

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, SOUTHSEA

11th October 2020 at 11.30am

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. Opening and Prayer

Rev Neil Smart welcomed everyone and briefly shared on this last year. The world has changed due to the COVID 19 virus and we are not so much in control. There is a great deal to thank God for, particularly answers to prayer for the appointment of our new vicar, Revd Adam Tams. He is due to be licenced on Tuesday 10th November 2020. It is the start of a new chapter for St Jude's. Neil reminded us that God loves us and we should live a life of love just as Christ loved us. He encouraged us with Eph 1:18. Our community is looking for hope.

Neil gave a reminder of the structures of the Anglican church. The CofE is governed by councils called Synods. At the top is the General Synod which is run by Archbishops. Then we have the Diocesan Synod which is run by the Bishop of our Diocese. There is the Deanery Synod which is run by our Area Dean Bob White. Then we have our Parochial Church Council (PCC). We will have two meetings today; the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) or Vestry meeting where we elect our Churchwardens. Any member of the Parish can vote. The second meeting is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) where we elect our PCC members. Only those on the electoral roll can vote at this meeting. The PCC members are effectively Trustees as we are a charity. They serve for 3 years and meet 11 times per year. The number of PCC members we can have is determined by the number of people we have on our electoral roll. This year we can have 12 PCC members. We currently have 7 and can therefore elect 5 members on to the PCC.

Neil then opened the proceedings in prayer.

2. Election of Secretary

Ali Simpson was elected as Secretary.

3. Minutes of the APM 2019

The minutes of the Vestry meeting on 29th April 2019 were approved and accepted.

4. Election of Churchwardens

Neil gave thanks to the Churchwardens, Philippa Dawson and Jos McCabe, for their year of service and for standing for nomination again.

Nominated to serve for 2020/21:

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Philippa Dawson	Helen Bolton	David Bastow
Jos McCabe	Ali Simpson	Neil Smart

There being no other nominees than Philippa and Jos, they were duly elected.

Neil gave a gift to Philippa and Jos to thank them for all their hard work in this last year.

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1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2019

The minutes of the APCM held on 29th April 2019 were approved and accepted.

2. Electoral Roll Officer's Report

The Electoral Roll Officer (Ali Simpson) informed those present that a revision of the Electoral roll had been completed and as of 5th October 2020 it now stood at 174 members. The revised roll is on display at the back of church and will be for the next few weeks.

The Chair (Philippa Dawson) led the meeting in reflection for all those members of the Church family as well as those on the Electoral Roll who had died since the last meeting: Roger Sutton, Mary Hemsley, Pamela Haywood, Fran Kirk, Arnold Selby and Paul Wayte.

Philippa prayed for those that have passed and their families.

3. Election of Five Persons to the Parochial Church Council

We have had three PCC members step down – Aileen Kellam, Paul Nelson and Keith Manship.

Nominations were received for five people:

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Helen Bolton	Ann Pugmire	Philippa Dawson
Elaine Hallatt	Ruth McCabe	Charlie Adie
Bill Evans	Sonam Langdon	Neil Smart
Eirene Rouse	Sonam Langdon	Ali Simpson
Andrew Minter	Neil Smart	Ali Simpson

These nominees were duly elected as members of the Parochial Church Council.

4. Election of Two Persons to the Deanery Synod

The Chair expressed thanks to David Pearson and Ruth McCabe for their continued representation on the Deanery Synod.

Nominations were received for two people:

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Ruth McCabe	Ali Simpson	Sonam Langdon
David Pearson	Stephen Kerr	Nigel Rouse

These nominees were duly elected as members of the Deanery Synod.

Annual Reports

1. Annual Report and Accounts

Our Treasurer, Richard Bolton, presented the accounts for 2019.

Richard gave thanks to Sally Marshall our Bookkeeper, Jones Avens our Auditors, David Pugsley who manages the gift aid, Janet Smith who processes the cash and banking and Andrew Minter who has been involved with setting up online giving.

Our full income for 2019 was £743k. St Jude's nursery and St Margaret's provided a significant proportion of this. The new shop running at St Margaret's provided a new income stream. Some parishioners moved to St Margaret's with their giving to help establish them. From 2020 onwards our income will come from St Jude's church and the nursery only. There were two main areas of expenditure. We supported the mission in Sendai, Japan, financially to purchase a house. Our outreach 'Feeding the 5000' was another significant outgoing. St Margaret's and the nursery have a cash surplus. St Jude's church had a deficit for the year 2019. We received a transfer from the nursery surplus of £27,000 in early 2020.

We have assets of £1.2 million comprising of the house on Marmion Rd and the nursery on Silver Street. We have investments with CCLA. We have a cash reserve for the church and the nursery which will enable us to continue if there is any problem for 3 months. There has been a reduction to St Jude's church general fund. We have expenditure with the nursery, the parish share and our staff team. We will see after the parish share review whether we will be in line with our electoral roll number. We have received generous benevolence from our parishioners. Gift aid provides an increase in giving helped by the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Investments have helped to stabilise our cash flow. We still hold over £100k in our investment funds. Richard's evaluation is that we remain in a financially stable position going into 2021. The annual report and accounts along with the financial summary for the APCM can be found on our website.

A gift was given to Richard and thanks for all his hard work.

2. Appointment of Auditors for 2019

It was proposed that we continue to appoint Jones Avens as our Auditors. This was accepted.

3. Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

There were no major works in 2019, mostly preparation for these to happen in 2020. During lockdown in 2020 major works were completed.

A copy of the report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church for 2019 has been submitted by Philippa Dawson and can be found on our website.

4. Deanery Synod report

David Pearson is the Diocesan Advisor for Healing and one of our Deanery Synod representatives. He has submitted a report for 2019 which includes details of the Strategic Development Fund which St Margaret's has benefitted significantly from, Thy Kingdom Come where around 5000 people engaged in prayer at Portchester castle, the Deanery Youth Chaplaincy and the Older Person's Project. Portsmouth Deanery has an established link with the Diocese of Ho, Ghana. Any further projects there have been postponed until 2022.

The Deanery Synod report can be found on our website.

5. Any other Business

There was no other business.

Jos and Philippa gave thanks to Neil and Debs Smart and Adam Denley for all they have done in this last year.

Philippa concluded that the next PCC meeting would be held on the 19th October 2020.

Philippa closed the meeting in prayer at 12.10pm.