

ADDLESTONE PARISH MEETING 2012

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2012 at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church

Annual Parish Meeting

- 1. Welcome and prayers**
- 2. Minutes of the last year's Annual Parish meeting** held on Tuesday 19th March 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record (proposed by David Dorey and seconded by Andy Watson).
- 3. Appointment of two Churchwardens.** Malcolm Hickford has been Church Warden for three years and is happy to stand again, a nomination was received. Peter Goldhawk has completed one year as warden and is now standing down, our thanks for all he has done in this role. Trevor Lewis (currently Assistant Church Warden) is willing to stand as Church Warden, his nomination was also received. No other nominations were made so Malcolm and Trevor are appointed church wardens for the coming year with the agreement of the meeting.

Andy Watson and Trevor Lewis have been Deputy Church Warden this year, many thanks to them and their families.

- 4. Prayers** were then said for Malcolm and Trevor and their families.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 1. Opening Worship:** A reading from Hebrews 13 verses 18 – 21 was read. Ben then requested that everyone discusses 'what has encouraged you in the last year' in small groups of 2 or 3.
- 2. Apologies for absence** were received from Sally Boyd, Andy Wyeth, Anne Coombes, Susan Barlow, Graham Barlow, Jane Watson, Mavis Strike, Alan Clarke, Mollie Clarke and Jill Goldhawk.
- 3. Minutes of the last year's APCM** held on Tuesday 19th March 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record (proposed by Peter Goldhawk and seconded by Stephen Carr).
- 4. Matters arising from last year's minutes** not dealt with elsewhere – there were none.

5. Church member and leadership

i. **The electoral role** currently stands at 229 a decrease of 7 over last year. Ben thanked Sarah Harding (Parish Administrator for standing in temporarily as Electoral Roll Officer.

ii. **Election of members of the PCC:** Ben thanked those PCC members who were standing down. There were 4 spaces to serve on the PCC for a term of three years and one to serve for 1 year. As 6 names were proposed (Michael Oxley, Joanne Oxley, Jean Smith, David Dorey, Fred Homes and Peter Goldhawk) an election was held. This resulted in Michael, Joanne, David, Fred and Peter being elected with Jean being the person to miss out this year. Peter volunteered to stand for a single year. Prayers were said for the new members and particularly for Jean.
The PCC will now comprise the following lay members:

Sarah Anderson	Fred Holmes	Joanne Oxley
Faith Axten	Sheila Murray	Jenny Waller
Mike Cann	Daniel Otto	Andy Wyeth
Steve Carr	Lissy Otto	
Peter Goldhawk	Michael Oxley	

iii. **Appointment of Sidespeople and Welcome Team:** Ben read out the names proposed and they were all unanimously agreed by the meeting:

Sarah Anderson	Jill Goldhawk	Angie Oakden
Susan Barlow	Carolyn Heath	Tony Oakden
Graham Barlow	Ann Hickford	Beryl Reece
Bryan Barnes	Fred Holmes	David Smith
Pam Barnes	Helen Holmes	Jean Smith
Sally Boyd	Georgina Humphrey	Mark Smith
Pat Cann	Clive Husselbury	David Tuckwood
Mike Cann	Doris Hymans	Andy Watson
Alan Clark	Trevor Lewis	Fiona Whittaker
Mollie Clark	Sylvia Lindsay	Andy Wyeth
Audrey Drew	Seán McCarthy	
Carol Edmondson	Marion Meredith	

6. Vicar's remarks

Ben commented on the past year and remarked on the many fruitful and encouraging signs of growth that there have been. He spoke of forthcoming challenges and all that there was to look forwards to in the year to come.

7. **The Annual Report was discussed:** a copy is filed with this report. Individual reports were not read out. The following comments regarding church finances were received and/or discussed

- The monies from the St Augustine's fund are no longer shown separately, they were originally ring fenced for youth work and have now been used on youth work including purchasing Northcote for the Youth Worker
- Clarification was given on income tax refund due on giving, this figure was £6000 for 2010 and £14,000 will be claimed for 2011. The church has 4 years to claim the money back each year.
- Money in the 'restricted fund' is waiting to be sent to charities so is not available
- A comment was made that it was a pity that no budget was made for this year. Ben responded that a budget will be presented to PCC at the next meeting.

- The curate's house in Crockford Park Road has been sold even though a new Curate is due soon due. Ben responded that there is still uncertainty if the curate will come to St Pauls, a decision will be taken at a later date on housing provision if required but this is likely to be in the region of £18,000 - £20,000 per year for rent.
- There is a possibility that Northcote will need to be sold to cover the shortfall in finances
- Ben stated that currently 100 people give less than £5 per week and the current level of giving only covers the parish stipend. An increase in £10 per person per week would remove the deficit.
- A giving campaign will be held in 2012, it is acknowledged that there is some resistance to people giving more.
- Ben stated that if there was not a significant increase in giving all salaried roles within the church and honorarium's would have to be reviewed.
- Ben noted that a vicar's written message from APCM in 1990 noted that they were in deficit at that time but moved out of deficit during the year.
- The photocopier contract has been re-negotiated to save money. A similar review will now be done on the gas and electricity.
- A request was made for the treasurer to be very open with PCC on the state of finances so decisions could be made based on that knowledge.
- A comment was made that we don't do any fund raising, the response was that it doesn't actually raise that much money and we should primarily rely on regular giving money
- Ben stated that we don't have extravagant staff costs or outgoings and asked people to let him know if they perceived otherwise.
- A suggestion was made to visualise the current state of the finances, possibly by using a graph on the wall or notice board
- A question was made on how to raise the awareness of more parishioners to the financial situation. Ben said that he will be sending letters to every person on the electoral role and he will be raising the possibility of a 'Friends of St Pauls' at the next PCC meeting.
- In future more people will be encouraged to pay by standing order as it is convenient and is more likely that giving will be done regularly
- A comment was made that there is a huge difference in the disposable income of people living in Addlestone, it is not a rich parish.

8. Closing Worship: Ben closed with prayers

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.