

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – The Vine Sheffield

11th October 2020 – 3pm – St Bart’s Church Building (with several members joining remotely via Zoom)

Present (in St Barts): Paul Sheridan, Becca Sheridan, Steve Hill, Alan Harrison, Stella Harrison, Will Briggs, Pauline Styram, Tina Powell-Wiffen

Present (via Zoom): Davo Smith, Sarah Smith, Claire Law, Nick Law, Andy Bryce, Jon Smith, Gill Wier, Dave Neath, Bob Maunder, Hilka Maunder, Phil Townsend, Martin Horton, Eva Horton, Ben Widdows, Anne Kingstone (agenda point 8 onwards)

Vestry Meeting

1. Opening Prayer

Will opened in prayer with a desire that the Holy Spirit would inspire us as we look back at the last year and forward to what is coming next.

2. Election of the Church Wardens

2 nominations received: Paul Sheridan, Andy Bryce. Declared as church wardens, as no other nominations.

Formal thanks given for the substantial gift that Steve Hill has been as church warden over the last 4.5 years. Passed with acclamation.

APCM

3. Apologies for Absence

Andy Wier, Marianne Shelton, Vicki Neath.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising from the A.P.C.M. held on 28th April 2019

No questions raised. Minutes agreed as accurate record.

5. Motion to approve the appointment of licensed lay ministers to the Parochial Church Council.

Will briefly explained that lay readers are licensed by the Bishop and can be adopted onto PCC (as opposed to clergy who are automatically part of PCC and those elected to PCC at the APCM). Proposed that Tina Powell-Wiffen is adopted onto PCC and that all other current and future lay readers may be adopted onto PCC at the discretion of PCC. Motion passed.

6. Elections to the Parochial Church Council

9 vacancies. Nominations received in advance from: Davo Smith, Ben Widdows, Dave Neath, Vicki Neath, Andy Wier, Alan Harrison.

Nominated during the APCM: Claire Law (by Paul and Stella), Martin Horton (by Claire and Paul), Jon Smith (by Martin and Paul).

As no other nominations received, these are appointed directly.

Elections to Deanery Synod – these positions will be for 3 years and will automatically be on PCC. Nomination received for Steve Hill. As there are no other nominations, Steve Hill has been appointed as our representative on Deanery Synod (noted that Will Briggs will also be present at those meetings).

Phil Townsend invited to pray for our new PCC.

7. Annual Report on the Electoral Roll

Report on electoral roll given by Dave Neath. Last year: 57 total, 33 non-resident, 24 resident. Current year: 56 total, 33 non-resident, 23 resident. Report accepted.

8. Annual Report on the finances of The Vine Sheffield PCC, other funds and appointment of independent examiner

Sarah Lightfoot from VAS was our independent examiner. She noted that all of accounts are in a good shape. Jon thanked Sarah Smith for passing on accounts in a very good shape. Jackie for her administrative work and Andy Bryce for his role as giving coordinator.

Jon delivered a brief overview of our accounts (to compliment the full report that has already been circulated). Overall income approx £124k, expenditure £126k. The main income was from donations and gift aid, with use of buildings and investment income making up the bulk of the remainder. Our main areas of expenditure were our charitable giving (£6k), common fund (£46k), staff (£16k), buildings (£32k), mission and evangelism (£3k). Our designated funds income and expenditure roughly balanced. Restricted funds expenditure was slightly higher than income, due to spending of money already planned for this year. We have a large amount of money in an investment account, which we cannot access directly, but we benefit from the income this brings.

The budget was set twice this year, as COVID-19 required a reassessment. The current situation appears to be better than the estimates made early-on in the pandemic, due to the stabilisation of the investment income and no drop in giving. Thanks given by Will to Jon and those members of the congregation who have continued to give generously.

Report proposed by Jon, seconded by Steve. Carried.

Jon proposed we continue with Sarah Lightfoot from VAS as independent examiner for next year. Stella seconded. Carried.

9. Annual reports from Church Groups and on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

No individual reports for Cafe Zero or Godly Play, but both are mentioned extensively in the vicar's report. Davo Smith thanked directly for his work at the Community Cafe (which has now come to an end). Phil Townsend thanked for this work on Cafe Zero (future to be determined in the light of the current pandemic). Reports nominated by Steve, seconded by Dave Neath. Carried.

10. Annual Report from the Wardens on the Fabric of the Church

Steve gave a brief update about the buildings. It has, in some ways been a year on hold, with the building project and the discussions with St Tims. Some ongoing maintenance has been undertaken. There are a number of issues that will need to be addressed in the near future. Steve gave thanks for having been trusted with the responsibility of Church Warden over the last few years. Report proposed by Steve, seconded by Claire. Carried (and Steve thanked).

11. Vicar's Report.

The joining together with St Tims will be a significant part of our context over the next year, but this is still set within the bigger story of our journey with God. Discussions about the use of our two existing buildings are still unclear. The window of opportunity to undertake the proposed building works has now passed, due to COVID-19, so we need to focus on the adjustment of the church leadership structures. Will proposed this is an opportunity to re-focus on who we are as a Jesus-worshipping community, based out of our individual homes. Steve proposed report received, Paul seconded. Carried.

12. The Vine Sheffield Safeguarding policy

We are filling out our training needs analysis for the parish, including the requirement of training for safeguarding. A new training system is being introduced and those who will need to undertake this training will be informed. Will noted those who require C0, C1 and C2 training. C0 training is open to all and Will is encouraging as many people as possible to undertake this.

Gill Wier has been, and continues to be, our safeguarding officer. Gill receives any reports of safeguarding issues, provide advice as required and undertake administration of DBS checks. Gill will continue to undertake the first two of these. The administration of DBS checks will be handled by Jackie and Will in the short term, with a potential to share this administrative role with St Tims.

Will mentioned the Church of England child sex abuse report that has recently been published. He is not aware of any direct impact from this on our parish, but has invited anyone to raise any issues that are known to them (via our safeguarding officer).

Report accepted.

13. AOB

None

14. Closing Prayer

Paul invited to close in prayer. A reminder that we are God's church, his body. That he has a plan for all of us.