

Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill, Maidenhead Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Boyn Grove, Highway Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AE Monday 23 April 2018 at 7.00pm

Rev Jeremy Harris (in the chair)
Present 36 Parishioners + guest speaker Jonathan Farnhill for item B only

Fr. Jeremy welcomed everybody to Boyne Hill Cricket Club including our guest speaker Jonathan Farnhill, Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser.

Dwelling in the Word. Fr Jeremy read Acts 6: 1-7

A 1 Election of Churchwardens

Derek Smith – proposed by Rod Broad, seconded by Jan Moss and carried unanimously

Ann Rawlings – proposed by Rod Broad, seconded by Jan Moss and carried unanimously

A 2 Election of Vice Chairman of PCC

Derek Smith – proposed by Rachel Juden seconded by John Harrison and carried unanimously.

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Fr Jeremy proposed a vote of thanks to Rod Broad who was standing down after six years and had made an outstanding contribution to the PCC and to the life of the church. This was warmly supported by all present.

Fr Jeremy paid tribute to the work of Hannah Wilson Treasurer and Sue Stannett Financial Administrator which had led to significant progress in the way our finances are managed. Hannah and her family have moved away from Maidenhead and Hannah is standing down as Treasurer. Fr Jeremy proposed a vote of thanks to Hannah as outgoing Treasurer and to all her family for their engagement in the church during their time at All Saints. This was warmly supported by all present.

Trio Presentation - Launch of Parish Giving Scheme

In introducing the Trio presentation, Fr Jeremy referred to the following passages in the Bible: 1 Chronicles 29.10 -20 and 2 Corinthians 8.1- 15

John Bolodeoku set the scene:

- It is a misconception that the Church of England and the Church Commissioners are rich enough to fund individual churches. This responsibility is ours
- We need to reflect on how we can bridge the gap between All Saints

planned giving income and the Parish Share we need to pay. In 2017 our planned giving income was £57,453 whilst the Parish Share due in 2018 is £67,759

- It costs £2,400 a week to keep All Saints going
- At present 10%-20% of the congregation are responsible for 80% of the planned giving income of All Saints
- The Parish Share funds Diocese costs of which approx. two thirds pays for direct Ministry costs (incl. stipends and housing) with the balance covering Diocese Mission costs.
- John invited everybody to listen to the next speaker, Jonathan Farnhill, and to reflect on stewardship which involved giving time and making a financial contribution to the church

Jonathan Farnhill gave a presentation (attached) on the Parish Giving Scheme, which, for All Saints, is based on the Trio model.

- The scheme is an easier and more beneficial alternative to giving by standing order or through envelopes.
- It provides a simple way of giving which keeps pace with inflation. Committed giving for a committed church.
- It reduces church administration and improves the church's cash flow.
- Nowadays, we live in a world which says: we are what we own.
- But remember Mary anointing the feet of Jesus. That says:
 we are what we give away

Fr Jeremy thanked Jonathan Farnhill for his talk and explained that if anyone wants further information on the Parish Giving Scheme to contact Sue Stannett or one of the Churchwardens. Leaflets about the scheme are available.

1 Apologies for absence

Mike Ansell, Lorraine Ansell, Pat Church, David Emerson, Jo Hawkes, Margaret Hill, Paul Latham, Sue Nordberg, Jeremy Nordberg.

2 Minutes of meeting held 14 April 2017

These were accepted and signed as a true record subject to the amendment to item 5.1 second bullet point to read: <u>Flat 1 and house 3</u>. Proposed by Stella Horne, seconded by Elaine Williams and carried unanimously

3 Election of:

3.1 5 PCC members (to serve for 3 years).

Ken Smith: proposed by Janet Emerson, seconded by Barbara Bannister and carried unanimously.

Dorothy Padfield: proposed Barbara Bannister seconded Gillian Churchill and carried unanimously.

Nick Kirk: proposed by David Morgan, seconded Jan Moss and carried unanimously Alison Leigh: proposed by Jan Moss, seconded by Barbara Bannister and carried unanimously.

