

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30 pm

Rev Jeremy Harris (Chair) Present +22 Parishioners . Fr Jeremy welcomed all and shared a reading about St Mark the Evangelist

A: Election of Churchwardens:

John Bolodeoku was proposed as a Churchwarden by Stella Harding seconded by Ursula Hutchinson. All in favour.

Kenneth Smith was proposed as Churchwarden by Simon Cowdery, seconded by Lucy Cowdery.. All in favour.

Kenneth Smith was appointed Vice Chairman of PCC, proposed by Sue Stannett seconded by Jo Towers. All in favour

B. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence:

Relf Clark, Stella Harding , Ann Rawlings ,Chris Rawlings, Sue Nordberg

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24 May 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held 24 May 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed by John Bolodeoku, seconded by Jan Moss . All in favour

2.1 Matters arising None

3. Election of:

3.1 Two members of the Deanery Synod

Ursula Hutchison stood down as Deanery Synod Lay Rep. This creates two vacancies for one year as Deanery Synod Lay Representatives. Rod Broad proposed Ken Smith as Deanery Synod Lay Rep for one year until 31 May 2023., seconded by Greg Hurst. All in favour. This leaves one vacancy as Deanery Synod Lay Rep. There will be an election for all Deanery Synod Lay Reps to serve for three years in 2023.

3.2 Up to 4 PCC Members to serve for 3 years:

John Bolodeoku proposed Stella Harding as PCC member to serve for three years, seconded by Jeremy Nordberg. All in favour.

Paul Lion proposed Greg Hurst as PCC member to serve for three years seconded by Brian Graves. All in favour.

David Morgan proposed Jeremy Nordberg to serve for three years seconded by Stella Harding. All in favour

Fr Jeremy thanked Ann Rawlings and Ursula Hutchinson for their contribution to the PCC, Ann as Churchwarden and Ursula as Deanery Synod Lay Rep.

4. Presentation of Electoral Roll

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer, presented the Electoral Roll. The required notice for the revision, stating that:-

at the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Monday the 28th day of March 2022, and ending on Sunday the 10th day of April 2022'*

Sadly, five members of our congregation have died in the last 12 months. However, we have five new members on the electoral roll. So last year we had 146 on the church Electoral Roll and this year we also have 146.

For information

This year we have 47 men and 99 women (32% men and 68% women). Last year we had 45 men and 101 women (31% men and 69% women. This year we have 69 who live in the parish and 77 who live outside (47% in and 53% out). Last year we had 68 living in the parish and 78 who lived outside (47% in 53% out)

If there is anyone who would like to be on the church electoral roll and would like a form, please will they contact me on sastannett@gmail.com

4.1 Election of Electoral Roll Officer

Jo McMullen proposed Sue Stannett as Electoral Roll Officer seconded by Ken Smith. All in favour

5. Statement on Church Fabric:

Ken Smith referred to the comprehensive Fabric Report which had been circulated before the meeting as part of the Community Annual Report. The challenges of maintaining the fabric of a Grade 1 listed building and a collection of Grade 2 and 2* buildings continue.

Along with regular maintenance there was a major issue with the restoration of the church floor. Thanks to generous donations, mainly from within the Church community, sufficient money was raised to fund the restoration. Cliveden Conservation Company arrived on site on 1 March 2021, completing the restoration of the floor on 19 November, leaving the final waxing of the floor to a later date. The cost of the floor restoration is expected to be of the order of £253k. Ken thanked all those who had contributed to the floor restoration fund.

5.1 Annual Report of Accounts (Rod Broad, Treasurer)

The Annual Report and Accounts 2021 had been approved at the PCC meeting held on 22 March 2022 and had been examined satisfactorily by the Independent Examiner, Feltons, Chartered Accountants.. Rod gave a presentation on the sources and level of All Saints

income and the breakdown of expenditure by type for 2021, as well as the Diocese of Oxford 2021 Budget and 2021 Overview Forecast.

