

St Kenelm's Church. Enstone

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held in the Church on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 11.30

Present: The Revd Mark Abrey (Chair), Ashley Rogers, Rosy Nixon, Angela Taylor, Annette Lawrence, Holly McGee, Jenny Markham, Adrian Pallett, Jill Elliott, Dawn Briggs, Penny Silva

Apologies: The Revd Ilona Cheyne, Charles and Catherine Powell, Stella Waterer

Vestry Meeting

- 1. Election of Churchwardens.** No nominations were received. Mark thanked Penny for filling the gap.

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2. Report on the Electoral Roll

In preparation for this meeting the Church's Electoral Roll has been revised. One member was removed and one added; therefore the Electoral Roll now has 32 members.

3. Presentation and receipt of the Annual Report on proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and activities of the Parish (circulated)

Mark thanked all who had helped in compiling the Report, and especially all who had contributed to the Church's common life: Ilona, the PCC members, the musicians (Elsa Williams, Rosy, and the choir), the visiting clergy, the refreshment makers and servers, Jenny Markham and the flower team, the bell ringers, and Julian Watts for setting the clock time when needed. The report was received by the meeting.

4. Finances

The accounts are on pages 5-17 of the Report.

Ashley thanked all who had helped to close the gap between income and expenditure. We are not quite there yet, but have made good progress. Regular giving has increased by £379 a month, and one-off donations have totalled almost £1,800.

Ashley thanked the Revd Charles Chadwick for the advice he had provided.

He gave notice that as from today he is stepping down as Treasurer after 12 years. The meeting thanked Ashley for his great contribution over so many years.

In the interim, Mark will be serving as Treasurer. We have a volunteer, but the transition will take time, with bank mandates needing to be changed. Mark thanked the organizers of the coffee mornings, and Anna Marnham and the knitting group, for their contributions to fundraising. The Report was received by the meeting.

5. Fabric

We are in dispute with the builder over the roof work done after the Quinquennial inspection. With regard to the loose soffit in the Chancel, we have been waiting 6 weeks for 'emergency' scaffolding. As the next Quinquennial Inspection is in 2026, we have some breathing space, as all the major works required by the QI have been done. Mark thanked Charles for all his advice and support, and for the contributions by the Endowment Trust. Rosy and Dawn were thanked for their work on the ecology of the Churchyard, and Rosy for creating the display on the porch notice board. The Report was received by the meeting.

6. Deanery Report

The Report was received by the meeting, and Rosy was thanked for acting as Deanery representative.

7. Election of Deanery Synod members

No election was needed.

8. Election of Parochial Church Council members

As no nominations had been received, the PCC remains as it is, with 4 members, and the 4 vacancies are carried forward. Mark reminded the meeting that members could be co-opted during the year.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Alison Parker was nominated by Adrian Pallett and seconded by Penny Silva. Alison has generously not charged for her services this year.

10. Comments from the floor and suggestions for the new PCC

- a. The path from Tew Road to the Church through the Churchyard is dangerous, especially in the winter, as the wet grass and mud are very slippery. Jenny suggested that plastic webbing could be laid to reduce the risk. The PCC will discuss this. Also, the slippery stone at the entrance to

the Porch should be jet-washed.

- b. Jenny offered a bench, to be placed near Gordon Markham's grave. This was gratefully accepted, with thanks.

Mark thanked members for their attendance, and the meeting closed at 12.45.