

ST MARY'S CHURCH – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 8.15pm in St Mary's Church

Present:	Rev'd Mandy Hodgson (the Rector), Rev'd Nils Bersweden (Associate Vicar), Alison Neilson, Nick Long (Churchwardens), Malcolm Bricknell, John Bush, Laura Campbell, Michael Canby, Sarah Canby, Roger Chadder, Rosemary Chadder, Anne Chester, Hilary Coleman, Lawrence Davies, Anne Dixon, Sonia Elkin, Anthony Gubbins, Jonathan Head, Joan Heaton, Rev'd Cynthia Jackson, Diz Johnson, Mike Leeson, Anthony Leonard, Shara Leonard, Andrew Lenon, Sheila Lenon, Catherine Linsley, Jane Moss, Jan Phillips, Trevor Stuart, Anthony Taussig, Penny Tausig, Mary Ann Turnbull, Ann Williams, David Williams,
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1. Prayer

The opening prayer was said by the Associate Vicar.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Juliet Boyd, Donald Broad, Elizabeth Broad, Barbara Ellis, James Espy, Barry Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, David Hunt, Honor McDonald Watson, Robert McDonald Watson, George Master, Selina Master, Jenny Michalacopoulos, Joan Olivier, James Sherrat, Margaret Swain, Steven Turnbull and Kezia York.

3. Minutes of ACM held on Wednesday 11 April 2018

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Rector as a correct record of the meeting with no amendments.

The Minutes of the election of a Churchwarden on Sunday 13 May 2018 were also signed by the Rector as a correct record of the meeting with no amendments.

4. Meeting of Parishioners: Election of Churchwardens

Mrs Alison Neilson and Mr Nick Long agreed to stand as churchwardens for a further year. They were proposed by Sonia Elkin and seconded by Mary Ann Turnbull. Both were duly elected.

The Rector recorded her thanks to both of the Churchwardens for their work over the past year.

The Meeting of Parishioners closed. The ACM followed immediately on from this.

5. Matters Arising

A request was made for the papers to be available before the meeting. It was noted that the papers had been circulated via ChurchSuite but due to administrative matters, they had not been published on the website. The Rector noted that this would change for future ACM's.

5. Treasurer's report

See attached report and Annual Review pages 9 to 10.

It was noted that the effect of the stewardship campaign was not fully reflected in the accounts this year. Responses were still coming in. The figure of approximately £300K in the accounts is not the final outcome of the campaign.

The Rector recorded her thanks to the Treasurer for all her work and it was noted that the role of Treasurer is the most demanding task carried out by a volunteer. Thanks were also recorded to Jane Moss and Margaret Swain for their work on planned giving.

6. Planned Giving Officer's report

See Annual Review, pages 10 to 11.

The Planned Giving Officer noted her thanks to all those who had responded to the stewardship campaign. It was reported that more responses are welcome even if people did not plan to change the amount of their regular giving. As predicted, unrestricted income is decreasing due to members of the congregation passing away.

Thanks were recorded to Margaret Swain and Roger Chadder for all the work they have done previously in relation to planned giving and to all who help with the collections.

7. Churchwardens' report on fabric and property

See Annual Review, pages 5 to 9.

The main points noted were:

- Repairs to the church identified in the Quinquennial report are going to be carried out in the next few months pending approval from the Chancellor;
- The new sound system has been installed. Thanks were recorded to Richard Poulter and Richard Pelly for taking this project forward. Works almost done. WiFi going into the hall and into church and service broadcast in the creche;
- The 'at risk' monuments in the churchyard need repairing. Selina and George Master have taken on this project and thanks were noted for their involvement. There will be

various initiatives such as crowd funding to raise funds and there will be wider community involvement in this project.

Thanks were recorded to the Churchwardens for organising regular maintenance and bigger projects this year.

8. Church Committee Secretary's report

See Annual Review, pages 11 to 12.

9. Church Electoral Roll Officer's report

See Annual Review, page 12.

Thanks were recorded to Anthony Gubbins for carrying out the full renewal of the Electoral Roll.

It was noted that ChurchSuite had made the process of renewal much easier and had led to cost savings as forms could be emailed to members of the congregation. The Electoral Roll Officer recorded his thanks to Jane Johnston for carrying out the data processing and to Nils for showing him how to use ChurchSuite. The new Electoral Roll stands at 482.

