

St Matthew's Church Harwell

Minutes of the Annual Meetings held on Sunday 26 April 2015 at 11.50am in St Matthew's Church

The Chairman, Revd. Dr. Jonathan Mobey, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which followed the morning church service, after a short break.

The attendance was 50.

Apologies for absence received: Philip Roberts

Annual Parochial Meeting

Jonathan Mobey thanked Tony Hughes and Mel Gibson for serving as churchwardens for the past year. Tony has served five years as churchwarden and is not standing for re-election. Mel is happy to stand again for churchwarden.

Jonathan Mobey informed the meeting that **Mel Gibson** and **Christina Wood** had been nominated and seconded in writing to be elected as churchwardens for the next year. There were no other nominations and they were elected unanimously. Jonathan Mobey then prayed for Mel and Christina.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Secretary:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Election of PCC Members

Jonathan Mobey reminded the meeting who had served on the PCC during 2014-15.

St Matthew's PCC can have up to 12 elected members.

Roz Shipp and Monika Buxton are part way through their term of office, so they remain in post.

All the other elected PCC members have come to the end of their term of office, resulting in ten vacancies. Two of these members, Allan Macarthur and Liz Roberts, are not standing again for PCC. Jonathan Mobey thanked Allan and Liz for all their past work on the PCC.

The Secretary had received nomination papers for the following six individuals for election to the PCC:

Frances Taylor
Hazel Connelly
Tony Hughes
Jane Woolley

Peter Barclay-Watt
Andrew Keene¹

Jonathan Mobey proposed that all these individuals be duly appointed to the PCC, and this was approved unanimously.

Election of Joint PCC members (JPCC)

Jonathan Mobey explained that the JPCC for the Benefice comprises the incumbent, any ordained ministers or licensed lay workers, the churchwardens and the PCC Treasurers from each parish, plus two other PCC members from each parish as appointed at this meeting. Recently, the latter members have been the PCC Vice-Chair and PCC Secretary.

The proposal that the PCC Vice-Chair and the PCC Secretary be elected again to serve on the JPCC was unanimously agreed.

Election of Sides persons

Jonathan Mobey proposed the following to serve as sides persons for the coming year. These names were agreed unanimously.

Nicola Barclay-Watt	Wendy Sinclair	Jean Twigger
Peter Barclay-Watt	Roz Shipp	Elizabeth Gill
Gill Gay	Liz Hill	Georgina Greer
Anne Cox	Ruth Slatter	Juan Bowerman
Graham Cox	Mike Pepper	Debbie Davies
Pat Connolly	Tracy Linnard	Kevin Davies
David Pyke	Elaine Shrimpton	Matthew Davies
Jim Sinclair	Tony Twigger	Ryan Davies

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jane Moreton has agreed to be the independent examiner for the PCC's 2015 financial accounts. Jane was proposed by Jonathan Mobey and seconded by Mel Gibson. Her appointment was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Receipt of reports

The following reports had been made available two weeks before the meeting, in hard copy and on the church website, and were formally "received" by the meeting:

- Minutes of the 2014 annual meetings

¹ After the meeting, it was discovered that Andrew Keene was not on the church electoral roll. Therefore his election to PCC at the annual meeting was invalid. He was co-opted on to the PCC at the May PCC meeting instead.

- The PCC annual report on 2014, including the Fabric Report and the Electoral Roll report, adopted by the PCC at its March meeting and signed by Revd. Dr. Jonathan Mobey as chairman.
- Financial report and Accounts for 2014, approved by the PCC at its March meeting
- Deanery Synod report May 2014 - February 2015

Jonathan Mobey thanked the PCC Secretary, and Liz Roberts, for putting together the annual report.

The minutes of the 2014 meetings were then signed by the Jonathan Mobey and the PCC Secretary as a correct record.

Jonathan Mobey reported that the church electoral roll was revised during 1 - 22 March 2015. The number on the roll in April 2014 was 138. The number on the revised roll as at March 2015 was 131.

Discussion

Jonathan Mobey asked if there were any queries or comments arising from the reports. There were none.

Jonathan Mobey highlighted the following key developments during 2014:

- Children & Families work – identified as a priority area of growth by both PCCs in the benefice in autumn 2012. Peter Shields appointed as Children & Families worker in summer 2014. Donations covering two-thirds of the cost of this three-year appointment has been received to date. More will be needed if we wish the post to continue beyond 2017. The initial part of Peter's work has been to consolidate the existing work e.g. Y Club, Holiday Club, YF, Children's Sunday groups. He has also introduced new initiatives e.g. Living Advent Calendar, Treat & Blessing at Halloween.
- Pastoral Care – Revd. Pam Rolls finished her curacy in summer 2014 and was appointed to the role of Assistant Minister, and is leading on pastoral care. She is assisted in this by Revd. Janet Radford. Each parish in the benefice has a pastoral care team. Harwell's team is led by Revd. Joan Impey.
- Administrative support – Carolyn Vickers, our dedicated and hardworking administrator resigned at the end of 2014. The PCC took the opportunity to expand the role to include communications work and support to the Rector. The extra cost of this has been covered by a voluntary donation by the Rector from his one day a week work as a GP. Vicky Johnston was appointed to the role of Administrator and PA to the Rector in January 2015.
- World missions – Helen Brook at All Saints', Chilton, has been appointed to lead the world missions work in the benefice. Twelve and a half percent of the church's regular income is donated to our mission partners across the world. Our parish share payment also supports the wider church and other churches in the Wallingford Deanery.
- Home groups – Revd. Jean Barton has been appointed to co-ordinate home groups.
- Jonathan also drew attention to the large number of other individuals involved in many and varied ministries and activities and thanked everyone for their contributions to church life and to our part in God's mission in Harwell, Chilton and beyond.

Any Other Business

Mel Gibson proposed a vote of thanks from the meeting to Jonathan Mobey, the whole ministry team and the licensed lay workers.

The response to Mel's proposal of a vote of thanks to Jonathan Mobey was a long and resounding round of applause.

Close

The meeting closed with prayer at 12.35pm

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Secretary: