

ST JAMES' CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday 23 April 2023 during the 10.30am service
St James' Church

Annual Parish Meeting – 54 adults and 6 children

1. Election of Church Wardens

Angela Hibberd 2nd year.

No new Church Wardens to appoint. We are still looking for a second to assist Angela.

Thanks to Roger for 4 years as Church warden and for all he has done. Roger will be still very much involved helping us with maintenance and repairs including the bellcote and gutters and building work.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence – Roger Cutlack, Pam Reynolds, Sally Tointon, Justin Tivey and Tony Fiske.

2. Minutes of 2022 meeting – circulated via email and on the screen. Agreed as a true and correct record. Christine Hensel proposed and Martin Seccombe seconded.

3. Matters arising – Last year Cathryn Candy asked the PCC to look into a Church trip, this was researched and ideas circulated to the congregation but only a small number showed interest so this didn't go ahead. Cathryn has asked if the PCC could now look into day trips.

4. APCM Trustees report , including:

Electoral Roll Officer – 128 on electoral roll, lost 2 and gained 4

Trustees

Churchwarden's fabric report

5. Questions – None

Children and leaders left for their groups.

6. Election of Representatives to the Parochial Church Council

Michaela Lucas-Rowe – Nominated by Angela Hibberd and seconded by Angela Jordan

Pam Reynolds – Nominated by Roger Cutlack and seconded by Gill Dudley

Angela Jordan - Nominated by David Dennis and seconded by Roger Cutlack

Fiona Collier- Nominated by Rosemary Cutlack and seconded by Sue Sims

All Unanimously votes.

Deanery Synod members

Romey Schofield – Nominated by Pam Reynolds and seconded by Debbie Emsen

Nicky Jones – Nominated by Romey Schofield and seconded by Cathryn Candy.

Unanimously voted.

We have 1 more spaces available for a Deanery Synod member.

Electoral Roll Officer

Romey Schofield. Unanimously voted.

Treasurer – Nigel Cooke is now stepping down after 30 years as treasurer. We will continue to look and pray for a replacement. Going forward we are splitting the various jobs. The wages is being outsourced and we have to pay for that, Holly Botto may be taking on some more work and we would have to pay for that, other areas we are looking at how to split them. The diocese share is going up and we have lost major donors this year so we will need to do a fundraising campaign in the near future.

7. Treasurer's Report Nigel Cooke– all have had a copy, they have been circulated by email, in the porch and available here at this meeting.

Questions – None.

A thank you present and card was given to Nigel for all he has done the last 30 years.

PCC approved these accounts as did our independent examiner.

Voted to adopt these accounts: Proposed Angela Jordan, Seconded Sue Sims. Unanimous in favour.

8. Appointment of Independent auditor of accounts

Nicky Jones – Vote - unanimous.

Looking Forward

We have produced a new booklet this year which contains our aims and objectives, activities and strategy and how things are paid for so its serving the aims of the charity. The PCC have discussed what activities we do that meet our objectives. Which are lots! These will be divided up into 4 groups and will have reports in the Outreach and Nurture PCC meetings. This year we are planning on sending those reports round to the whole congregation. The other half of the meeting we will be looking at a couple of aims: getting our financial systems on a good footing and work on everyone working to have a job/role in church. Smaller aims we will be looking at are the bellcote repair, sofa sessions and Sunday club expansion and working towards our gold eco church award.

9. AOB

Forest Edge was thanked for the outreach they do and welcome they give all those who visit and help there.