There was still one vacancy. Jeremy Nordberg was interested in serving on the PCC. If the dates of PCC meetings fitted in with his commitments in France, he would be willing to sit on the PCC and would be co-opted..

Fr Jeremy thanked retiring PCC members for their work: Simon Fullarton, Jeanette Lock, Margaret Hill and Mathew Ashley.

Action point Fr Jeremy to liaise with JN regarding co-option onto PCC.

3.2 Up to 3 members of Deanery Synod

Rod Broad proposed by Ken Smith seconded by Janet Emerson and carried unanimously to serve as Deanery Synod member for two years. David Morgan was elected to Deanery Synod last year which means there are now two vacancies. Rod Broad and David Morgan, as Deanery Synod reps. are ex officio members of the PCC.

3.3 Sides persons

| SUNDAY | 8.00am | 10.00am |
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| 1 st | Jean Balchin | Pauline Hole Julia Wakeling John Harrison Vacancy |
| 2 nd | Marion Duncombe | George Hutchinson Chris Watts Ann Rawlings Elaine Williams |
| 3 rd | Brenda llott | Ursula Hutchinson Chris Rawlings Neila Da Silva Vacancy |
| 4 th | Jo Towers | Rhona Latham John Bolodeoku Pat Church Martha Saffa |
| 5 th | Helen Boulter | Gillian Churchill Doug Horne Dorothy Padfield Stella Horne |

The approval of Sides people listed was proposed by John Bolodeoku, seconded by Derek Smith and carried unanimously. There are 2 vacancies. Fr Jeremy thanked all sides people for their work, especially their role in welcoming newcomers.

3.4 Electoral Roll Officer

Sue Stannett was elected as the Electoral Roll Officer, proposed by Julia Wakeling seconded by Derek Smith and carried unanimously.

4 Presentation of Electoral Roll

Sue Stannett presented the electoral roll. There have been quite a few changes this year on the electoral roll. Sadly eight members of our congregation have died since last April. In addition two have moved away. One member of the congregation was ordained. In total 11 names have been removed and five names have been added making an overall decrease of six. Last year we had 171 on the electoral roll, this year we have 165. 53 (32%) are men, 112 (68%) are women. 79 (48%) live in the parish and 86 (52%) live outside the parish.

Next year is a very important year because the church electoral roll will be a completely new one. This happens every six years, so in 2019, everyone will need to complete a form in order to be on the electoral roll. Anyone who would like to join the church electoral roll and has not been given a form, is invited to contact Sue Stannett

5. Statement on Church fabric- Derek Smith

Derek referred to the comprehensive Fabric Report in the Annual Report. During the year, no major works have been undertaken but various minor works have been carried out. It remains a challenge to carry out maintenance repairs with limited funds. Lightbulbs in the church have been replaced with LED bulbs which are improving the light and should also reduce running costs. As an exception, the light over the altar, which needs warm light, is not a LED light.

5.1 Annual Report of Accounts including Presentation

The Annual Accounts were approved at the PCC meeting on 20 March and have been examined satisfactorily by the Independent Examiners Felton Pumphrey, Chartered Accountants. Rod gave a presentation (attached) for the years 2016 and 2017 on the sources and level of All Saints income, the breakdown of expenditure by type, as well as an overview of the Diocesan budget.

Rod asked all present to reflect on how we can bridge the gap between All Saints planned giving income and the Parish Share we need to pay. In 2017 our planned giving income was £57,453 whilst the Parish Share due in 2018 is £67,759. The responsibility is ours.

5.2 Approval of Felton Pumphrey, Chartered Accountants as Independent Examiners of the Accounts

This was proposed by John Bolodeoku seconded by John Harrison and carried unanimously

6 Deanery Synod Report

David referred to the Deanery Synod Report which was part of All Saints Annual Report available before the meeting. Deanery Synod meetings are held in the evening at 7.30pm for 8pm, three or four times a year in Maidenhead, Windsor or Cookham. They are open meetings.

