



MINUTES OF ALL SAINTS' CHILTON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2015 AT 10.25am AND 10.27am RESPECTIVELY IN THE CHURCH

The Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey was in the Chair and 24 parishioners were present, including the Revd Pam Rolls.

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting, which followed the morning church service, after a short break.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence had been received from Mr and Mrs Jeremy and Yvonne Sanderson, Mr and Mrs Nick and Kate Astley-Cooper, and Mrs Rosemary Rolls
2. Minutes of the previous Annual Meetings The minutes of the last meetings had been circulated (with the other reports to be accepted) and were accepted unanimously and duly signed.
3. Election of Churchwardens. The Rector thanked Mrs Naomi Gibson and Mr Alex Reich for their service during 2014. They had both been nominated for 2015

Mrs Naomi Gibson proposed by Mrs Carol Pigott, seconded by Mr Andrew Hayes.

Mr Alex Reich proposed by Mrs Audrey Slater, seconded by Mrs Carol Pigott.

They were duly elected unanimously.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Elections/Appointments
 - (i) Deanery Synod Representatives We are entitled to 2 representatives, to serve from 2014 to 2017. There being no nominations to fill the existing vacancy, Mr John Pigott continues as our only representative. This vacancy could be filled later.
 - (ii) PCC Members There were 3 vacancies for 3 years, with 2 nominations.

Dr Carina Lobley proposed by Mrs Susan Packer, seconded by Mr Jeff Stopps

Mrs Carol Pigott proposed by Mrs Naomi Gibson, seconded by Mr Andrew Hayes.

They were duly elected unanimously, leaving 1 vacancy for 3 years.

- (iii) 2 PCC Members to serve on the Joint PCC The JPCC consists of the clergy, with Churchwardens and Treasurers of both parishes, plus 2 members elected from each PCC.

Mrs Liz Morris and Mrs Carol Pigott were prepared to continue on the JPCC, and were duly elected unanimously.

- (iv) Sidesmen Mrs Naomi Gibson had circulated the list of sidesmen. The following were proposed to serve as sidesmen in the coming year, and they were accepted by the meeting

Dr John Berry	Mrs Judy Burbage	Mrs Naomi Gibson
Mr Andrew Hayes	Mr James Hellem	Mr Dave Kerr
Mrs Hazel King	Mrs Elizabeth Morris	Mrs Carol Pigott
Mr John Pigott	Mr Alex Reich	Mrs Audrey Slater
Mr Jeff Stopps	Mrs Sylvie Thompson	

- (v) Independent Examiner Jane Moreton, of Harwell, was prepared to continue as our Independent Examiner.

The Independent examiner was proposed by the Rector, and accepted unanimously.

2. Prayers of Thanks and Commissioning

The Rector prayed briefly, giving thanks for those who had served All Saints' over the past year, and for those committed to serve over the next twelve months.

3. Receiving the Reports

The reports for this year (Minutes of Previous Meeting; Electoral Roll Report; Annual Report, which included the Deanery Synod report; and the Financial Statements) had all been published on the Church website, produced in paper form in church, and reported on verbally during services as appropriate, on the Sundays leading up to the Annual meeting. This had given people a chance to discuss the reports with those presenting them, after the services.

Dr John Berry now spoke on the Fabric and Ornaments Report, which had also been circulated earlier.

The path project was still on-going, and DAC had approved and recommended it continue. The path would extend to the garden of Remembrance, but the path to Middle House would be converted to grass, as it is unused, and this would make it easier to cut the grass across that area. It could be reinstated later, if required.

There were still a few jobs for the builder to continue with, but the testing of the electrics, lightning conductor, and fire extinguishers were all up to date. It had been discovered that the heater wiring had been disconnected, and this had now been resolved. Our new table, to be used at communion services, was very beautiful, but also portable, and so is being kept in the vestry when not in use. Two pictures by Lin Kerr had been put up in the kitchen, and the seat in the Garden of Remembrance had been restored by Marcia and Pete Oliver. Sam Buckley had provided and fitted a new oak gate-post for the Humfrey Stevenson gate.

The old noticeboard needs a new position, and the lychgate board has been removed for updating. Judith Russell had organised two working parties in the churchyard, which had both been "closed early" for the weather. He concluded by thanking all for their various contributions to the up-keep of All Saints', which is often remarked on in the visitor's book.

The Rector thanked Dr Berry, on behalf of all the congregation, for his stalwart chairing of the fabric committee for the last 12 years. He was now "retiring" from this position, and the Rector presented him with a thank you letter and gift voucher, as a token of our appreciation.

4. Rector's Remarks

The Rector's talk in the morning service had been based on 1 Peter 2: 1-12. Our Annual Meeting was a time to take stock of our resources, recall our activities and groups and re-focus on our mission.

The Church is God's Family, God's Temple, and God's Nation, and it is characterised by Welcome, Word, Worship and Witness. Together these essential features grow God's Church deeper in faith, closer in love and wider in its reach.