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. Planned Giving and Gift Aid in 2020/21 was £54,268 (£56,107) compared to the Parish Share payable in 2021 of ££71,917

5.2 Approval of Feltons, Chartered Accountants as Independent Examiners of the Accounts

It was proposed by Rod Broad, seconded by David Morgan that Feltons, Chartered Accountants, should continue as Independent Examiner of the Accounts of All Saints Church Boyne Hill Maidenhead. All in favour

6 Guest speaker – Dr John Bolodeoku MBBS

John Bolodeoku gave a talk on COVID -19 testing

7. Deanery Synod Report

David Morgan referred to the Deanery Synod report which had been circulated before the meeting as part of the Community Annual Report. Fr Jeremy is a Clergy representative on the Deanery Synod and Rod Broad and Ursula Hutchinson were Lay Reps on the Deanery Synod. Fr Jeremy and Rod Broad also represented All Saints on the Diocesan Synod.

8 Sides people

Fr Jeremy thanked all Sides people for their work. A change in the rules means that Sides people will be appointed at the first meeting of the new PCC

9 Any other notified business - None

10 Overview of the Year and Vision for the future – Fr Jeremy

Fr Jeremy introduced the Overview of the year as follows.

‘I am thrilled this year that thanks to the support of the community, we have been able to restore the wonderful design of George Street’s floor to enable worship and mission to continue into the coming years. What follows is the outstanding report written by our Treasurer Rod Broad to the Charities Commission on behalf of the PCC/Trustees of All Saints and indeed of the parish to which we serve, sharing how mission has taken place throughout challenging times’

Activities and Achievements

The Annual Report and Accounts and Community Annual Report had been circulated in advance and posted on the website. The Reports showed how many different activities were undertaken by All Saints parishioners and Fr Jeremy thanked the sixty volunteers who contribute to both the running and to the mission of the church, especially during the time of the pandemic and the restoration of the church floor, when the church was closed. All of which posed a number of challenges. During this time Fr Jeremy was delighted to welcome Fr John Ainslie who joined the team at All Saints.

Fr Jeremy highlighted the Vision of All Saints

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.

The key areas discerned for focus are:

1 Welcome - Being a welcoming church in everything we try to do

2 Worship – Making our worship more vibrant and engaging for all

3 Schools – Developing our schools ministry, both in school and in Church

These three aims are underpinned by three key areas of enabling Church Sustainability

A Financial and Stewardship – Ensuring sufficient fund to meet our Mission Aims

B Administrative – Ensuring good administration to deal with enquiries, making bookings, organising services and events and to ensure that statutory and legislative requirements are met.

C Buildings- Maintaining the Grade 1 Listed Church Buildings and other listed buildings associated with the church

Several initiatives were introduced during the period under review which we hope to develop. In summer 2001, the Sustainability Group, caring for God’s Creation was formed. As Christians we have a responsibility to Care for God’s Earth. The Diocese is encouraging and supporting churches to take practical action, prayer and advocacy to meet its net zero target by 2030. The Sustainability Group with the backing of the PCC has applied for ECO Church status. A Sustainability Open morning for the Congregation was held with an external speaker from Wargrave.

Over the past year we have introduced worship within the Quadrangle alongside hospitality. From small beginnings this enabled an increasing number of people to join Sunday afternoon services and enjoy companionship over the BBQ. Sundays @4 is now an established monthly service on our calendar and will continue in the future.

We now have a team of people to support children’s and family ministry going forward. This includes offering fortnightly Young Saints on Sunday mornings and a once a month Sunday@4 which reflects the themes and values taught at schools.

In 2022 for the first time since 2014, we will be holding Baptisms at All Saints

With community in mind, a Christmas Market took place mainly in the Quadrangle at the end of November 2021 along with the Salvation Army Carols in the Quad. The event was a great success with an estimated 600 visitors and raising over £3000 which the PCC voted to designate for potential Back of the Church reordering project.

It is hoped we can organise the Christmas Market again in 2022 as well as other opportunities for the wider community to join with us at All Saints. During the pandemic a Welcome Course was organised. The Welcome Group will be relaunched this year and Fr John will take the Group Forward with the support of members. The key here is in helping people to discover through welcome a sense of belonging that will lead to more active ministry

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

8. Any other notified business None

Close of The Public Meeting