



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 10 April 2016, 10:05
St John's Church, Caversham

The Rector, Rev Mike Smith, chaired the meeting which took place within the context of a Sunday morning Holy Communion service

96 members of the parish were present

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Jenny Wright, Richard & Ann Larkin, Mary Plank, Roger & Shirley Hartley-Booth, Jill Neal-Morris, Paul Corby, Ken & Janet Soden
- 2. Minutes of previous APCM** held on 19 April 2016. Acceptance proposed by Nigel Smith, seconded by Steve Jenkins. Approved nem con. Signed by the Rector as a true record.
- 3. Election of members to the PCC**
Richard Havelock and Sonia Higgs have completed their term of office and Jeremy Consitt has resigned, creating two vacancies each for St John and St Peter. St Margaret has one vacancy. A nomination form was received before the meeting for Sonia Higgs (St John). Matthew Anderton was proposed and seconded from the floor and will serve for St Margaret. Sean Holmwood was proposed and seconded from the floor and will serve for St John.
- 4. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**
The current Synod runs until 2017. The parish as a full complement of representatives
- 5. Appointment of Sidemen and Women**
The following people were appointed as sides sidemen for the forthcoming year:
St Peter's Church - Stewart Bolton, Alan Bradbury, Christine Bradbury, Anna Carpenter, Sabita Clark, David Collis, Jeremy Consitt, Matthew Coome, Hilary Coome, Mike Eggleton, Douglas Fee, Jean Fry, Sylvia Harris, Jennifer Harrison, Jane Havelock, Richard Havelock, Kathleen Hardy, Lynn Hinton, Steve Jenkins, Luke Jenkins, Mike Jones, Sylvia Kassulamemba, John Kavanagh, Jacquie Kavanagh, Richard Larkin, Alan Longstaffe, Mike Mellor, Sue McQueen, Susan Nicholls, Rodney Pinchen, Mary Pinchen, John Roach, Philip Robinson, Julia Stanbrook, Alan Standing, Janice Walker, Tony Walker, Pat Williams, Declan Kiely
St Margaret's Church - Matthew Anderton, George Barnett, Paul Corby, Mark Denley, Roger Hartley-Booth, Ian Lowry, Joanna Moriarty, Peter Stratton, Ralph Taylor, Peter Vallance
St John's Church - Pamela Buckland, Margaret Cameron, Ann Deane, Ken Deane, Margarete Hatcher, Jackie Holmwood, Doreen Jobbins, Caroline Langdon, Isobel Saffrey, Linda Shannon, Maureen Williams, Ray Witcomb and *Welcomers*: Esme Cogan, Ann Deane, Linda Shannon, Carole Witcomb
- 6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner.** Stewart Bolton proposed that we retain the services of M J McAllister, ACA of Moore Stephens LLP at a fee to be agreed with the PCC. Seconded by Mike Eggleton. Approved nem con

7. Receiving the annual Trustees' Report for 2015 and looking forward

The annual report of the parish was presented to the meeting in writing. An electoral roll of 253 was reported. The PCC reported on its activities, and those more generally of the parish, for the year. The financial statements for the year were presented. A report on the fabric, good and ornaments of the church was received. A report on the activities of the Deanery Synod was made.

Discussion took place on the report, focused around three questions.

1. Is there one question you want to ask arising from this year's annual report?

Q. What effect will a BrExit have on our investments

A. The Treasurer responded that he didn't know

Q. In light of the current financial situation, can we maintain three churches?

A. The Rector responded that he would like to see our churches growing and thriving and not having to face the prospect of financial insolvency. However, we are currently living beyond our means as a parish. The Treasurer stated that each stipendiary minister costs us £46,000 each per year which is the main part of our parish share, and raised the question of whether we could run a parish of three churches on only one paid minister?

Q. Why is there a variation in the attendance numbers published each year?

A. We are required to count our congregations on 4 Sundays in October each year. However, this count can include unusual services like baptisms which can distort the figures. Over the long term these figures will even out

The Partnership for Missional Church steering then led a discussion about noticing God's work amongst us focused on two more questions:

What have you noticed God doing amongst us in the last year?

How might we encourage one another to listen more to God in the year ahead?

All written questions and answers will be collated and published. The Rector committed to respond to all questions submitted in writing.

8. Any other business

Nothing raised

The meeting closed at 10:50