

All Saints' Church

23rd May 2021

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Present: Frances Beskeen; Heidi Bradshaw; Rosemary Brown; Sian Davies; Jean Francis; Solomon Hans; Maureen Keetch; Sue Martin; Josh Morgan; Joseph Mtalo; Ndeko Ndesamburo; Catherine Okrafo-Smart; Emma Quartey (via Zoom); Anastazia Rubio; Chris Rubio; Glynis Rudge; Fr. Robin Sims-Williams; Ruth Wagaine.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Sandy Clayton; Elaine Collins; Peter Rudge; Anna Stanley; Philip Voke

2. Items to be admitted by Consent for Any Other Business:

No items to be added to the agenda.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting from 11th October 2020:

RSW went through the minutes of the previous meeting and informed the current meeting that Elaine Collins had been elected as Deanery Synod Rep, the Youth Warden was Josh Morgan until October 2020 and then Joseph Mtalo was elected. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed.

4. Matters arising from the previous annual meeting minutes:

There were no matters arising.

5. The Electoral Roll Report:

The electoral roll now stands at 75. There were no questions. RSW thanked Frances Beskeen for all her hard work in maintaining the electoral roll. RSW asked if everyone could check who was on the electoral roll and ensure those who attended church who were not currently listed be asked to complete the form.

6. The Annual Report of the PCC:

This had been circulated prior to the meeting, and copies were available at the back of church. RSW reported that some events had been put on hold during the pandemic but was amazed at how much had actually be carried out during the time. Knit and Natter group had made an amazing Last Supper the people from which featured in Fr. Robin's telling of stories for collective worship during 2020, Book Club had read a couple of books before lock down, the choir had been suspended during lockdown however they can now sing with up to six people inside church and thirty people outside. He expressed his thanks to Maureen for her sterling work with the choir over the years and said we would have a retirement party at some time in the future.

7. Financial Statements Report:

This had been available in advance. RSW reported that we are still holding our own financially and that we had been lucky that we had not relied on bookings/rentals for our income so had not lost too much income. He added that as the church had not been open for much of the time a lot of our costs had been reduced which had helped. He expressed his thanks to Peter Rudge for his work as Treasurer and James Liew as Independent Examiner.

8. Fabric Report:

Information on this was covered in the report from the Building, Maintenance and Hall Committee. RSW reported that the Quinquennial inspection was due in the coming year. He thanked Jack and Jill for the maintenance in the church hall they had carried out over the year, and also for their help in maintaining the memorial garden which they were now using as the entrance/exit for one of their bubbles. In the church itself the carpets had been cleaned, a telephone line installed and CCTV installed outside church which had helped with the anti social behaviour. The war memorial was now completely renovated.

9. Deanery Synod Report:

A complete report is in the church annual report booklet. The Rev. Julie Gittoes is now Area Dean of the new Barnet Deanery (London) which is the amalgamation of West Barnet and Central Barnet. Catherine Okrafo-Smart was elected as Lay Chair of Barnet Deanery (London), and hopefully there will be a meeting in July.

10. Election of Barnet Deanery Synod Representatives:

There was one vacancy for Deanery Synod representative. Catherine Okrafo-Smart was nominated and was duly elected.

11. Election of Parochial Church Council Members:

Sian Davies and Frances Beskeen stepped down as PCC members, Frances however will carry on administrating the electoral roll and gift aid. This gave the church three vacancies on the PCC. Emma Quartey was nominated by Rosemary Brown and seconded by Catherine Okrafo-Smart; Jean Francis was nominated by Catherine Okrafo-Smart and Seconded by Solomon Hans; Sue Martin was proposed by Ruth Wagaine and seconded by Solomon Hans. All three were duly elected on to the PCC.

12. Election of Youth Warden:

Joseph Mtalo took over from Josh Morgan as Youth Warden in October and is happy to carry on as Youth Warden for the coming year and is co-opted onto the PCC.

13. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

James Liew is happy to carry on as Independent Examiner, and was duly elected.

14. Any Other Business:

RSW reported that a point had come up after last years' annual meeting that Licenced Lay Ministers were automatically members of the PCC. This was agreed for the future.

15. The Blessing

RSW closed the meeting with a short prayer, and The Blessing.