

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANNE, KEW

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church immediately prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.30 a.m. Sunday 27th September 2020

The meeting was chaired by the Rev Nigel Worn. There were approximately 52 people present and a further 12 people via Zoom.

1. Welcome

The Rev Nigel Worn (NW) welcomed all those attending the meeting. The meeting commenced with a prayer.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Claudine McCreddie, Sue Shorter and Telfer and June Saywel.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019

No questions were raised and the minutes were duly agreed.

4. Election of Churchwardens

Fr Nigel expressed his gratitude for Bill Cottle's and Cate Lyon's support with regard to our Ministry and for the various and diverse gifts that they bring to their roles. In particular he singled out their support during the pandemic with providing solutions to the challenges placed before us so that Church life is able to continue in a seemly way.

Particular thanks was made to Bill who during Fr Nigel's illness at the end of last year made sure that the Royal Gallery and Vomitorium Project was seen through to its successful conclusion.

As both Churchwardens are currently within their four year term, both incumbents were re-elected. Bill and Cate were thanked for standing for the forthcoming year.

5. Re-appointment of Honorary Examiner

David Tyrall was re-appointed.

This concluded the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in Church immediately following the Vestry Meeting Sunday 27th September 2020

This meeting was also chaired by the Rev Nigel Worn (NW). There were again approximately 52 people present and a further 12 people via Zoom.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Claudine McCreadie, Sue Shorter and Telfer and June Saywel.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 28th April 2019

No questions were raised and the minutes were duly agreed.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report incorporating Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2019 and a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Claudine MacCreadie sent two questions in her absence.

'COVID-19 has posed many challenges to St Annes. Thank you to Nigel and all those most involved for all they have been doing. The virus is disproportionately affecting the most disadvantaged people in our society and throughout the world. What steps is the PCC proposing to take in the coming year to enable us to witness to our outward-looking and Christ-centred awareness and concern about this?' Fr Nigel said that the new PCC would look at this matter in depth but that St Anne's would continue to respond in the way that they have done so in the past months. We will continue to support local needs via the congregation and our charities, with the ones that we regularly support currently in the process of being renewed. It is hoped that we will be providing future support to charities that are making tangible differences to those adversely affected by Covid-19. Fr Nigel also said that he hoped that we are able to continue to support poorer parishes via our pledge to the Parish Support Fund.

Claudine's second question was 'St Anne's bank with Barclays. Barclays record in addressing climate change is very poor. The proposed closure of Barclays in Kew gives the PCC the opportunity to switch to a more ethical bank. Will the PCC be considering this thoroughly?' Fr Nigel said that this matter had been raised previously but this situation gave the PCC the opportunity to look at it again, bearing in mind the challenges faced with changing banks.

Christopher Stephens said that the 2019 Annual Report makes no reference to today's current events and could Fr Nigel report on how the extraordinary events currently has impacted St Anne's. Fr Nigel said that there is a reference to Covid within the report and a fuller explanation would appear in the 2020 report. However, he stated that 2020 began normally until around the time of Mothering Sunday when we were forced to livestream that service due to lockdown. With the help of the Churchwardens, Nick Darby, Emily

Norman and Julian Kelly we have been streaming services ever since. Our volunteers group together with others within the parish have been helping those who have been left isolated and Fr Nigel has seen a huge increase in his telephone Ministry.

Our need to embrace Zoom has allowed for our outreach to spread. Morning Prayer has increased from 2-3 people to upwards of 12 people now in attendance. However, Fr Nigel has felt that the wider Church's response has been lacking with not much in the way of leadership, inspiration or support in evidence. He feels that it was a mistake to not allow for private prayer but paradoxically to allow for inspections to continue. Financially our income has reduced with lettings, teas, cash donations disappearing but that our reserves policy has enabled St Anne's to keep going and honour our pledge to the Parish Support Fund. However, this would need to be addressed should the situation continue for a further 18 months.