10. Youth and Families report

See Annual Review, pages 15 to 17.

Catherine Linsley recorded her thanks to all of the volunteers who made all of the activities possible and who had helped to keep activities running during her maternity leave.

Thanks were recorded to Catherine for all of her work.

11. Safeguarding Officer's report

See Annual Review, page 12.

Pauline Bakker was not in attendance but thanks were recorded to her for her work as Safeguarding Officer.

12. Pastoral team report

See Annual Review, pages 14 to 15.

Shara Leonard thanked all of the generous, thoughtful and kind volunteers. It was noted that changes to pastoral care were taking place to fit in with revised safeguarding procedures.

Thanks were recorded to Shara for all of her work.

13. Deanery Synod report

See Annual Review, pages 13 to 14.

It was noted that there are two vacancies for synod membership in the team.

14. Music report

See Annual Review, pages 21 to 23.

It was noted that a liturgical performance of Stainer's Crucifixion would take place on Sunday evening.

15. Green report

See Annual Review, page 31.

Thanks were recorded to Simon Harrop and Juliet Boyd for their work.

16. Nominations for election and elections

Nominations for St Mary's Church Committee were received for the election of:
5 vacancies (1 for 2 years and 4 for 3 years)

Candidate	Proposer	Second
Patrick Camerer-Cuss (2 years)	Rod Fripp	Laura Camerer-Cuss
Lawrence Davies – 3 years	Juliet Boyd	Andrew Lenon
Ann Williams – 3 years	David Marsden	Penny Taussig
Anthony Leonard – 3 years	Robert Evans	Ann Williams
Nick Barrington-Wells – 3 years	Alison Neilson	Nick Long

There were no other candidates and all were unanimously approved by the meeting.

Approval of sidespeople:

8am: Andrew? Edwards, William Featherby, James Holmes, Anthea Richardson, Heather Ruinard, Richard Westcott, Stephen Hammond, Micky King.

9.30am: Caroline Allcock, Juliet Boyd, John Brindley, Elizabeth Broad, Donald Broad, Laura Camerer-Cuss, Patrick Camerer-Cuss, Nick Donlevy, Christine Douse, Victoria Eberendu, Robert

Evans, Anthony Gubbins, Drue Halling, Barry Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, Cath Harrop, Rosie Hughes, John Hughes, Simon Jones, Helen Jones, Anthony Leonard, Nicholas Long, Robert McDonald Watson, Oonagh Moulton, Tom Moulton, John Neilson, Richard Pelly, Matthew Short, Robert Whitaker.

11.15am: Nick Harvey, Lizzie Farrow, Nicola Sills, Helena Venzke, Hannah Taylor, Ali McGrath, Simone Tromans, Pauline Bakker, Cath Harrop, Claire Collier, Rose Lambert, Victoria Mallinson, Nick Barrington-Wells, Tori Clarkson, Alexia Lescure, Kit Goldsmith, Nick Donlevy.

The Rector noted that she was reviewing governance structures and how the ACM is run. This process is likely to take about 3 years as it is a review of processes across the whole parish.

Thanks were recorded to all sidespeople for their important role in welcoming people to services.

17. Rector's Review of the year

See Annual Review, pages 1 to 5 for the full report.

The main points to note were:

- The focus on mission and relationship building this year (e.g. the Lent groups and the A-Z lunches);
- The MAP consultation had identified living justly and the environment (e.g. more use of the field) as important points as well as making St Mary's more welcoming and hospitable;
- Communications both within the church (e.g. ChurchSuite) and with the wider community. A new designer for Grapevine has now been found;
- Stewardship campaign; and
- The poppy altar frontal for the Warrior Chapel.

It was noted that the ACM next year would take place in Garden Hall as this is more comfortable. There was a request for a separate section in the Annual Review next year to gather together reports on the quieter aspects of ministry carried out at St Mary's such as the Julian Group.

Thanks were recorded by a member of the congregation to the clergy team for all their ministry during the year.

18. Any other business

There was no other business.

19. Closing Prayer

The meeting ended with the saying of the Grace.