

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

### **INTRODUCTION.**

Revd Kevin opened the meetings with a prayer and rehearsed the background to the meeting. He explained that each year one third of the PCC need to stand down. He added that those leaving the PCC could, if they wished, stand again for re-election. He proposed a short break to gain a clear understanding of who would be resigning and who would be seeking re-election.

### **PRESENT**

The following attended the meeting: Bob Abel, Christine Bartlett, Brian Bartlett, Debbie Burton, Mark Burton, Richard Cunningham, David Howell, Wendy Howell, Gail Houghton, Irene Lindsay, Anne Mace, Marion Morgan, Sandra Rice, Ruth Thomas, Anna Hall, Mary Robinson, Wendy Moore, Joyce Yianni, Barbara Dove, Louise Morgan, Juliet Holland, Tony Holland, J. Crutchfield, S Gillespie, Ann Mace, Gail Houghton, Jon Barclay, Felicity Chapman, Roger Moore.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Susie Downer, Guy Watt and Joy Abel

### **MINUTES**

Having received no comments on the accuracy of the minutes of the Special Parochial Church Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 they were duly accepted.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

Christine Bartlett, the Electoral Roll Officer, gave an update on the Roll. She indicated that the Roll had fallen from 102 at September 2024 to a new figure of 87.

Revd Kevin suggested that the divergence between church attendance and church membership was a common phenomenon. It was suggested that the use of an on-line application form was a good innovation.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Revd Kevin introduced the report and asked for questions. Irene raised the issue of communion for children which she noted had been discussed whilst she was a member of the PCC. Revd Kevin explained that Bishop Olivia had approved the policy to allow children to partake of communion. But she had not agreed to the use of non-alcoholic wine. He explained that the children were given age related preparation.

The report was accepted.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. Richard explained that the accounts had been examined by the Independent Examiner.

Wendy Moore proposed a vote of thanks for the Treasurer which was supported enthusiastically.

The Financial Report was endorsed unanimously.

### **REPORT ON FABRIC ETC**

Revd Kevin informed that a record of the assets etc prepared by David Howell was available for scrutiny. Bob Abel suggested certain broken items should be removed from the inventory. David

informed this was in hand. David also noted that the new altar cloth produced by Ruth Thomas had now been included.

### **DEANERY MATTERS**

Revd Kevin noted that the Annual Report included a section on the wider church and deanery. Mark invited questions. Revd Kevin thanked Mark and Roger for their work as Deanery representatives.

### **ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS**

Revd Kevin informed the meeting that Gail Houghton, Richard Cunningham and Joy Abel had resigned from the PCC. He invited applications for membership. The following were proposed and seconded:

- Awaiz Masih: proposed by David Howell, seconded by Wendy Howell
- Sandra Rice: proposed by Bob Abel, seconded by Felicity Chapman
- Richard Cunningham: proposed by Bob Abel, seconded by Brian Bartlett

There being three vacancies and no other candidates they were duly elected.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER.**

Mr Bill Harper who had carried out the role for the former parish of Emmer Green St Barnabas had agreed to be proposed for the role. The meeting agreed unanimously to appoint Mr Harper. Revd Kevin agreed to write to Mr Harper to thank him for all his guidance in the preparation of the accounts.

### **OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Revd Kevin reported that Joy Abel would continue as Safeguarding Officer for the next year whilst handing over the duties to Sandra Rice. He thanked Anna Hall for agreeing to support Richard in his Treasurers duties and he also thanked Brian Bartlett for agreeing to look at long term financial planning. He noted that Christine Bartlett would be taking over from Roger as PCC Secretary after this meeting to be confirmed at the next PCC meeting. To assist Louise as churchwarden Revd Kevin explained that he intended to appoint two assistant churchwardens in the near future.

Irene asked what if anything was planned to mark the centenary of the church. Revd Kevin informed that there were no specific plans.

### **CLOSING THE MEETING**

Revd Kevin closed the meeting with the Grace