David invited anyone who would like further information about the Deanery Synod, with a view to standing for election as a Deanery Synod member, to come to talk to Fr Jeremy or himself. Following the elections earlier in the evening, Rod Broad and David Morgan are Deanery Synod reps for All Saints. There are two vacancies.

7 Any other notified business

Rachel gave an insight into her work at All Saints and read a passage from Mark Yaconelli's book 'Contemplative Youth Ministry'. Fr Jeremy added that the workshop to be hosted by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity at the Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green (CHOGS) on Saturday 30 June would complement some of the themes dealt with by Yaconelli in his book.

8 Annual Report & Vision for the Future – Fr Jeremy

Bishop Steven has challenged the Diocese of Oxford to be a 'Christ-Like Church', to be a church that is 'Contemplative', Compassionate' and 'Courageous'. That is the challenge we have at All Saints. 'To encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament' to experience as the disciples on the road to Emmaus did, the Risen Lord in the Word (the Bible) and Sacrament (the breaking of bread).

The good news is that we are at All Saints responding to the challenge to partake to become the Body of Christ in the World. Growing numbers of people are taking the stories of scripture to our schools through Open the Book; increasing numbers of people are sharing the ministry of Street Angels; and sharing pastoral care in the nursing homes. We continue to be involved with Mission in Larchfield; we continue to support the training of clergy in Kenya, through the Oak initiative; we continue to reach out to young families at Tiny Saints.

In one way or another there are nearly 100 people at All Saints who are actively within the Body of Christ which is a remarkable figure.

Fr Jeremy considers that we are moving in the right direction this year. This is happening through our partnership in Missional Church, through our vision statement, and by forming a Mission Action Plan. Within our Mission Action Plan we

aim to explore, the following areas: 1 Welcome 2 Vibrant worship 3 Schools Ministry and Sustainability. This will involve courses.

Our Year of Mission was made possible through generous funding from Bishop Andrew. It is based on cooperation with St Lukes and the Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green. It was launched in March and started with the Riding Lights/Roughshod Theatre Company visiting churches, schools and nursing homes. The Company performed 'The Peoples Passion' as part of worship on Palm Sunday 25 March in the Desborough Suite. The actors encouraged the audience to be drawn into the stories acted out. The aim of Riding Lights is to create unforgettable, entertaining theatre in response to current issues and the hopes and fears of the world we share. While the company's roots are in a Christian ethos, its work is open to everyone, using faith as a springboard to explore all aspects of life.

We will be challenged by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, to live the Christian life 24/7, at a workshop at the Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green on Saturday 30 June, as part of the Year of Mission. We will be encouraged to pray the scriptures with Dr John Bell who will visit All Saints in December 2018.

Fr Jeremy thanked all those involved in producing the Annual Report. He thanked the Revd Dr Judith Thomas; Rod Broad and Derek Smith Churchwardens. There are so many people to be thankful to:

The Office Staff; Baptism and Preparation teams

Director of Music and musicians; Choir and serving teams; Sacristan

Our pastoral care team at nursing homes; Hospitality and cleaning teams

Those who help with rotas, pewsheets and service booklets, preparing flowers and the bell ringers; Sides-people and school governors

Those who maintain the fabric of the church and other properties that we look after;

Mothers' Union, Tuesday Club and Men of Boyne Hill leaders.

Fr Jeremy thanked all those people at All Saints who are not spectators but who play their part as members of the Body of Christ helping us to become a compassionate, contemplative and courageous church. Thank you too to those who have been funding themselves to go on Diocesan courses to grow their skills to help our church and to Rachel Juden who is giving so wonderfully well to our community along with studying for her Mission course at Oxford.

Finally, Fr Jeremy thanked everybody for the way they continue to support both him and Monika in our life at All Saints.

Our Vision

To encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament.

To be a welcoming church family, encouraging and supporting people of all ages on their journey to faith and relationship with Jesus; through vibrant Eucharistic worship, supportive small groups and strong community and schools outreach to build a joyful and sustainable future, enabling our community to live and share in the love of God.