

## Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

10.30 am Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
All Souls Church and by Livestream video

Attendees: Revd Stephen Johnson – Chairman (SJ); Church Wardens (3) and 48 others in person.

Apologies: Liz Moore, Janet (?), Melanie Trapnell

SJ opened with a short Prayer.

### I. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Stephen thanked **Aled Jones**, **Sandra Stansfield** and **Vanessa Cummings** who have served as Church Wardens and who will continue to stand. **Kate Bolsover** has offered to stand again in the vacant position of Churchwarden for St Michaels.

No other nominations being received, SJ moved to a vote

#### Church Wardens Elected:

Vanessa Cummings, Aled Jones, Sandra Stansfield and Kate Bolsover were all unanimously elected by those present.

### II. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** – see above.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020. No matters arising. Proposed by Andrew Trapnell, seconded by Aled Jones; all in favour.

#### 3. Introduction from the Vicar

SJ referred to the various reports that are available on line. These include reports from the Church Wardens, the Electoral Roll Officer and the Treasurers report.

SJ referenced activities from the Church Wardens reports, and from the Electoral Roll Officer, noted that there are now 257 (194 SM; 63 AS) on the electoral roll compared with 262 (196 SM; 66 AS) last year. The change is primarily due to deaths and people moving away. SJ reported the structure of the PCC and of each of the Church Teams.

SJ thanked Elizabeth Francescon for having served as PCC Secretary for many years, and noted that we still need to appoint a new PCC Secretary.

#### **4. Elections for PCC Representatives and Deanery Synod Representatives**

##### **PCC Reps:**

SJ confirmed that there are a total of 15 positions on the PCC. 10 for St Michaels and 5 for All Souls. PCC members serve for 3 years, after which they may be re-elected for a further 3 years before standing down. For All Souls, there are no vacancies this year as there are 5 elected members none of whom is due to retire this year. For St Michaels there are three vacancies. Sian Emm has stepped down, David Marshall sadly passed away and Elizabeth Francescon retires having served 6 years.

For St Michael's: One nominee - Mike Francescon – Proposed by Stewart McNair and Seconded by Charlotte Stokes – and elected unanimously.

There remain two vacancies.

##### **Deanery Synod Reps:**

We are able to send 5 representatives to the Deanery Synod. These are the four Church Wardens and Fiona Jones who was appointed last year and is willing to continue to serve.

No other nominations and Vanessa Cummings, Kate Bolsover, Aled Jones, Sandra Stansfield and Fiona Jones duly appointed.

#### **5. Vicar's report on Parish life- looking back**

SJ reflected that this would be his last APCM. While he did not particularly enjoy the admin of the APCM the advantage was an opportunity to look back and celebrate the things we had done as a Church community.

He opened by expressing his thanks for all of the new arrivals in the parish team: Sarah (noting the experience she has gained over the year), Vusi (noting his Easter dance moves!), Tim (and the restarting of Ascot@4), Camilla (leading music at St Michaels and the restart of the Choir), Fay (and the running of the All Souls' Hall), and also thinking all those long serving members of the team.

He remembered many of the activities over this extraordinary year of Covid and lockdowns and in particular:

- Remembrance online.
- Christmas online and in person – outdoor events / carol services in the dark / carols not on the green.
- Returning to shared, in person worship, little steps back to more regular, priority of worship.
- Shared spaces.
- Outside singing- being on the front of the curve.
- Getting better at livestreaming – mostly – also for weddings and funerals.
- Open churches.
- Coffee shop and activities.
- Youth work, Sunday school, Toddler Praise.
- Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come. Prayer stations, 24 hours of prayer.
- Music – Choir.
- Scout hut.
- Finance – the one-off gifts... sacrificial steps.
- Constant of the magazine.
- Working with other local charities, churches and local government.

He noted that while it had only been 7 months since the last APCM, it had been 7 months of stepping out in faith.

SJ closed his comments with a prayer for all of those serving and a video reflecting on the year was played.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

To consider and receive the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The Treasurer (Marnie Offord – MO) presented the Treasurers report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The parish recorded a net loss of £53k for the year compared to 2019 net gain of £53k.

Investments were challenged in 2020 and lost circa £21k vs the strong performance in 2019. A pre-investments deficit in 2020 of circa £40k is a similar result to 2019 of a £35k deficit.

There was a significant reduction in income from events given the enforced Covid restrictions, but expenses had also reduced. We did receive significant one-off donations for which we were very grateful and which avoided the need to call on reserves.

All Souls continued a programme of repairs, particularly to the Church Roof and the Churchyard path.

The Treasurer noted that the start of 2021 continued to be challenging. She expressed thanks to all of those who have supported during the year, including Geoff New for St Michaels and as our gift aid secretary, and Aled Jones for All Souls' bookkeeping.

## **7. Questions**

There were no questions, but the Treasurer noted she was happy to take any questions later through e-mail [treasurer@ssaparish.org](mailto:treasurer@ssaparish.org)

SJ made a plea for continued giving to help the PCC with supporting the Churches in the interregnum. He noted that the Churches had benefited from a few legacies and asked the parishioners to consider making a bequest in their wills.

## **8. Gratitude for Past Service and Unsung Heroes**

Thanks was again expressed to Vanessa, Aled and Sandra, as Church Wardens over the last year, and to Elizabeth Francescon who stepped down as PCC Secretary last year and was stepping down from PCC after 6 years.

Thanks was also expressed to Marnie as our Treasurer, to Nicola Shaw and to Mary Nichols. The magazine team was thanked with a particular note to Karen Kohn stepping down as Deputy Editor after many years.

## **9. Closing comments from the Vicar**

SJ reflected on help for the Community, and for 'Riding the waves' that God is providing for us to offer support, and in particular noting three Community Projects:

Food 4 Children – Co-ordinated by Elaine Finch;

Opening up of the Reading room at Sunninghill Library, to expand the use beyond just the library;

Community Fridge – Where meals supplied by Chef Tom Kerridge will be available on a first come first served basis to those in need in the Community from the 'Community Fridge at All Souls.

## **10. AOB and Questions**

There was no other business and no questions raised.

12:10pm, APCM ends