



St Mary with St George Hornsey Parish Church

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Sunday 11 October 2020

The meeting was held virtually in accordance with COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. **28** people from the congregation were present.

Note that the meeting had to be postponed from its original scheduled date of 26 April 2020 because of the lockdown.

First Meeting: Vestry and Parishioners' Meeting

1. Appointment of Chairman of the Meetings

The meetings were chaired by the Rector, Father Bruce Batstone. There were apologies from Vanessa Dunham, Richard Hodges, Paul Little and Lesley Mathew who were unable to attend.

2. Appointment of Clerk to the Meetings

Stephen Driver was appointed Clerk and proceeded to take the Minutes of the Meetings.

3. Election of Churchwardens

Debbie Langdon-Davies is standing down having completed her five years of office as Churchwarden, the standard duration. Fr Bruce offered thanks to for her excellent service. He had a huge appreciation of her generous service, noting her leadership on Health and Safety, on Safeguarding, quiet support of him as Rector and in the past few months her tireless work and support over the pandemic. He also thanked her family for their support of her when devoting so much time to the well-being of the church.

He also offered thanks to Richard Hodges, completing his third year as Churchwarden, for his tireless work for the church, particularly his care for the fabric of our buildings. Ian Blaney is stepping down as Associate Churchwarden and Fr Bruce thanked him for his good support, common sense and support of the running of the Church Hall and the Hall Manager.

Annie Perkins has been nominated as Churchwarden: proposed by Kelyn Bacon Darwin and seconded by Roger May. Richard Hodges has also been nominated: proposed by Phil Jury and seconded by Naomi Malone.

Richard Hodges and Annie Perkins were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens for a fourth and first year, respectively.

Fr Bruce welcomed Annie to her new role and thanked her for her commitment. She is to be Chair of the Development Group.

Richard Williams was appointed as an Associate Churchwarden. It was noted that at present he is covering for Trevor Williamson as Administrator (part-time) for which he is being paid; this is noted in case of potential conflict of interest in the future.

The Vestry and Parishioners' Meeting was concluded

Second Meeting: Annual Parochial Meeting

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 April 2019 had been made available in the 2020 APCM Report Pack. The Minutes were agreed (proposer Annie Perkins and seconder Grace Readings) and were signed by Fr Bruce. They are available on the church website.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll by the Electoral Roll Officer

The Electoral Roll report had been prepared by Vanessa Dunham, Electoral Roll Officer, and circulated ahead of the meeting. This was an update to the one issued in the Annual Report. There are **118** members on the Electoral Roll (compared to 102 in 2019). The Electoral Roll will reopen immediately after the APCM. Father Bruce expressed thanks to Vanessa for her sterling work over the years on maintaining the Electoral Roll. She has stated she wishes to relinquish the role before the next complete revision of the Electoral Roll; this is scheduled for 2025. She will continue making the marriage returns for the time being.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report

Fr Bruce thanked everyone who had submitted reports on the business and activities of the parish. He also thanked Stephen Driver for organising and assembling the Annual Report, especially under the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annual Report had been published in early June; copies were made available to the congregation, one week in advance of the meeting, both on the Church website and in hard copy. An updated Electoral Report had also been circulated.

The Financial Statements of the Annual Accounts for 2018 were also available with the Annual Report. The PCC had adopted the accounts at its meeting on 15 July 2020.

The meeting adopted the Annual Accounts for 2019.

Fr Bruce updated the meeting on notable matters in the six or so months since the original postponement of the APCM.

- He thanked the Ministry Team for all of its work during the lockdown and since in support of parishioners and other vulnerable people in the parish. They had also made good use of technology for maintaining contact, for meetings and for leading prayers and services on-line.
- He noted the publication of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). He was pleased over our robust safeguarding processes and their development over the past few years and with the way the team has led by example, implementing standards and procedures and helping train everyone in safeguarding.

- St Mary's Tower has continued to be used for ministry and outreach in the parish. Intimate Space has provided support for local artists and musicians over the summer, providing a safe performance and exhibition space.
- He thanked the Friends of Hornsey Church Tower (FoHCT) for their care and support of the Tower and the Churchyard. He is pleased that Councillor Adam Jogee, Mayor of Haringey for 2020/21, has chosen the FoHCT as one of the charities to support during his term of office.
- The Open Air Eucharist has been successful and will continue while the weather and light holds. It will then restart around Easter 2021.

4. Questions relating to the reports or any aspect of church life

The meeting was satisfied with the reports and Fr Bruce's update. There were no questions.

5. Elections

5.1 Deanery Synod

Fr Bruce reported that Bishop Rob has reorganised the Deanery Synods in the Edmonton Area. They are being aligned with council boundaries. So the East and West Haringey Deanery Synods will merge into a single Haringey Deanery Synod.

The number of representatives we are allocated on the Deanery Synod is based on our Electoral Roll. For the next three years this is one. Fr Bruce thanked Annie Perkins, Lesley Matthew and Patricia Brown for their service on the Deanery Synod.

Nina Saint was nominated by Ian Blaney and seconded by Patricia Brown. She was duly elected as a member of the Deanery Synod for Haringey for the next three years.

5.2 Nomination of PCC members

Fr Bruce explained that elected PCC members serve for three year terms with around one-third being elected each year; after a term of office there was usually a fallow period of one year before someone could be re-elected.

He thanked the retiring members Angus McIndoe, Mari-Wyn Burley and Lotti Wander for their service. Angus also needed thanks for his work on the church sound system. Mari-Wyn had shown her effectiveness by always being ready for meetings and to ask appropriate challenging questions in the PCC. Lotti has carried out sterling service as Treasurer and as she is willing to carry on in this important role will be co-opted on to the PCC. Lotti is also considering the succession plan for the role.

There were vacancies for three members of the PCC. The following nominations had been received:

Ian Blaney	(proposed: Nina Saint	seconded: Pam Seabrook)
Lesley Matthew	(proposed: Jean Ruskin	seconded: Eddie Griffith)
Richard Williams	(proposed: Patricia Brown	seconded: Cliff Eldred)

The above were duly elected, to serve for three years.

For information, the following were previously appointed to the PCC and their terms of office expire in the year indicated: 2021: Chris Arnold, Michael Baker, Stephen Driver, Cliff Eldred and Cynthia Gooding; 2022: Elle-Mae Netherton, Grace Readings, Jean Ruskin and Sue Westbrook.

The Wardens, the Member of the Deanery Synod and the Rector were also members of the PCC with full voting rights.

There was also the possibility to co-opt two further people to become a member of the PCC, if necessary. One of these positions is to be offered to Lotti Wander so that she can continue in her office of Treasurer.

5.3 Request for Volunteers on the Rotas

Fr Bruce thanked all the volunteers for their important work. There has been a hiatus in many of the volunteering duties as a result of the pandemic. It is hoped the rotas can be reactivated in the coming months. At present welcoming, reading and prayers are being done on an ad hoc basis. Paul Little has now volunteered his services.

Volunteers are always welcome for the various rotas: coffee, flower arranging, sound system, and other important rotas. Rotas are managed using ChurchDesk.

5.4 Appointment of an independent examiner of accounts

Beatty & Co had been appointed external examiner for the accounts in 2017. The meeting confirmed continuation of the appointment.

5.5 Any other business

No items of other business were raised.

The Meeting concluded with prayer led by Fr Bruce

Note that the newly elected Parochial Church Council will meet on 14 October 2020.