



**MINUTES OF ALL SAINTS' CHILTON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018 AT 10.30am AND 10.35am RESPECTIVELY IN THE CHURCH**

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The Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey was in the Chair and 27 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 Mrs Yvonne Sanderson, Mr Jeremy Sanderson, Mrs Naomi Gibson, Mr Stuart Gibson, Dr Carina Lobley, Rev Jan Radford 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 described the role of a churchwarden, and thanked Mrs Sanderson and Mr Reich for their diligence in undertaking these roles over the last year. Both were prepared to stand for another year, and there were no other nominations.

Mr Alex Reich                                   proposed by Mrs Hazel Benton, seconded by Mrs Liz Morris.  
Mrs Yvonne Sanderson                     proposed by Mrs Carol Pigott, seconded by Mr John Pigott.

They were duly elected unanimously.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. Elections/Appointments
  - (i) Deanery Synod Representatives We are entitled to 3 representatives, to serve from 2017 to 2020.  
  
As at the previous APCM, there were no nominations for these three vacancies. If anyone felt inclined to offer for these positions later, they could be co-opted during the year. Meantime, our clergy would be representing us.
  - (ii) PCC Members There were 3 vacancies for 3 years, and 1 for 2 years Nominated was:

Dr Carina Lobley was proposed by Mr Philip Garner, seconded by Mrs Carol Pigott  
She was duly elected unanimously, for 3 years.

- (iii) Sidesmen. The following were proposed to serve as sidesmen in the coming year, and they were accepted unanimously by the meeting

Mrs Hazel Benton	Dr John Berry	Mr Jeremy Burbage
Dr Phil Corbishley	Mrs Naomi Gibson	Mr Steve Hale
Mr Andrew Hayes	Mr Dave Kerr	Rev Rosanna Martin
Mrs Elizabeth Morris	Mrs Carol Pigott	Mr John Pigott
Mr Alex Reich	Mr Jeremy Sanderson	Mrs Yvonne Sanderson
Mrs Audrey Slater		

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

The Independent examiner was proposed by the Rector, seconded by Mrs Liz Morris, and accepted unanimously.

## 2. Prayers of Thanks and Commissioning

The Rector prayed briefly, thanking God for providing all our resources. These are the seeds from which the church grows. He gave thanks for all who had served in the past, and those who were now stepping down, or going on. He asked God to sustain us as we sought His guidance, and for us to grow closer to each other as we went forward, and closer to God.

## 3. Receiving the Reports

The reports for this year 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.

The reports are:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Electoral Roll Report

Financial Statements

Fabric Report

Annual Report for 2017 (this incorporating the Finance Report, and Deanery Synod Report.)

The Reports had been previously approved unanimously by PCC.

Mr Gordon Cowan presented the Electoral Roll report. There had been a revision of the roll this year, not a complete renewal. There were now 81 on the roll. No one had been removed this year, and 1 had been added. 11 on the roll lived outside the parish.

This would be Gordon's last report, as he was retiring from office, after 21 years, and he wished to thank those at the Church Office, Rev Pam Rolls, and PCC secretary, for their help over this time.

The Rector thanked Gordon for the diligence he has shown, in producing and updating the Electoral Roll over the years. PCC appreciated his commitment to the task. It has been a job well done.

4. Discussions, Questions and Tabling Resolutions

There had been no questions for discussion, but it was noted that Rev Jan Radford is now Assistant Minister, having completed her training.

5. Rector's Remarks Jonathan continued the theme of his morning's sermon, and the gifts that each of us can bring to furthering the work of the church. Hospitality is vitality important to draw people into contact with the church. Providing refreshments, welcoming, home groups, Alpha, and Fledgelings – which provides a very important space for women with young children – and special events, such as the Christmas Together meal, are all examples of this in action. Not all need to be preachers, teachers or administrators; but basic Christianity is demonstrated by hospitality, which is vital. Jonathan was thankful for all those who provided this in any way, much of it being unseen. We have a wide circle of contacts, especially through Fledgelings, and Holiday Club. For example, there are currently 145 applicants for this summer's club.

Drawing people deeper into faith was achieved in small groups, which we shall be resourcing better, with possible teaching on Sundays in future. The congregation will be asked to suggest topics for the next few weeks of sermons.

Considering the concentric circles of church contacts, we encourage people to grow closer to the Lord, and into the core of the church community. A deeper commitment to the Lord will be reflected in a deeper commitment to the church. Our work is to draw people from the community into outer contact with the church, then into the congregation, so their faith can grow as they are drawn into the core of the church. From here, they can be "sent out" to reach more people.

We have a good outer crowd, and a good-sized congregation for a village church.

Looking to the future, we hope to make the most of our contacts with people coming for weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

A highlight of the past year has been the appointment of Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields as Children and Families' workers, in a job-share arrangement. They had made an impressive start to their work in this area.

Finally, the Rector thanked the secretary for her work and support.

Alex thanked Jonathan, Pam, and Jan on behalf of the congregation. We are blessed to have them. He also wished to thank the members of PCC for their commitment over the past year.

6. Closing prayer

The Rector thanked God for our new activities, our finances, and the commitment of church members. He asked the Lord to be with us and guide us, in unity, despite our diversity, as we grow over the next year.

The meeting closed at 10.57 am.

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Carol Pigott  
(Secretary)