

THE PARISH OF ST ERKENWALD, BARKING
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN THE CHURCH

Sunday, 30 April 2017 at 10.30 am

CHAIRMAN: REV. YOUNG LEE

The meeting began with 54 people in attendance

1 INTRODUCTION

Young Lee introduced the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Debbie Cornelius-Powell, Georgina Eaton, Janice Hill, Phil Harris, Emily Harris, Aleasha Barnaby, Brian Neal, Robert Reed, Marie White and Frances Ellis.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 24 April, 2016 previously circulated were considered.

Barbara Pickering proposed that the minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 24 April, 2016 were an accurate record of the meeting and be accepted.

Caroline Blake seconded.

A vote was taken and was unanimous apart from one abstention.

Young thanked Gill Eaton, PCC Secretary for giving her experience, skills and character to the role.

4 ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were two items of any other business: dates of PCC meetings for 2017/2018 and the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2018.

5 PRESENTATION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Gill reported that there are 74 people on the electoral roll: 28 people reside within the parish and 46 reside outside the parish. There is an increase of two in the overall number on the roll and Gill reported on behalf of the PCC and the Focal Ministry Team that it had been marvellous to see church numbers being maintained and growing during the last year.

Gill informed the APCM that the PCC regularly review the Electoral Roll and agree the removal of names from the Roll that relate to those who do not reside in our parish and no longer attend St Erkenwald's.

Gill reminded the meeting that only those people on the electoral roll were eligible to raise a question during the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and vote during any elections at the meeting.

Gill reminded the meeting that the Electoral Roll will re-open after the APCM and if anyone present wishes to become a member having regularly attended St Erkenwald's for the last six months, could they please speak to her and complete a form.

6 PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2016

Yvonne Barnaby informed the meeting that she would take any questions at the meeting but will not provide immediate answers as she intended to respond after the meeting.

Yvonne Barnaby reported that expenditure was at £4,000 - £6,000 per month and that income equalled more or less the same amount. During the last year money was spent on necessary church maintenance and the money spent on the Oasis fund was from money restricted to that fund. Yvonne reported that the PCC have been mindful on what has been spent and that any expenditure has been on essential items only. This course of action will be continued as funds have moderately increased by being careful.

Young Lee thanked the church membership for their generosity and reiterated that the PCC would be wise about how money is spent.

Linda Zussman proposed that the audited accounts for 2016 be accepted.

Pam Leech seconded.

A vote was taken and was unanimous.

7 ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE AND TEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

There had been one person nominated for two places at the Deanery Synod for a three year term of office. Young Lee confirmed that Theresa Ibrahim would be St Erkenwald's representative at the Deanery Synod and encouraged any other interested church members to speak to Theresa about the role. Young thanked Theresa for agreeing to be re-elected as our representative and for her regular attendance to meetings and updates.

There had been eight people nominated for ten places on the Parochial Church Council and an election was not necessary. Young Lee confirmed the following people as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Yvonne Barnaby, Caroline Blake, Frances Ellis, Pamela Leech, Victoria Neal, Janet Reed, Fola Thomas and Linda Zussman.

Young Lee thanked the PCC members for standing for re-election. Young thanked Tim Nurcombe who was not seeking re-election for his service to the PCC as a member and welcomed Fola Thomas to the PCC as a new member.

Young Lee presented Gill Eaton and Peter Keenan as the new Churchwardens and thanked Yvonne Barnaby and Derek White the retiring Churchwardens for their service in the role; especially during the Interregnum. Young Lee thanked Yvonne Barnaby for her decision to continue to support the finance and thanked Linda Zussman, Caroline Blake and Pam Leech for assisting Yvonne with finance as and when required.

8 ELECTION OF WELCOMERS

Yvonne Barnaby thanked all those who had served as Welcomers during the past year. Yvonne reminded them of the importance of their role as they are the first face that people meet on arrival and thus they create the first impression of our church. Yvonne thanked the team for greeting people in a warm and friendly way.

The following people had agreed to be Welcomers for the year:

Audrey Adedokun, Frances Ellis, Victoria Neal, Tim Nurcombe, Tass Parchement and Pipa Taylor.

Young Lee proposed that the above be accepted as Welcomers.

A vote was taken and was unanimous.

Yvonne Barnaby reminded the meeting that two Welcomers were required to cover the 5th Sunday of the month and one welcomer will be required for the third Sunday as Peter Keenan is now elected as a Churchwarden.

9 ELECTION OF AUDITOR

Yvonne Barnaby reported that Martin Charlesworth (external auditor) was prepared to continue as St Erkenwald's auditor and that he had supported the audit process very thoroughly and quickly.

Denis Brockhurst proposed that Martin Charlesworth be St Erkenwald's auditor for the following year.

Rebecca Dear seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BREAK FOR WORSHIP

10 ANNUAL REPORTS

Churchwarden's Report

Yvonne Barnaby thanked all those who help with the Sunday services in many ways and asked that the church members support the two new Churchwardens.

11 Secretary's Report

There were no questions raised regarding this report but a request that the APCM minutes be available sooner if possible. Young Lee thanked Gill Eaton for her work as PCC Secretary.

12 Deanery Synod Report

Theresa Ibrahim presented the new Parish Share scheme to the membership and explained that each Parish needed to pay together for its share. The Church of England has proposed that money should be apportioned in a fair way and have developed a mutual support fund with churches being assessed on the area in which they are located. St Erkenwald's is deemed to be in a poor area and has been placed in the lowest quartile for everything. This means that the mutual support fund will support St Erkenwald's and we will receive £28,000 this year as opposed to giving £37,000 this year with other churches that are in a more affluent area supporting the shortfall.

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BREAK FOR THE READING: LUKE 24: 13-35

13 Vicar's and organisational reports

Young Lee focused on the Vision for St Erkenwald's as a church; its direction and hopes for the future. Young thanked the members for their contribution on Vision Sundays where the contributions had been collected and were used to finalise our Vision document which stated that St Erkenwald's vision for the church is to be:

- Biblically rooted
- Spirit led
- 3 key visions: welcome community, worshipping community and a witnessing community.

Young reminded the church that this Vision is God centred and it is a shared vision which all contributed towards. This Vision will be part of a church welcome leaflet which is to be developed.

Young explained the purpose of the MMU initiative which the Diocese of Chelmsford is advocating should be in place for local churches to work together as a small team where all are equal and resources are shared. A document is being developed by our church for the MMU which sets out what the priorities are and once finalised will be made available in print and online.

Young concluded by reading scripture and challenging the church by declaring that "I will lay down my life this year for the Lord - will you lay down your life?"

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Dates for PCC meetings:

Business Meetings 2017/2018

24 May, 19 July, 27 September, 15 November, 21 February, 2018

PCC breakfasts – dates to be advised

29 April, 2018 (10.30 am) - Date for next year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(ii) Question and answer session:

A question was raised as to whether the role of the Treasurer was to be reintroduced and the meeting was informed that this role is carried out externally by the Newham Deanery Finance Office and that this arrangement would remain in place for the foreseeable future.

It was noted that although a Focal Ministry Team had been created, their names had not been formally documented at a PCC meeting and it was agreed that this omission would be corrected.

Appointment of PCC Secretary – it was confirmed that a replacement for Gill Eaton would be sought as she has been appointed a Churchwarden.

The meeting concluded at 12.40 pm with a blessing, worship and the dismissal

SIGNED

DATED