

# **ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, SOUTHSEA**

## **29 APRIL 2019**

### **MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING**

#### **1. Prayer and Election of Secretary and Tellers**

Revd Michael Duff (Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with sung worship and prayer. Abbie Richardson was secretary to the meeting. No tellers were required.

#### **2. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held 29 April 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting to be signed as such by the Chair.

#### **3. Election of Churchwardens**

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

The following were nominated to serve for 2019/20:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Philippa Dawson	Joanna Kerr	Suzie Platt
Jos McCabe	Sonam Langdon	Abbie Richardson

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

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING**

#### **1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held 29 April 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting to be signed as such by the Chair.

#### **2. Electoral Roll Officer's Report**

The Chair informed those present that since the last APCM, there had been one resignation from the Roll (Jeannette Hayward on ordination), and two members of the roll had died (David Graham and Kevin Claxton). 2019 was a year when the Electoral Roll had to be started from scratch and it now stood at 171 members: the roll was available at the meeting, and thereafter would be available for inspection in the Church Office.

The Chairman 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: The Rev'd Jeannette Hayward, David Graham, Kevin Claxton; Dorothy Cook; Matthew Gilbert; Les Hunns; John Hutchings; Pauline King-Hele; Janet Parry; Brenda Starkey and Fred Turner

#### **Election of Six Persons to Parochial Church Council**

Five members of the Parochial Church Council had come to the end of their term and one member was standing down, leaving six vacancies with 3 not standing again. The Chair thanked Vicky Swift, Fran Carabott and Charlotte Pope for their support to the Church during their time serving on the PCC.

Nominations were received for four people:

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Richard Portlock	Jos McCabe	Joanna Kerr
Victoria Claxton	Philippa Dawson	Debbie Sutton
Richard Boton	David Bacon	Vicky Swift
Aileen Kellam	Laura Preston	Stephen Dawson

These nominees were duly elected as members of the Parochial Church Council, with two vacancies remaining.

### 3. Election of Two Persons to Deanery Synod

The Chair expressed his thanks to David Pearson for his continued representation on the Deanery Synod. There were 2 further vacancies available.

Nominations were received from one person:

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Ruth McCabe	Rachel Duff	Rowena Pearson

There being only one nomination for the two vacancies on Deanery Synod, Ruth McCabe was duly elected, with one vacancy remaining this year.

### 4. Election of Sidespersons

The following Sidespersons were willing to continue in the duty, and were duly elected:

Jos McCabe; Mary Allen; Richard Portlock; Bill Evans; Andrew Preston; Alex Kendrick; Jilly Martin; Angie Fong; David Pugsley; David Snape; Tony Spender; Suzie Platt; Mark Neck and Charlie Adie.

The Chair thanked Jos McCabe for leading this team, and all the Sidespersons for their ministry.

### 5. PCC Review of the Church Year

The Chair summarised the achievements and issues for St Jude's over the last year as set out in the Annual Report for 2018. A question was raised with regards to re-instating the 18:30 service. The chair responded explaining that the service had become unsustainable and, in consultation with the Associate Vicar, it was decided to focus on the Year of Mission whilst considering who this or an alternative service could be reaching out to. There would be further review at the end of September.

### 6. Presentation of the Accounts for 2018

Paul Nelson (Treasurer) presented the accounts for 2018 as set out in finance booklet.

The treasurer thanked all those supporting him including Janet Smith, David Pugsley, Sally Marshall and Tim and Ann Millett of Jones Avens. The accounts for 2018 had been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and audited by Jones Avens Limited. The auditor's report noted that the financial statements were a true and fair reflection of the financial position as at 31 December 2018.

The treasurer presented both the blessings and the challenges of the year. The nursery income was greater than its expenditure and surplus was used for the continued needs of the nursery and to support the ministry and mission of the church. St Margaret's was seeing an increase in giving, however there was an impact on the giving of St Jude's which had decreased, and this would need to be addressed. The impact of giving through the Parish Giving Scheme was significant in both reduction of administrative burden and speed of Gift Aid reimbursement, and the treasurer encouraged anyone who was not using this scheme to consider moving their giving to this system.

The treasurer offered to take questions, but no questions were offered,

The Treasurer proposed that the 2018 accounts be accepted (seconded by Philippa Dawson) and the proposal was carried unanimously.

## **7. Appointment of Auditors for 2017**

The Treasurer recommended that Jones Avens Limited be appointed auditor of the church accounts for the year 2019; this was seconded by Suzie Platt and approved unanimously.

Both the treasurer and the chair expressed their thanks to Tim and Ann Millett for their generosity of time and support, and recognised the value for money that they offer to the church.

The chair offered further grateful thanks to Paul Nelson for his hard work, especially as Paul will be standing down from his role as treasurer at the next PCC meeting. The meeting expressed their grateful thanks to Paul in a hearty round of applause.

## **8. Report on Goods, Fabric and Ornaments of the Church**

A summary of the report on the goods, fabric and ornaments of the church during 2018 was given by Philippa Dawson, noting her thanks to Neil Smart for his energy and enthusiasm in moving forward a number of projects. A copy of the report can be found within the vestry and annual meeting booklet.

## **10. Deanery Synod**

David Pearson's report of Deanery Synod can be found within the vestry and annual meeting booklet.

## **11. Any other Business**

The chair offered a time for questions from the floor.

**Church clock;** PD responded (as chair of BMC) Nothing can be done until the spire floor can be made safe, and this is not currently a priority.

**Decoration of the church:** PD responded there are 3 priorities for the Building committee: to make the balustrade and railings safe; increase the width of gutters and number of downpipes to improve the rain ingress on the south side; re-paint the whole interior of the church. These are to be discussed further at PCC.

**Staff rates of pay:** The Chair confirmed that the real living wage is now the minimum rate of pay for church and nursery staff. This was prioritised and implemented quickly using the surplus from nursery. When questioned whether resources could be used to increase this further, the treasurer explained that the level of reserves were set to ensure a 3 month operational reserve (redundancy pay etc)

The Chair confirmed that the next PCC meeting would be 20/5/19

Jos McCabe (Church Warden) offered thanks on behalf of all present to our clergy (Michael, Neil, Adam), our retired clergy (John, Nigel and Colin), all of their spouses, and the church staff for all they do on our behalf - this was supported with a round of applause.

The meeting closed in prayer at 21:25