Susan Bailes proposed that the Annual Report and Financial Statements be adopted, seconded by Peter Ruygrok. This was agreed unanimously with no abstentions.

4. Report on the Electoral Roll

Margaret Handley advised that the roll increased from 234 to 247, with 17 new members and 4 members passing away. Thanks were given to Margaret for her work in preparing the Roll which she has been responsible for over the past eight years and reminded everyone that if they hadn't registered they could do so next year.

5. Elections

1. PCC - six vacancies, Deanery Synod – five vacancies

Mark Thomas was proposed by Sarah Thomas and seconded by Ellie Kinnear.

Inigo Bellingham was proposed by John Mortley and seconded by Jane Hayman.

Marcus Dowding was proposed by Bill Cottle and seconded by Bridget Thompson.

Chris Handley was proposed by Peter Ruygrok and seconded by Linda Tillman.

Kate Higham was proposed by Christine Child and seconded by Bill Cottle.

Molly Hawn was proposed by Ellie Hutchinson and seconded by Emily Norman.

John Mortley was proposed by Caroline Hill and seconded by Emily Norman.

Peter Ruygrok was proposed by Andrew Cook and seconded by Joan Brown.

Sam Walter Santhosam was proposed by Jane Hayman and seconded by Susan Hayman.

Bridget Thompson was proposed by Annabel Clark and seconded by Jess Gentle.

Jane Willott was proposed by Jane Hayman and seconded by Christine Child.

All eleven candidates were duly elected. The new candidates and existing members will be asked to fill the five vacancies on the Deanery Synod at the next meeting of the PCC.

Marion Mollett, currently Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod is due to stand down in 2021 and is co-opted to the PCC for the remainder of her term.

Martin Stone asked Fr Nigel what the Deanery Synod was. Fr Nigel then advised that the Synodical Governance of the Church of England begins with matters being discussed by the PCC. These matters can then be raised to the Deanery Synod for discussion, then onward to the Diocesan Synod and finally the General Synod. St Anne's sits within the Richmond and Barnes Deanery which includes 8 parishes and 15 Churches.

Marian Mollett advised the congregation that membership of the Deanery Synod is not onerous with only 3 meetings per year.

2. Sidesmen

Nigel Worn read out the list of persons to be elected as sidesmen. There being no objections, their appointment was approved.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday 25th April 2021.

7. **Any Other Business**

Robin Goodgame asked if a new Treasurer had been appointed. Fr Nigel said that St Anne's are looking for volunteers for the position as Michaela Brug will be standing down after 3 years in post.

Ann Brunsdon asked if a roving microphone could be purchased so that attendees could be more clearly heard. Fr Nigel advised that we do have one but that it wasn't used on this occasion. Ann also asked when Bible Classes were taking place and Fr Nigel advised her that they take place on Wednesday's via Zoom.

Lorraine Neale, on behalf of the PCC, Linda Tillman on behalf of the Fabric and Finance Committee, Janine Farrance on behalf of the Ministry and Mission Committee, Tina Ruygrok on behalf of the congregation and Caroline Hill on behalf of all volunteers offered an enormous thank you and appreciation to Fr Nigel, Fr Nick, the Churchwardens Bill and Cate, Julian Kelly, Marie Crockford, Emily Norman and Wendy and Paul Booth for the hard work and dedication in keeping us safe and socially distanced both in person and virtually in our wonderful spiritual home St Anne's. The helpful procedures put in place have been thought out so methodically and precisely. Fr Nigel replied that it remains a privilege to serve the community and is blessed for the support he receives.

Tina Ruygrok gave thanks for the brilliant teamwork and music programme. Linda Tillman said that she admired how St Anne's is able to keep adapting to situations. Caroline Hill thanked Fr Nigel and his team with a debt of gratitude.

Paul Davies advised new members that he would be sending them a trustee booklet outlining their responsibilities, and some forms that needed to be completed and returned within the week so that he can update our trustee details on the Charity Commission website.

There was no further business and the meeting closed with prayers.