

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, UPPER CLATFORD

HELD ON Tuesday 20TH April, 2021

By zoom

Margaret (Meg) Bennett, Churchwarden opened the meeting with a welcome and thanked people for coming. The Rev Nicky Judd was asked to say a prayer and mentioned St Paul's gifts and talents to build up the church. We are looking back to see how we are doing and we prayed to help us to step gladly in direction God is pointing us.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes:

With no amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October, 2020 were proposed by Peter Fabricius, seconded by Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre and carried with a show of hands on screen.

3. Nomination and election of Churchwardens for 2020-2021:

The election of **Margaret Bennett**, having been duly nominated to stand as churchwarden, was proposed by Eleanor Jakeman, seconded by Peter Fabricius and carried with a show of hands on screen.

The election of **Emily Fabricius**, having been duly nominated to stand as churchwarden, was proposed by Eleanor Jakeman, seconded by Neal James-Crook and carried with a show of hands on screen.

Meg Bennett thanked Emily for agreeing to continue to be Churchwarden and for the help she had given Meg in her role as churchwarden since the last APCM in October 2020.

The meeting then closed and moved on to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes

Held by Zoom Tuesday 20th April, 2021

1. Previous Minutes:

There being no amendments, the minutes of the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 29th October, 2020 were proposed by Jane Kennedy, seconded by Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre, carried by a show of hands and will be signed as a true record by the chairman, Meg Bennett.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Sally Spencer had given due notice for the electoral roll and reported that 3 persons had gone into nursing homes with 3 young couples getting married with a total of 82 on the electoral roll.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report:

The report had already been voted and approved by the PCC, passed without comment from the floor.

4. Churchwarden's Reports:

Meg thanked everyone who had given her and Emily so much support through this Covid year.

5. Treasurer's Report:

As the PCC had proposed, seconded and unanimously carried the Treasurer's report, no vote was taken and there were no questions. Meg thanked Neal for continuing as treasurer and for all his work for the PCC.

6. Clatford School Report

As everyone had already read the excellent school report it was not read out but the chairman said how sad we are to lose the head teacher to retirement and that Jane Wilson, the secretary would write to Ms Rice to thank her on behalf of this PCC.

7. Election of representatives to PCC and Deanery Synod

No new members, but Jane Wilson and Katherine Fitzgerald were jointly proposed by Eleanor Jakeman, seconded by Sylvia Kennedy and all were in favour of their re-election to represent All Saints PCC. Meg Bennett thanked Emily Fabricius for her time representing the PCC on the Deanery Synod and welcomed Sally Spencer as our new representative on the Deanery Synod.

8. Election of Sides persons

The chair thanked all the sides persons listed below for their volunteering at church services over the last year and were proposed by Peter Fabricius, seconded by Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre and all were in favour of re-electing them.

Katherine Fitzgerald, Mary Dunn, Tessa Cross, Susan Ingham, Neal and Lindsay James-Crook, Sylvia Kennedy, Brian and Barbara Kirkdale, Cilla Mitford, Ric Noyce, Mary Bayes.

9. Election of Independent Examiner for 2021-22

The chair thanked Graham Stephens for his work on the financial statements and also that he is prepared to stand again. Peter Fabricius proposed, Sally Spencer seconded and a show of hands proved all were in favour of Graham Stephens continuing as Independent Examiner.

10. Parish Priest's Report

The following is taken from the Rev Katrina's introduction to All Saints Annual Report which she wrote before leaving us to move to Suffolk:

2020 presented us with a great many challenges and a great deal of uncertainty as we navigated our way through Covid 19 regulations, closing of churches, reopening safely and managing bookings for services along with cleaning, social distancing, mask wearing and handwashing.

Many activities either had to be suspended or were transferred online. Due to the amazing way the church community came together, we have successfully navigated these difficult times and learned some new skills and valuable lessons along the way. It is not possible to name everyone, but there are a few who have really gone above and beyond the call of duty and I'd like us to recognise them at the beginning of this report.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to our churchwardens Meg Bennett, Bill Mitford (who stood down in October 2020) and Emily Fabricius (who became churchwarden in October 2020) for their faithful service, long hours and the many responsibilities they have taken on, for the benefit of us all. Our thanks also to Peter Fabricius who has been an invaluable interpreter of Covid 19 regulations and informal adviser on safety, Paul Timms who with Grace and Alice have supported our services on line and in person so ably and Administrator, Sarah Derbyshire who has enabled the ministry in so many ways behind the scenes.

Special thanks also to our two LLMs Peter Eastwood and Tim Tayler and our Assistant Priest, the Reverend Nicky Judd. They have ably adapted to online worship and activities, embraced every new challenge they were presented with and supported us in our life as a community of faith.

11. AOB:

- The chair, Meg Bennett stated we were moving forward with the merger of benefices and also finding a new priest.
- Roofurb: Tom Wilson said he would like to call a meeting for the PCC
- War Memorial: This can go ahead without a faculty as given permission by the government, which is good news.

- Jane Kennedy mentioned the Flower Festival which will take place weekend of 7/8th August 2021 with a theme of the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower and Steven Hopkins.

12. Dates of next meetings:

Thursday 6th May 7.00pm by Zoom. The purpose of this special PCC meeting is to inform the PCC of the proposed works to All Saints roof, present the strategy for raising the related required funds and seek PCC approval on the way forward. It is important that you all try and attend this important meeting.

Tues 11th May 7.30pm by Zoom. To discuss the merger and progress on a new priest., elect officers for forthcoming year and set meeting dates going forward.