

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

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Monday 29 April 2019 at 7.00pm Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Boyn Grove, Highway Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AE

Rev Jeremy Harris (Chair)
Present 35 Parishioners + guest speaker Rhodri Bowen for item B only

## **Introduction & Dwelling in the Word**

Fr. Jeremy welcomed everybody to Boyne Hill Cricket Club including our guest speaker, Rhodri Bowen Berkshire Parish Development Adviser.

Dwelling in the Word. Read by Fr Jeremy

#### A: Election of Churchwardens & Vice Chairman of PCC

Ann Rawlings was elected as Churchwarden, proposed by Derek Smith seconded by Janet Emerson and carried unanimously

Ken Smith was elected as Churchwarden, proposed by Rod Broad and seconded by John Bolodeoku

Ann Rawlings was elected as Vice Chair of the PCC, proposed by Sue Stannett seconded by Stella Harding and carried unanimously

#### **B** Annual Parochial Church Meeting

# Visiting Speaker: Mr Rhodri Bowen, Berkshire Parish Development Advisor

Drawing on his Welsh heritage Rhodri described the heart-warming impact of the road sign Croeso i Gymry - Welcome to Wales, he saw each time he travelled back to Wales to visit his family or to support his team-the Welsh rugby team.

In a thought-provoking talk, Rhodri outlined the characteristics of a welcoming church and reminded us that welcome was expressed not only in words but in behaviour and in gestures, such as smiling, engaging eye contact and active listening

# 1. Apologies for Absence

Brenda Illot, John Harrison, Nick Kirk, Paul Latham, Sally Morgan

# 2 Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

These were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed by Derek Smith, seconded by Hugh Boulter and carried unanimously

# 2.1 Matters arising

#### None

#### 3. Election of:

#### 3.1 4 PCC Members to serve for 3 years

John Bolodeoku: proposed by Ken Smith seconded by Jan Moss and carried unanimously. Stella Harding proposed by Janet Emerson seconded by Julia Wakeling and carried unanimously.

Derek Smith proposed by David Morgan, seconded John Bolodeoku and carried unanimously

Jeremy Nordberg proposed by Jan Moss seconded by Mike Moss

Fr Jeremy thanked Jo Hawkes as a retiring PCC member for her work:

### 3.2 Up to 2 members of the Deanery Synod

Ursula Hutchinson was elected as Deanery Synod representative proposed by Rod Broad seconded by Stella Harding and carried unanimously.

All Saints Deanery Synod Lay Reps are Rod Broad, Ursula Hutchinson and David Morgan. All Lay Reps on the Deanery Synod to serve until 31 May 2020. Fr Jeremy is a Clergy Rep on the Deanery Synod.

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### 3.3 Approval of Sides persons

# **Sides Persons Rota January 2019**

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SUNDAY 8.00 am	10.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Jean Balchin	Pauline Hole Julia Wakeling John Harrison Vacancy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marion Duncombe	George Hutchinson Chris Watts Ann Rawlings Elaine Williams
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brenda Illott	Ursula Hutchinson Chris Rawlings Simon Juden Vacancy

4<sup>th</sup> Jo Towers Rhona Latham

John Bolodeoku Pat Church Vacancy

5<sup>th</sup> Helen Boulter Gillian Churchill

Dorothy Padfield Stella Horne Vacancy

And Sue Norberg when she is required and available.

**Absence** If you find you cannot attend on a particular Sunday, please arrange a replacement and let your fellow Sides persons know in advance. If you are unable to arrange a replacement or swap with someone, please let the Parish Office know on 01628 621933.

**Special Services:** e.g. Easter, Christmas, Corpus Christi, Ascension: please see volunteer sheets placed on table at back of church.

#### 3.4 Election of Electoral Roll Officer

Sue Stannett was elected as Electoral Roll Officer proposed by John Bolodeoku seconded by Ann Rawlings and carried unanimously

#### 4. Presentation of Electoral Roll – Sue Stannett

Preparing the Church Electoral Roll this year was a mammoth task, as everyone had to complete an Electoral Roll form. I would like to say a very big Thank You to Jeanette and to Fr Jeremy who very kindly took forms to those people who cannot get to church for various reasons. If it hadn't been for them I would not have achieved the outcome that we have now. So this year we have some dramatic changes.

