

Minutes arising for the St Andrew's Church, Chesterton, Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Sunday 28 April 2019

### **Vestry Meeting**

Present: 50 participants (approximately)

#### **1. Election of churchwardens**

The nominations for churchwarden were Ian Nimmo-Smith and Deborah Bick. There being no other nominations Ian and Deborah were duly elected to serve for the following year. He thanked them for the work they have done, and will do in the coming year.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Present: 50 participants, approximately.

Nick explained that only those on the electoral roll would be able to vote.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** apologies had been received from Jean Welham, Margaret Nimmo-Smith, Deborah Bick and Gill Bickerstaffe.
- 2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2019 APCM.** There were no objections to the minutes, which were duly adopted as an accurate record of proceedings.

**3.1 Vicar's report:** Nick commented on the achievement of the 2018 objectives. Some were a little late, for various reasons. More time is needed for the Church Suite software to bed down. All church files will be available for staff and PCC members to access electronically. The holiday club did not happen, for reasons outside St Andrew's control. Copies of the 2019 objectives chart had been circulated, giving details of costs, progress etc. Nick said the PCC were concerned that there should not be a focus only on maintenance (essential though that is). He showed how the objectives related to the church's aims, which are: to find and nurture disciples; to encourage a sense of vocation in all church members; to engage with our community; to organise our life of worship; to care for and improve our buildings; to use our financial and administrative resources responsibly.

There was a suggestion from the floor that there should be a board in the church to display faces and names of staff and people responsible for aspects of the church life. Nick said this would be looked into by the Communications Committee.

Nick said that he would be asking in the autumn for members of the congregation to participate in determining the objectives for 2020.

The survey of church members' outside community activities (as distinct from those under the church's umbrella) had yielded interesting information, which was currently being processed, and a display was being prepared. (This will not give names of individuals involved.) The exercise will also suggest areas where the church might see a need to be more involved with the local community.

He reported that the SHAPE Lent course had been followed by 40 people and, with a few exceptions, had been found to be helpful. To date 20 people had had one-to-one hour-long sessions with him or Kathryn; these conversations had for him been exciting.

Nick thanked Maggie Tate, St Andrew's Youth Worker, for engaging the young members both socially and in the life of the church. He also thanked: Dorothy Peyton Jones, especially for her work with the Church Mice; Earl Collins, who has been attached for parish experience; Kathryn Waite for much hard work - with even more to come during his three-month sabbatical. Others he thanked included Grace..... (?), who is going to live with her daughter in Canada, and the office staff, Rachel Clarke, Linda Stollwerk-Boulton and Margaret Partridge.

Michael Bond, chair of the Hall committee, commented that the hall has the reputation of being the city's best venue for many community purposes. He also reported that from his experience of working with a number of community projects the contributions made by St Andrew's church members were very significant.

Nick said how pleased he was to see John and Linda Marsh present at the meeting. He expressed his great regret at John's decision to resign as organist. Nick said that when he returns to work in September the church would arrange to thank John in a fitting manner for his long and much valued work for music at St Andrew's.

**3.2. Fabric report:** Ian said that he was awaiting the architect's recommendations for improving the path to the area of the churchyard where cremated remains are interred; consideration is also being given to dealing with the damp in the south wall. The organ renovation is planned to begin in July, provided that ..... Improvements to the outside security lighting were imminent. Concerning plans for updating the heating system with renewable technology. The Fabric committee was awaiting a report on the feasibility of installing an air pump for the heating system. There was a question concerning the replacement of the damaged and missing outside noticeboards. Ian reported that as soon as the theCity Council gives planning permission this work will be undertaken.

**3.3 Hall report:** Michael Bond, Hall Committee Chair, reported that the Hall had enjoyed a very successful year, thanks largely to Rachel's success in finding users and satisfying their requirements. He said that the Hall enjoys the reputation of being the city's best venue for community events.

**3.4. Financial report:** Michael Grande, Treasurer, reported that the Hall had had an excellent year, ending with a £4,000 surplus. Of the £25,000 brought in by the sale of the old church hall to Snap nursery, £15,000 had been put into a reserve fund for the hall.

The church's General Fund is also in good shape, with a deficit of only £309 (less than had been predicted in October). Donations were up by 3%, and it is hoped that this source of income may increase in the coming year by the change over in the parish giving scheme to direct debit payments (on which annual increases are made in line with rises in retail price rises). The Treasurer hoped that more people will decide to sign up for the scheme.

The cost of the Youth Worker were met in part by taking £10,000 from the King Fund.

The capital reserve stands at £267,000.

Michael noted that of the church's expenditure 50% goes on parish share (which pays for the clergy), 30% on staff, 12% on the buildings, 4% on good causes, and 5% on 'general'.

**3.5 Electoral Roll:** Linda Stollwerk-Boulton (ER Officer) reported that on the electoral roll in 2018 the year had started with 153 members; 3 had died, and 5 new people joined. In 2019 a new roll had by law to be started. To date 136 people had signed up.

**3.6 Deanery Synod:** the report is included in the Annual Report.

**4.1 Election of PCC members:** There were six vacancies. Four nominations had been received: Peter Comber (proposed by Linda Stollwerk-Boulton, seconded by Deborah Bick), Kathleen Jowitt (proposed by John Reynolds, seconded by Mark Thomas), Mark Thomas (proposed by Julia Eisen, seconded by Deborah Bick), Sian Alexander (proposed by Sharon Newfeld, seconded by Robin Newton). There being no other nominations these four were declared elected.

**4.2 Sidespeople:** the following were elected: Patricia Abrey, Sian Alexander, Martin Brett, Peter Coomber, Simon Conway-Morris, Georgia Curry, Graham and Jill Garrett, Jonathon Goodman, Maggie Hastings, John Lees, Zoe Lewin, Thomas and Sherin Nalloor, Robin Newton, John

Reynolds, Colin Stewart, David Stollwerk-Boulton, Liz Tym. Reserve sidespeople: Jeanne Henderson and Eric Burbridge.

**4.3 Independent Examiner:** Geoffrey Mann was re-elected to be Independent Examiner.

**5. Any other business:** There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 1-0pm