

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

Sunday, 29 April 2018 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: Sylvia Green, Phil Harris, Emily Harris, Brian Leech, Robert Reedm, Bethany Goddard, Victoria Neale and Marie White.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 30 April, 2017 previously circulated were considered.

Barbara Pickering proposed that the minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 30 April, 2017 were an accurate record of the meeting and be accepted.

Peter Keenan seconded.

A vote was taken and was unanimous apart from two abstentions.

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 2018/2019 and the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2019.

5 PRESENTATION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Gill reported that there are 78 people on the electoral roll: 30 people reside within the parish and 48 reside outside the parish. There is an increase in the overall number on the roll and Gill reported on behalf of the PCC that it had been marvellous to see church numbers being maintained and growing during the last year and that it had been a wonderful period of seeing what God is doing amongst us all and thanked everyone for making us the God centred family church that we are..

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 2017

Yvonne Barnaby informed the meeting that during 2015 £4,000 - £6,000 was received and spent each month. However, during 2016 there was a small increase in giving and the care in spending had resulted in a small credit at year end of £700 which had improved our financial situation.

Yvonne Barnaby reported that:

- Tabitha, Stay & Play had their own budget lines with any money raised for either activity being restricted to those funds.
- St Erkenwald's church is continuing to pay its full Family Purse at £3,185.24 per month.

Young Lee thanked Yvonne Barnaby for all her hard work and the church membership for their generosity of time and giving. Young reiterated that the PCC would continue to be wise about how money is spent.

Young Lee proposed that the audited accounts for 2017 be accepted.

A vote was taken and was unanimous.

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BREAK FOR REFLECTION, TESTIMONIES & WORSHIP

Young asked the church meeting to consider what their highlight in church life had been in the past year and outlined some of his own. This time for reflection was followed by testimonies being given by various ministry groups.

7 ELECTION OF TEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

There had been eight people nominated for ten places on the Parochial Church Council and an election was not necessary. The following people were nominated to be members of the Parochial Church Council:

Yvonne Barnaby, Caroline Blake, Frances Ellis, Tracy Harris, Pamela Leech, Tass Parchement, Janet Reed and Fola Thomas.

Young Lee thanked the PCC members for standing for re-election and welcomed Tracy Harris and Tass Parchement to the PCC as new members. Young thanked Linda

Zussman who had resigned from the PCC for her service on the committee and her continued commitment to the Safeguarding Officer role.

DEANERY SYNOD – no election this year.

Theresa Ibrahim continues into her second year of the three year term of office.

8 ELECTION OF WELCOMERS

Gill Eaton thanked all those who had served as Welcomers during the past year. Gill 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. Gill 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, Barbara Benedetti, Frances Ellis, Tracy Harris, Victoria Neal, Tim Nurcombe, Tass Parchement, Pipa Taylor and Janet Reed.

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.

Yvonne Barnaby proposed that Martin Charlesworth be elected as the auditor.

Debbie Powell seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BREAK FOR WORSHIP

10 ANNUAL REPORTS

Churchwarden's Report

Gill Eaton thanked all those who help with the Sunday services in many ways and those that commit their time, energy and giving to St Erkenwald's by helping in so many ways. Gill thanked Yvonne Barnaby for the training she had given to herself and Peter in their first year as Churchwardens as it had been invaluable as is the ongoing support she is providing for financial matters.

11 Secretary's Report

There were no questions raised regarding this report. Young Lee thanked Gill Eaton for her work as PCC Secretary.

12 Deanery Synod Report

Theresa Ibrahim was thanked for her continuance in this role, her regular attendance at the meetings and good feedback that she provides afterwards.

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BREAK FOR THE READING: ACTS 8: 26 – 40

13 Vicar’s and organisational reports

Young Lee asked the APCM the question: “What does God want us to do?” Young suggested that it’s a question we all need to ask ourselves as it will provide opportunities to grow. Young provided the analogy of a jigsaw puzzle where there is one piece missing but the missing piece can be found as there is a ministry for every person as we all have a unique calling.

Young informed the meeting that he was seeking wholeness this year within the church and encouraged the meeting to look for ministries and join them as he wishes to find the missing piece(s).

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Dates for PCC meetings:

Business Meetings 2018/2019

23 May, 18 July, 26 September, 14 November

2019 - 27 February

PCC Breakfasts – dates to be advised

28 April, 2019 (10.30 am) - Date for next year’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(ii) Question and answer session:

A question was raised regarding the funds for a Church Weekend and whether the remaining funds were still there. It was confirmed that this is a restricted fund and the money is ring-fenced for this activity.

Thanks were given to those who volunteer for Night Shelter, The Source and to Young Lee and Gill Eaton for what they do.

Young Lee thanked God for his presence in the church and reminded everyone that we do God’s work in His strength as this is God’s church – he is in control.

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

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