

The Annual Meetings of the Parish of St Matthew with St Paul, Winchester

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETINGS 2023

The meeting was held in the St Paul's Parish Rooms
Monday the 22nd of May 2023

Attendance

Chair: Bill Lucas
Jonathan Rowe
Stephen Adam
Alison Collins
Revd Mary Copping
Jonathan Jesty
Linda Russell-Smith
Mike Russell-Smith
Christopher Seaman
Revd Liz Stuart
Jan Walley
Dick Wilkinson
Sandra Lewis
Phillida James
Anne Odling
Anne Hodder
Hilary Rowe
Talia Hedstrom
Keith Jones
Peter Fletcher
Marilyn Fletcher

1. Welcome and opening prayers

Apologies were received from Alexa Heady, Nathalie Schulz and Helen Chambers.

Jonathan Rowe and Bill Lucas welcomed everyone to the meeting. Charlotte Darter is taking the minutes for the meeting in place of PCC secretary Nathalie Schulz.

Opening prayers and bible reading/bible study Luke 7.36 - end.

2.0 THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

2.1 Minutes of the previous year's meeting

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting were approved

2.2 Electoral Roll

The meeting received a copy of the updated Electoral Roll from Alison Collins, the Electoral Roll Officer. Alison presented the updated Electoral Roll, which now lists the following, 244 people on the revised Electoral Roll of whom 104 are residents in the parish and 140 are non-residents. 12 people were added, 11 people were removed, 7 people moved away and sadly 4 people died.

2.3 Annual Report

The meeting received the Annual Report of the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish generally for the year ending 31st December 2022.

2.4 Financial Statements

Jonathan Jesty presented a summary of the 2022 accounts. Although 2022 was a somewhat challenging year off the back of the Covid pandemic and the current cost of living crisis, resulting in slightly higher running costs and lower donations, the previous year's deficit has been kept at a manageable level. Moving towards a break-even position may not be feasible in 2023 but a suitable goal for 2024. Bill Lucas thanked Jonathan and the finance committee for their work on the Parish accounts and Jonathan in turn thanked Irene Reggio, the Parish bookkeeper. The meeting agreed to receive the 2022 financial statements.

2.5 Report by Churchwardens

The meeting received a report by the Churchwardens on the fabric, goods and ornaments of both churches. The meeting received copies of the Terriers, Inventories and Log Books.

2.6 Deanery Synod

To receive a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.

Presented by: Revd Liz Stuart

Winchester Deanery Synod continued to support close links between the Deanery and the parishes with the appointment of the new chair and new area Dean (Ed Dines). There was a short dialogue regarding the maintenance and upkeep of Winchester Cathedral post-Covid. The movement to create a deanery register of licensed lay

ministers to cover non-eucharistic services, to the benefit of smaller parishes, was also discussed in depth.

2.7 Elections

2.7.1 Deanery Synod

The following Lay Representative was elected to the Deanery Synod without opposition: Vicky Scott. Proposed by Sandra Lewis and seconded by Bill Lewis.

Sandra Lewis. Proposed by Keith James and seconded by Christopher Seaman.

2.7.2 Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The following Lay Representatives were elected to the PCC without opposition (proposer and seconder listed in brackets respectively):

Keith Jones. (Sandra Lewis. Christopher Seaman)

Stephen Adam. (Anne Odling. Jennifer Beard)

Linda Russell-Smith. (Anne Odling. Talia Hedstrom)

Talia Hedstrom. (Jennifer Beard. Christopher Seaman)

Kathleen Freeman. (Norma Goodwin. Alexa Heady)

Richard Wilkinson. (Michael Russell-Smith. Jennifer Beard)

Alexa Heady. (Christopher Seaman. Bill Lucas)

Revd Liz Stuart as safeguarding officer noted that anyone who sits on the PCC must do safeguarding training and newly elected members must complete this within 2 months of being elected.

2.7.3 Churches Together in Winchester

The meeting elected Christine Smith as a representative for Churches Together in Winchester.

2.8 Independent Examiner

Jonathan Jesty proposed and Chris Seaman seconded that Knight Goodhead in Chandler's Ford continue as the independent examiner of the 2023 account and this was agreed by the meeting.

2.9 Period of Service for Churchwardens

Sandra Lewis proposed, Talia Hedstrom seconded, and all agreed that: the maximum continuous period of service as churchwarden of the parish of six terms of office does not apply this year.

2.10 There was no other approved business.

It is noted that sincere thanks were passed on to Nathalie Schulz from Bill Lucas, Jonathan Rowe and all PCC/all present for her continual hard work and support over the years as PCC secretary.

Followed by

3.0 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS (Jonathan chairing)

3.1 Minutes of the previous year's meeting

The minutes of the previous year's annual meeting were approved.

3.2 Elections

Churchwardens were elected as follows, all by unanimity:

For St Matthew's: Mike Russell Smith and Anne Odling.

For St Paul's: Christopher Seaman. Bill Lucas.

With particular thanks to Dick Wilkinson for his long-term care of St Mathews and particular care for its community, worship and tradition. He stands the church in excellent stead for the future.

4.0 A REPORT FROM THE RECTOR

Speaker: Jonathan Rowe

The Rector started his verbal report to the APCM with a word of thanks for the warm welcome he and Hilary received on their arrival in the parish.

The last APCM occurred in the interregnum's final weeks as the church emerged from Covid restrictions: Jonathan thanked all who had led the church during the transition, especially clergy and churchwardens. Further, thanks were offered to PCC members, especially Nathalie Schulz, who is stepping down as PCC Secretary, and Dick Wilkinson, relinquishing his role as Churchwarden at St Matthew's; Mike Russell-Smith presented Dick with a token of our gratitude.

2022-23 was an eventful year in the life of the parish. As well as services, courses took place during Advent and Lent, and a *Curious?* course was offered in January. Western School children held several services during the year. Our children and youth work continued under the supervision of a group of parents following the retirement of Mary Copping.

At the recent coronation, we were reminded that Jesus came to serve. Service to the community developed through a new initiative, Have a Meal on Us; and we focussed our support for Beyond Ourselves charities, both local, national and international. The Community Day saw over 1,200 people visit St Paul's church and a palpable sense of joy.

As well as new beginnings, there were endings. Being open for private prayer was especially important following the death of HM The Queen. Then the whole parish was shaken by Peter Seal's death; a memorial service is to be arranged according to the family's wishes. On behalf of us all, Jonathan expressed appreciation of a tremendously fruitful ministry.

Our vision is to be Pilgrims on a journey. During the year a group explored what this might mean: to catch glimpses of heaven, experience abundant life together, and take steps of faith. We look forward to the year ahead, confident in God's grace as we follow his ways.

Followed by

5.0 A MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED PCC TO ELECT OFFICERS

(Only members of the PCC may vote at this meeting)

5.1 Honorary Secretary

No secretary was elected. Charlotte Darter is currently taking the minutes and there is the possibility of Charlotte Darter being appointed at the next meeting. Nathalie is stepping down with Charlotte Darter currently considering the role.

5.2 Honorary Treasurer

Tim Stannard was unanimously appointed Honorary Treasurer by the meeting.

5.3 Vice-Chair

Bill unanimously appointed vice-chair by the meeting

5.6 Next meeting

The next PCC meeting is confirmed for 19 July 2023.

Note that there is a change to the November meeting from 22nd to Tuesday 7th. Reminders will be circulated closer to the time.