Last year we had 165 on the Church Electoral Roll and this year we now have 147.

There were 46 names on the church electoral roll in 2018 that have not renewed this year; however 28 new names have been added, making an overall decrease of 18. (So 165 last year less 18 is now 147). It is interesting to note that of the 28 new members of the church, 12 of them are aged between 16 and 18, so they are recently eligible to go on the electoral roll. So it is good to have some younger members on the roll.

This year we have 43 men and 104 women. (29% Men and 71% Women) Last year we had 53 men and 112 women. (32% Men and 68% Women)

This year we have 61 who live in the parish and 86 live outside. (41% in and 59% out)
Last year we had 79 in parish and 86 live outside.

(48% in and 52% out)

Thank you to everyone who also completed a Consent Form, there was only a couple of people who didn't.

If there is anyone who would like to be on the church electoral roll and has not been given a form, will they please see me.

#### 5. Statement on Church fabric - Derek Smith

Derek Smith stated that once again, this year has presented its challenges in trying to maintain maintenance and repair of our church and associated buildings. He referred to the comprehensive report on the church fabric in the Annual Report.

#### 5.1 Annual Report of Accounts including Presentation - Rod Broad

The Annual Accounts were approved at the PCC meeting held 20 March 2019 and have been examined satisfactorily by the Independent Examiners Felton Pumphrey, Chartered Accountants. Rod gave a presentation (attached) on the sources and level of All Saints income, the breakdown of expenditure by type, for 2018 as well as an overview of the Diocesan budget for 2019.

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 2018 our planned giving income was £62,975 whilst the Parish Share due in 2019 is £.69, 224. The responsibility is ours.

Rod thanked those who had signed up to Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) asked all who had not yet signed up to the PGS Scheme to give the matter their careful consideration.

- The scheme is an easier and more beneficial alternative to giving by standing order or through envelopes.
- The PGS provides a simple way of giving which keeps pace with inflation. Committed giving for a committed church.
- PGS reduces church administration and improves the church's cash flow.

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

This was proposed by Derek Smith and seconded by Jeremy Nordberg and carried unanimously

#### 6 Deanery Synod Report - David Morgan

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.

John Sykes the current Deanery Lay Chair has been elected as Lay Chair of the Diocesan Synod. Fr Jeremy and Rod Broad are reps on the Diocesan Synod

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, there is one vacancy.

### 7. Any other notified business:

There was none

#### 8. Annual Report & Vision for the Future

#### The Vision of All Saints

'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'.

Fr Jeremy referred to the Annual Report which had been circulated before the meeting. He introduced his overview of the year, with a reflection on the Vision of All Saints, which has at its heart, the Biblical model of encountering Christ in Word and Sacrament. In our communion model we are being drawn into relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and into relationship with one another.

Fr Jeremy went onto to outline the activities and achievements during the year which included:

- The completion of a pilot scheme for the Oxford Diocese to share with other
  parishes the Partnership in Missional Church (PMC). This is encouraging the parish to
  listen to the word of God through reflective bible reading and listening to each other
  within the congregation as well as finding partners within the community to work
  alongside
- Follow-up on PMC. There was a meeting of members of All Saints and the three heads of the local Church of England Schools in January. This meeting identified

three areas that were thought crucial to our parish, namely Worship, Schools Ministry and Welcome.

- In September, the church community gathered to formulate plans to meet the Mission Action Plan. This included areas of sustainability needed to underpin the mission including stewardship, administration, buildings and the need for 'Branding' of the church and our story.
- Worship. The worship group met regularly to update our Eucharistic liturgy and service booklets. At the heart of this was the need to offer a more welcoming and accessible service with a commentary running through the booklet to explain the service to newcomers. Several booklets have been introduced. Thanks to benefactors we have been able to purchase new hymn books offering a greater variety of music. We will continue to look at other areas including how we present the ministry of the word to different age groups.

Fr Jeremy concluded his overview by thanking the community:

'May I, as the parish priest of this wonderful parish take this opportunity to express gratitude to the nearly 100 volunteers that contribute to both the running and to the mission of All Saints church. Thank you too for the continued love and support that you all offer to both myself and my wife Monika'.

With my love and prayers, Fr Jeremy'