



ST NICHOLAS BATHAMPTON

MINUTES

of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens and of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 24th April 2022 at 4.00 pm in the Miller Room

Both meetings were chaired by the Rector, Jonty Frith (JF), who welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens (open to all resident in the parish or on the church Electoral Roll)

1. JF thanked Anna Young and Paul Bryant for their service and support as churchwardens, and he gave them each a token gift of appreciation.
2. **Election of churchwardens 2020-21.** There being no other nominations received, Anna and Paul were re-appointed unopposed.
3. **Recognition of stewards.** JF expressed his gratitude for the work of the stewards (previously known as sidesmen, but now renamed) and to Jane Buckley for co-ordinating the rota. The current stewards are as follow: Jane Buckley, Tim and Anne-Marie Conn, Robin and Angela Donald, Tim and Penny Laver, Andy Lloyd-Williams, Sylvia Perry, Nigel Shepherd, Ian White, Ian and Jan Williams. There is need for additional volunteers for the 6 pm services (4 pm in winter); please contact Jane.
4. JF led a prayer for the churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open only to those on the church Electoral Roll)

Present:

Paul Bryant	Angela Donald	Peter Hunt	David Peill
Jane Buckley	Robin Donald	David Lascelles	Sylvia Perry
Ann-Marie Conn	Molly Edge	Tim Laver	Ian Williams
Tim Conn	Jonty Frith	Andy Lloyd Williams	Jan Williams
Hilary Crellin	Carl Fullaway	Mike Peddar	Anna Young

1. **Apologies** for absence were received from Peter Lloyd-Williams, Ian and Margaret White, and Nigel and Annette White.
2. **Minutes of the 2021 APCM** were unanimously approved by all who had been present (proposed Anna Young, seconded Paul Bryant).
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Electoral Roll:** there was 1 new member, 1 re-listed, and 1 who had died, giving a total of 93, of whom 66 were living in the parish and 27 outside; there are 36 men and 57 women.
 - b. **Parish Review:** Hilary was thanked for compiling the booklet.
 - c. **Financial Statements 2021:** there being no questions, these were unanimously approved.
 - d. **Fabric** (see pages 21-22 of the Review): noted.
 - e. **Deanery Synod** (page 8): noted.
4. **Elections:**
 - a. **Appointment of independent examiner** for 2022 accounts: the meeting unanimously approved Andrew Morrison's reappointment (proposed Paul Bryant, seconded Tim Laver).
 - b. **Parochial Church Council:** David Peill and Margaret White had finished their first terms of office but were willing to stand again. Nigel Shepherd had completed a second 3-year term and therefore, according to PCC policy (March 2009) would not normally be eligible for re-election but could be co-opted for a year (with possible subsequent re-election). The meeting agreed not to waive the existing PCC policy, but to encourage the suggested co-option. No further nominations had been received and consequently the following people were re-elected unopposed:

David Peill (to 2025)

Margaret White (to 2025)

It was noted that there remained a vacancy for one elected member of PCC. [*Secretary's note: a casual vacancy may be filled by the election by the PCC of a person qualified to be elected as a parochial representative.*]

5. **Rector's Comments**

In the spirit of Ephesians 4:7-16, which speaks of gifts being given for the purpose of equipping for works of service to build up the whole body of Christ, thanks were due to many for service that often went largely unnoticed (although not by God). However, special mention was appropriate for Margaret White's work with music and the support of worship, for Hilary Crellin's administrative work (and to her husband David for his support), and for Jilly Bryant's and (!) KJ's support of Paul and Anna, respectively, in their churchwarden roles.

Direction-setting to be a healthy church requires us to reflect the gospel in making disciples, loving another, and sharing good news with others: three sermons from Titus in coming weeks would expound on these themes. Jonty's extended ministerial study leave, both at home and away, would include study of the resurrection of Jesus and of the foundations and development of western society's ideas about selfhood and identity. Visits to other churches would include enquiring how their administration is conducted. He has no plans to leave Bathampton yet, as the bulk of his work in the parish is probably still ahead of him.

6. **Any Other Business / Questions.**

Sylvia Perry had commented that several traditional services within the church's calendar (e.g. Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday) had been missed this year. Thanking her for the question, Jonty replied that there had been different priorities in view of the special events of the "A Passion for Life" mission week, and that we needed to be strategic about where our energies should be put; he pointed out we did have a Palm Sunday service, although the time was changed and the sermon was not focused on the Triumphal Entry, and he intended to have a special Maundy Thursday service or Agape meal next year.

Andy Lloyd-Williams had noted that several older members who do not use computers were missing out on church communications, particularly with the lack of a parish magazine, and asked if it could be possible for a monthly newsheet to be compiled, based upon the weekly email updates. Hilary replied that there were plans to do this, but that a volunteer would be needed. Jonty questioned whether the cessation of the weekly newsheet in church had reduced communication, since the email update was distributed to 85 people – many more than were attending services. Jan Williams remarked that the magazine was missed by non-church people in the parish. Jonty thanked Anna for her work on the church website. Hilary asked if there were any desire for a printed version of the weekly update, and Jonty suggested that people could print it themselves to be passed on to those who wanted it but did not receive it by email.

7. **Date of next meeting:** Sunday 23rd April 2023.

8. JF led a **closing prayer**. The meeting ended at 16: 50.