



MINUTES OF ALL SAINTS' CHILTON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2012 AT 7.45pm and 7.50pm RESPECTIVELY IN THE CHURCH

The Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey was in the Chair and 21 Church members were in attendance including the Revd Pam Rolls.

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to read together Psalm 100 "A psalm for giving grateful praise". This was followed by a reflection, further reading of the Psalm and prayer.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Philip Garner, Mrs Judy Goodall, Mrs Dawn Mobey, Mrs Ruth Poole, Mr Alex Reich and Mrs Judith Russell.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed and agreed by all present.
3. Election of Churchwardens. The Rector thanked both Mrs Elizabeth Morris and Mr Andrew Hayes who had served as churchwardens during the past year. Special thanks went to Mrs Morris as she had finished her term as Churchwarden and had served an extra year due to the vacancy. Revd Pam Rolls presented Mrs Morris with a flower arrangement and Mrs Morris said how much she had enjoyed her term as Churchwarden. Two nominations had been received for 2012:

Mrs Naomi Gibson proposed by Mrs Elizabeth Morris, seconded by Mrs Audrey Slater.

Mr Andrew Hayes proposed by Mrs Susan Packer, seconded by Mrs Elizabeth Cox.

and they were duly elected.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed and agreed by all present.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes At the 2011 meeting Mr Alec Samler had suggested installing solar panels to provide extra income for the church and to

save money on heating costs. Mrs Morris had agreed to investigate. Mrs Morris reported that solar panels must not be visible from ground level when installed on a church roof and this would not be possible on All Saints' Church with its steep sloping roof. The Rector thanked Mr Samler for his suggestion and Mrs Morris for looking into it.

3. Election of PCC Members This year the PCC had vacancies for 3 members for 3 years, 1 member for 2 years and 2 members for 1 year. The following had been formally proposed and seconded and were elected to serve for the coming year:

Dr John Berry
Mr Philip Garner
Mrs Lin Kerr
Mrs Elizabeth Morris
Mrs Carol Pigott
Mr Alex Reich

The Rector proposed that terms to be served by each be arranged at the May PCC meeting, which was agreed by the meeting. He thanked the continuing PCC members and the Deanery Synod representatives.

4. Election of two PCC Members to the Joint PCC The Rector outlined the purpose and composition of the Joint PCC. The following were proposed to serve as All Saints' representatives on the Joint PCC and they were accepted by the meeting:

Mrs Elizabeth Morris
Mrs Carol Pigott

5. Election of Sidesmen. The following were proposed to serve as Sidesmen in the coming year and they were accepted by the meeting:

Dr John Berry	Mrs Judy Burbage	Mrs Grace Garrett
Mr Andrew Hayes	Mrs Hazel King	Mrs Elizabeth Morris
Mr Allan Nickerson	Mrs Carol Pigott	Mr John Pigott
Mrs Audrey Slater	Mr Jeff Stopps	Mr David Kerr

6. PCC Report and Annual Report 2011 The Rector thanked the secretary for compiling the report. Copies of the Annual Report had been made available in advance of the meeting. Two significant events of the year were the ordination to the Priesthood of the Revd Pam Rolls on 26th June 2011 and the Institution by the Bishop of Reading and the Induction by the Archdeacon of Berkshire of our new Rector, the Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey on Tuesday 6th September 2011. Other highlights of the year included a Rogation Prayer walk in May, Cream Teas served in Church on Sunday 14th August, Harvest Tea and auction of produce and a Light Party held in the Village Hall as an alternative to Halloween. The report was accepted by the meeting without further comments or questions.

7. Financial Report and Accounts. The Financial Report and Accounts were presented by Mr Stuart Gibson, the treasurer. He highlighted the main points and explained that the full accounts were on the Church website:

General Fund:

Receipts	£31,420 down by 3%.
Expenditure	£33,727 up by 1%.
Overall loss	£1,839

Income:

Pledged Income	65% down by 7%
Tax Reclaim	20% up by 7%
Plated Income	9% up by 10%

Mr Gibson thanked everyone for their financial contributions and other support.

Outgoing:

Parish Share	65% up by 2%
Charities	11% down by 20%
Joint Share	13% up by 12% (All Saints' contribution to running the Church Office.

Mr Gibson made the following comments:

Interest rates are poor at the moment so not much income can be generated from interest.

The amount that can be claimed by Gift Aid has been reduced. Since April 2011 the Church has only been able to reclaim 25p from every pound donated. Rules on VAT for charities have changed.

