

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF ALL SAINTS UPPER CLATFORD HELD ON 14TH MARCH, 2019

1. Minutes:

There being no amendments, the minutes of the 2018 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd April, 2018 were proposed by Tom Wilson, seconded by David Heelas and signed as a true record by the chairman, The Revd Katrina Dykes.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Sally Spencer reported that last year was much the same as the year before in that 71 were on the roll with 35 in parish and 36 outside with 2 licensed lay ministers not in the parish.

Katrina thanked Sally for her work on this, especially as everyone had to reapply this year.

3. Presentation of Annual Report

The annual report was proposed, seconded and voted on at a recent PCC meeting so not necessary to do again, but Katrina asked if any questions.

David Heelas asked about the living still being in suspension. Katrina replied that the Diocese was undergoing a review by the Bishop of Winchester who is looking at deployment of clergy across the Diocese. The living may be lifted post autumn or later and benefices might be amalgamated, so we need to wait for now and do nothing about the suspension.

Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre asked what security the suspension gives to Katrina as incumbent. Katrina replied that she was not worried at present as all would be resolved eventually.

4. Churchwardens' reports

The new service pattern now going well with a 9.30 start each week. Two communion services per month plus one family service. Also the 8 am traditional 1662 communion as well as the 'travelling' evensong every three months.

Sue Stephens as parish administrator is invaluable and is working on the new benefice website. We are grateful to Tessa Cross, our safeguarding officer and also Susan Ingham, our data protection officer.

We have had some memorable events during the year, mentioned in the annual report but particular thanks to Peter Fabricius and Jane Kennedy for their part in the Commemorations of 100 years since WW1.

Eleanor thanked everyone who keeps All Saints going: flower arrangers, sides men, readers, intercessors, coffee makers, holy dusters, bell ringers, choir, chalice assistants, Susan as sacristan, Mary and her team for the lunch and craft clubs, key holders when Bill away, Jane Kennedy and the social committee. Lastly, a big thank you to the ministry team and especially Katrina.

This was Eleanor's last report as she has stood down as churchwarden, Katrina thanked her for all she has done over and above her duties as churchwarden and there was enthusiastic applause from the floor.

Bill Mitford's report as churchwarden is within the annual report.

5. Treasurer's report

As the PCC had proposed, seconded and unanimously carried the treasurer's report at a recent meeting, no vote was taken, but time was given for people to read the report and allowed for questions.

Charles Crosthwaite Eyre asked if we couldn't generate income from past users of the church such as for weddings, baptisms, funerals etc. Katrina did not feel that was practical or fair as they had already paid a considerable amount to use the church.

Katrina thanked the Crosthwaite Eyles for their work on the solar panels during the year and thereby a more efficient generation of electricity. Thanks also to Ray Palmer of Fishing Cottage who has allowed the church to use his Wi-Fi for the solar panels.

6. Clatford School report

The head teacher sent a separate report for the school to go with this annual report and it makes very good reading.

Katrina announced that Clatford School had recently had a SIAMS report back from a statutory 5 yearly inspection by the Church of England Education Department similar to an Ofsted inspection. Clatford School has been given an EXCELLENT rating and the first school in Winchester Diocese to receive this level under the new more stringent criteria.

7. Election of representatives to PCC and Deanery Synod

PCC: Katrina thanked Peter Fabricius who is stepping down and also Sally Spencer who is willing to stand again after completing 3 years. Eleanor Jakeman kindly agreed to join the PCC after her tenure as churchwarden. Both Sally and Eleanor were proposed and seconded and there being no others standing were duly elected.

Deanery Synod: Emily Fabricius is still in tenure so no vote needed and no others came forward. Katrina thanked Emily for continuing.

8. Election of sidemen/women

Sally Spencer stood to thank all the sidemen/women for their help last year: Mary Bayes, Tessa Cross, Mary Dunn, Katherine Fitzgerald, Susan Ingham, Neal and Lindsay James-Crook, Sylvia Kennedy, Brian and Barbara Kirkdale, Cilla Mitford, Ric Noyce, Barbara Watts. If there were more volunteers the time anyone need attend would spread out more. Sally would like someone else to take on organising the rota and hopes someone will come forward for this easy task.

9. Election of Independent Examiner 2019-20

Eleanor proposed, Tom Wilson seconded that **Graham Stephens** should be elected as All Saints independent examiner for 2019-20. The vote was carried unanimously.

10. Parish Priest's Report

The Revd Katrina Dykes started her report with a slide show of photos from the many events of the past year.

The Church is often thought of as just the building and finances, but it's also and more importantly the community of people who are the church. The Benefice Mission Action Plan is making sure we being intentional about our priorities and the areas we want to focus on. Please see separate BMAP leaflet which Katrina handed out and which has been available in church:

Katrina then opened the meeting for discussion about people's ideas and suggestions on the work so far and ideas going forward:

- Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre as a governor at the school said that at Clatford School there were more children in Upper Clatford/Anna Valley than in Goodworth Clatford but how do we encourage them to affiliate with All Saints?
- Suggestions were: have a picnic in U/Clatford's playground (a teddy bear's picnic maybe), Rounders and BBQ for teenagers and in winter instead of a picnic have tea in Meadow Room with an author reading book.

Katrina hopes that people will continue to engage with and discuss ways that we can grow in our purpose as the people of God to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

11. Any Other Business

- We have a very good benefice website, but the All Saints website is out of date and old fashioned. It was suggested we need something that looks more modern and is appealing to our community. Charles Crosthwaite Eyre, with his connection to the Parish Council and its website, suggested we could have a page on their website and will liaise with Sue Stephens about links and shared content with the benefice website. Katrina accepted his kind offer.
- Katrina stood to say a big thank you to Tom Wilson for his many years as our Independent Examiner for our accounts and presented him with a bottle of wine; Also, Sylvia Kennedy for 20 years as secretary and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Katrina thanked Eleanor for her unstinting work as churchwarden and presented her with a bouquet of flowers; she also thanked Mary Dunn for her hard work as book keeper and although Mary not present she was delivered a book of puzzles and a posy of flowers.
- Eleanor stood up and thanked Katrina for all she had done in the past year with applause all round.

There being no more business, the Revd Katrina Dykes closed the meeting with prayers.