/Sides people and this was seconded by Catherine Hollingsworth.

Sides people at St Mark's:

Barbara Buckle, Clifford Baker, Brian Belcher, Maggie McPherson, Roy Shimmin, Alan Frampton, Diane Hayes, Wendy Robinson, Doreen Young, Wendy Frampton and Duncan Hopkins.

Stewards at St Peter's:

Sue Fleet, Andrew Fleet, Howard Goldsmith, Jayne Goldsmith, Stephen Cronbach, Tim Stone, David Robinson, Ian Cheeseman, Christine Berry, Linda Goulding, Charlotte Cox, Sandra Young, Martin Flynn.

All present were in favour of the above people being Stewards/Sides people. Confirmation of the two lists was adopted by a show of hands.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiners of 2017 Accounts

The company M. R. Salvage Ltd of Bourne End was proposed by Stephen Cronbach as the Independent Examiners of 2017 Accounts. This was seconded by Sue Stabler. The proposal was accepted by all present

Formal Reports: The Formal Reports on the PCC; the Deanery Synod and the Fabric Report compiled by Tony May were all distributed as part of the Agenda in order to save time.

There were no comments or questions on the reports from the meeting and the contents were noted.

9. Electoral Roll Report (Adrian Young)

Adrian Young reported that there were 161 names on the electoral roll at the end of the last meeting. Since then nine people had joined the roll and nine people had been removed, five of whom had died and four had moved away. The roll therefore reopened after the meeting with 161 names listed, of whom 55.3% reside in the Parish and 44.7% live outside of the Parish.

10. Finance Review for 2016 (Sue Stabler)

This year Sue compared the accounts with the previous three years plus a look ahead to 2017. Unrestricted income has been relatively stable over this period, 2015 being the exception because of some generous legacies. Expenses have also been stable but unfortunately are almost always just above income. The detailed breakdown of our income shows the importance of gifts and donations with unfortunately a clearly declining trend. The detailed breakdown of expenses shows that the Diocesan Share is always the most significant part of our expenses, followed by administration costs and mission giving. Diocesan share is generally increasing year on year. The exceptionally high admin costs in 2014 were due to the youth worker's salary.

The income and expenses for St Mark's are relatively stable; the income here only includes the loose collection with regular pledged giving being included with the unrestricted income in order to pay common expenses. The majority of any annual excess income is given by St Mark's to mission partners.

Looking at the Open Church Project Sue explained that we can now celebrate that all the loans have been fully repaid with the final repayments being made in 2017. Another reason to celebrate is the level of our donations to mission partners. In 2016 the total amount donated was just under £27,500 including our regular tithe, donations from St Mark's and responses to specific mission appeals. Although 2017 is going to be financially more challenging we can celebrate what our churches have achieved over the past few years.

Tony May thanked Sue for her service over the last 19 years at St Peter's. Amongst other things, she served twice as Treasurer and was Project Manager for the Open Church Project and also with her husband John has tended the garden outside the church at St Peter's. Appreciation was expressed for all her and John's work and invaluable contribution to St Peter's. There were many challenges, particularly with the OCP but Sue met them all calmly and brought everyone together to a successful completion. A presentation was made to Sue on behalf of the Church.

11. Any Other Business (as raised at Agenda item 4).

There were no items raised.

David shared a short reflection from Mark Ch 12. What is the greatest commandment? – Love God and love your neighbour.

David said that over the last few months, we have been considering the future direction of the church in various ways and some common themes have emerged which David condensed into five words. The first two: worship and discipleship encompass the first commandment that Jesus talks about i.e. Loving God. The third and fourth words are community and mission which encompass the second great commandment in Chapter 12, loving our neighbours. The fifth word is Young People – both children and youth. How can we help our young people to carry out these two commandments? Please pray that God would further reveal His vision for our Church as we go forward, and the upcoming prayer week will focus particularly on discerning the way this can be worked out in our Church. People were urged to come before God in prayer both during the Prayer Week starting 21<sup>st</sup> May and in their personal prayers.

After an interval for dessert and coffee, there followed a time of thanksgiving to celebrate God's goodness for the various ministries of the church. This was in the form of a brief verbal report by an appointed member from each area and was followed by prayer for each ministry as follows:

**Youth and Children's Work** - Franzi Cheeseman

*Fizz & Spark; Ignite; X-plode; Boys Group; Girls Group, I.D.*

Kate Higley led the Church in prayer for this area of God's work.

**Schools Outreach** – Brian Belcher

*Little Fishes; Kiddies Cabin; Alwyn; Christmas Concert; Easter Cracked; Christmas Unwrapped; Open the Book.* Andrew Fleet led the Church in prayer for this area of God's work.

**St Mark's** – Wendy Frampton

*Care Home services; Hospital Chaplaincy; Social Events; Schools Work*

Charlotte Cox led the Church in prayer for this area of God's work.

**Discipleship** – Christine Berry

*Including Connect Groups; Pastoral Care and Prayer*

Claire Willett led the Church in prayer for this area of God's work.

**Evangelism** – Debbie Watson

*Community Café; Lunch Club; Toddlers; Alpha; Church Centre; Women's Breakfast*

Sandy Young led the Church in prayer for this area of God's work.

David acknowledged how much we have to be thankful for at both St Peter's and St Mark's.

The meeting closed with worship led by Mark Gould.

David closed the meeting in prayer at 22.10