Assets:

Church Hall fund. The money is invested and the interest can be used for the development of the Church in Chilton. The Rector asked for clarification of what "development of the Church" means. The Church Hall funds are for the furthering of "religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish of All Saints' Chilton".

Carterton House fund. Created as a result of the sale of a home formerly occupied by a retired rector and his wife. This can be used for specific projects the primary objective of which should be to bring people into the Church family.

Legacy fund. This can also be used for specific projects including Church fabric and has recently been used to repair the East window.

The Future:

Mr Gibson asked everyone to pray for a balanced general fund and for the growth and development of the Church especially in view of the Chilton Fields

development. He concluded by saying that we are generally a rich parish and we should give thanks and pray for continued financial blessings.

Mr Samler asked whether the developers of Chilton Fields would be prepared to give money to the Church. Mrs Morris responded by saying that money had been given for the development of the Village Hall which could be used for Church activities but there was no specific money for the Church.

The accounts were accepted by all and the Rector thanked Mr Gibson for carrying out the essential role of treasurer so diligently and with such good humour.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner. The appointment of Mrs Jane Moreton as independent examiner was proposed and agreed by the meeting.
9. Fabric and Ornaments Reports. The report was presented by Dr John Berry. Dr Berry explained that the full report which included the Quinquennial Report and List of Disability Actions for Consideration was available on the Church website or on request from him. He began by reading the summary from the Quinquennial Report "The Church is well looked after. Most of the work recommended in the last Quinquennial Report has been attended to together with much more by way of routine improvements. There is very little work requiring attention". Dr Berry said that the damaged section of the Churchyard wall was repaired in June 2011 at a cost of £300. The PCC had decided to seek a goodwill agreement with the Church's neighbours via a letter of intent which in essence would mean each party would be responsible for the upkeep and repair of their side of the wall. Dr Berry thanked Mr Andrew Hayes for his diplomatic negotiations with the wall's shared owners.

Dr Berry went on to say that the Fabric Committee felt that although disabled access had been looked at some years ago it must be looked at again as a matter of priority although substantial funding would be required to make the necessary improvements.

A faculty has been granted to allow the projector to be permanently sited in the Nave with a similar unit fitted in the South Aisle.

A successful working party made up of local people and Church members was held in September 2011 followed by a Scouts Group working party in October 2011. Dr Berry thanked everyone who took part in both working parties.

Dr Berry also thanked Mr Alex Reich who has sadly had to resign from the Fabric Committee. There followed a discussion on how to make the Church more welcoming for the disabled. The Rector thanked Dr Berry and the committee members for all the work they do behind the scenes keeping the Church looking so beautiful and in such good condition. The report was accepted by all.

10. Electoral Roll Report Mr Gordon Cowan reported that there are 80 people on the revised Electoral Roll, one less than the previous year. One new person has been

added to the roll and two names have been removed. Of the 80 names on the roll, ten reside outside the parish. The Rector thanked Mr Cowan for maintaining the roll again this year.

11. Deanery Synod Report Mrs Naomi Gibson presented a report on the Deanery Synod proceedings in 2011. The Deanery Synod met three times during 2011.

The March meeting was the last session of the three year session. It was attended by Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, who entertained the synod members and guests with his "Desert Island Discs." His favourite music was played and he was interviewed by Revd Edward Carter about his choices.

The July meeting was held at St Peter's Didcot and was the first meeting of the triennium. The meeting opened with the election of the officers and Standing Committee. The main item on the agenda was the consideration of the motion that would come before the Diocesan Synod in November 2011 about women in the Episcopate viz: That this Synod approves the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and in draft Amending Canon No 30. Following debate a straw poll was taken and the majority voted in favour of the motion.

The November meeting was the Area Dean, Edward Carter's, last meeting before taking up his post as Canon Theologian at Chelmsford Cathedral in Essex. The Deanery Treasurer, Mark Bayliss thanked all the parishes for paying their share for 2011 and reported that we would receive the full 3% rebate. The draft figures for 2012 were accepted. He reported that many parishes were struggling to reach their allocation. A review of how the Parish Share is allocated would be carried out after the Bishops Council have reported their findings. The main item on the agenda was the Consideration of the motion that would come before the Diocesan Synod in March 2012 viz "That this Synod approve the draft Act of Synod Adopting the Anglican Communion Covenant". This produced a lively discussion, but the straw poll taken showed an equally split decision for and against the motion, as well as abstentions. Revd Jason St John Nicolle has recently been licensed as the new Area Dean and Revd Josie Midwinter as Assistant Area Dean. The main emphasis for 2012 will be the development of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Plan.