He had concluded by quoting 1 Peter 2:9 "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Pet 2:9)

At the meeting, the Rector continued this theme, by commenting on some points from the Annual Report.

Key developments in 2014 had been in identifying and commissioning leaders of key ministries.

- (i) Children and Families' Work existed "to make disciples of Jesus amongst primary school aged children and their families". This was a priority area of growth identified by the PCCs in autumn 2012. Following fundraising and a recruitment process, Peter Shields and family moved to Chilton from Bradford in August 2014. Financial support equivalent to about 2/3 of the total costs was pledged by members of both churches, and both PCCs agreed to underwrite the remaining costs for a three year contract, but more money was still needed, especially if we wanted the post to continue beyond 2017.
- (ii) Pastoral Care existed "to seek to share Christ's love with the people of our two parishes through visiting, befriending, bereavement care, and Home Communion". Rev Pam Rolls finished her curacy in the summer and had now been appointed to the role of Associate Minister with special responsibility for Pastoral Care, including visiting, befriending, bereavement support and home communions. She was being assisted in this role by Rev Jan Radford, who works as a hospital chaplain in Oxford, and who joined us as a Curate in July. Pastoral Care Teams were led by Audrey Slater in Chilton and Joan Impey in Harwell, alongside much informal, unseen daily care and concern for those in various types of need.

Reports on both these ministries had been presented to the congregation at recent morning services.

- (iii) The third key area of development was Administration and Communication. Carolyn Vickers, our hardworking Church Administrator for many years, had resigned at the end of 2014, and the opportunity had been taken to expand the role of her successor to include a strategic communications brief and administrative support to the Rector. Vicky Johnston was appointed and took up the post in January. The increased cost of this post had been covered by the Rector's income from one day a week working as a GP in Oxford.
- (iv) Other key appointments included Helen Brook to head up the engagement of our two churches with World Mission, and Jean Barton to co-ordinate homegroups (including a new one which had started in Chilton Field).

Peter, Pam, Jan, Helen and Jean, along with the Rector and Churchwardens of both churches, form the Senior Leadership Team who meet regularly to pray and plan.

Alongside new appointments was the ongoing faithful service of many dozens of faithful musicians, welcomers, coffee makers, bellringers, scene changers, handymen and women, gardeners and flower arrangers, cleaners, committee members, and many more, expertly guided and supported by our hardworking Churchwardens.

Special mention had to be made of the Fabric Committee, whose members were committed to the faithful care of our ancient building. This included work on the access path project, and on the possibility of a new heating system.

We continued to engage with the church outside our immediate area, contributing via the Parish Share to support other parishes in the Deanery, and mission in the wider Church of England. All Saints' gives to Mission Partners through regular mission giving, being 15% of regular income, and encourages engagement through the Mission Focus in the noticesheet and Broadsheet, as well as holding special collections and fundraising events for Tear Fund and Didcot Emergency Foodbank at Harvest; SeeSaw and Oxford Women's Refuge at Christmas; and in door-to-door collections for Christian Aid in May.

The Rector could not name individuals, but was so grateful to God for everyone and their faithful service, and the giving of time, talents & treasure.

5. Discussions, Questions and Tabling Resolutions

The Rector opened the floor to questions and discussion at 10.55 am.

- (i) Andrew Hayes reminded the meeting that the Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) was outstanding.
- (ii) He also commented that he was pleased to see we had met our Parish Share. Stuart Gibson responded to this that, although we had paid in full, our general Funds were now technically £790 in the red. The Deanery had agreed that, if we paid the 2014 share in full, our 2015 share would be reduced. The Rector added that although we had "under-paid" for the previous two years, All Saints' and St Matthew's have historically paid more than the actual costs of ministry in the benefice, so 'underpaying' refers to paying less than an amount that includes a subsidy to other parishes. The eight benefices in the Deanery should each pay one eighth of the total deanery costs, but some, particularly the Didcot parishes, had been unable to do this, and so we have been paying more.
- (iii) Naomi Gibson reported that Alec Samler had stepped down as Tower Captain, after more than 14 years, and Carina Lobley had taken over. Sadly, Alec was not present, but she wished him to be thanked by the meeting. He would be receiving a letter of thanks, and gift voucher, when next in church.
- (iv) Judy Goodall commented on the muddy part of the path, from the Humfrey Stevenson gate to the car park. Liz Morris responded that this path belonged to the Parish Council, but they did not currently have funds to deal with it. The Rector suggested PCC lobby the council, to deal with the problem as soon as funds were available. Carina suggested we fund-raise for that portion of the path, and Audrey Slater asked if Drayton could be asked to quote for tarmacking that portion of path, while they were doing our path.
- (v) Judy Goodall wanted to thank the clergy and Peter Shields for all their hard work, and Carol Pigott added that Melanie Shields was also a hard worker, who came "free" with Peter.

6. Closing prayer

The Rector closed the meeting in prayer, at 11.05 am.

..... (Chairman)

Carol Pigott
(Secretary)