12. Other Reports The other reports this year were on the Y-Club and the new Church website.

(a) Y Club presented by Revd Pam Rolls. The Revd Rolls began by explaining that the Y-Club is the after school club which meets in Chilton School each Thursday. The Club began in April 2005, following a Y-God? Holiday Club which met each day after school in Holy Week. The week was well received by the School community and after the Easter Holiday of 2005, Y-Club started to meet. The venture arose from a vision to try to reach children in Chilton in new ways because comparatively few had a connection with the Church and were not coming to Discoverers.

The Revd. Rolls went on to say that the Club is ran by herself and she is wonderfully assisted by 6 other leaders who help on a rota basis. These leaders are Judy Goodall, Betty Cox, Liz Morris, Milly Candelent, Janine Suttner and, most recently, Laura Thompson. The leaders have been supported by the School staff who allow them to use a classroom each week, free of charge. The leaders give of their time freely and the craft experts are incredibly generous in producing craft resources at little if any cost. Therefore the Club can be offered free of charge to children and their families. This means that there is no cost barrier to children joining the Club. It also means that the leaders are sometimes used as free child minders but they see this as part of the service that the Church can give to our community and the opportunity to reach children who would be unlikely to have an encounter with the living God in any other context.

Currently there are 14 children on the roll with just over half coming from Chilton and Harwell. The numbers of children coming from elsewhere reflects the catchment of the School. The format is to welcome the children with some 'show and tell' time which allows the children to relax and helps everyone to get to know each other. This is followed by a Bible story, told in a variety of ways which might include a DVD, a story read to them from a book, a story with visual aids such as the Barnabas story bags, or occasionally a simple drama. Sometimes noisy songs of praise are sung and other times some quiet songs of devotion. After a break for squash and a biscuit a craft activity follows which supports the story. The Club concludes with a 'quiet' prayer time with a candle. Sometimes it's not very quiet because of behavioural problems. On other occasions, the prayer time is really Spirit-filled and some children have prayed heartfelt prayers.

The Revd Rolls asked has the vision been fulfilled? It's a bit like the Kingdom of God – 'yes' and 'not yet'. A small number of children have started to come to Church after joining Y-Club, but more noticeably relationships between School and Church and between Church and individual children and their parents have grown warmer. These strong relationships have helped representatives from the Church to go into the School more often with assemblies, and for some to participate in school trips. Also when the School comes to participate in Church services they enjoy a warm welcome and are glad to come. The Revd Rolls said she also hopes that the relationship between Church and School which is enhanced by Y-Club will be built on as we seek to create relationships with the residents on the new Chilton Fields development.

The School has recently agreed to host a Prayer Spaces event over a week during the summer term. This will be open to children throughout the School who can come into a quiet space, created in a tent, so that they can experience prayer in a variety of forms. The event will be run by a professional team but they will be looking to Church members to help with the week on a rota basis. The Revd Rolls concluded by saying if you think you might like to help with this week, or to help with Y-Club, then please let her know. The Rector thanked Revd Rolls and stressed the importance of the

link between the Church and the school. Mrs Morris added her thanks to Revd Rolls for the excellent work she does with the children and young people.

- (b) The New Church Website presented by the Rector. At the January 2012 meeting both the All Saints' and St Matthew's PCC decided that the Church website needed upgrading and agreed to adopt The Church Insight Website. The website went live in March 2012. The Rector explained the decision was taken to improve communication with those both inside and outside the Church. Today people look to the internet as a key source of information. Many discover a church and its activities through the church website. Information about the Church and Church members was stored in a variety of places and needed to be brought together to improve organisational efficiency and communication within the Church.

The Rector then went on to demonstrate the new website with the aid of screen shots. There are visitor's pages and a member's only area. The website includes pictures of our two Churches and the surrounding area, calendar of events, rotas, a members-only address book, news items, prayer requests, downloadable audio sermons, discussion fora, PCC minutes and other documents. The Rector concluded by saying that 66 people have registered so far and he encouraged everyone who hasn't registered to register and contribute to the site. He then asked for suggestions and comments. Mrs Lin Kerr suggested posting photographs of recent Church events on the website such as the Good Friday procession. Revd. Pam Rolls suggested that a leaflet about the website is put in the Chestnut Fields marketing suite.

13. Rector's Remarks The Rector began by thanking everyone for the welcome given to him and his family. He has enjoyed getting to know everyone and went on to say that he wanted to thank the army of people who do so many things in the Church. The Lord has brought us all together to work together; some people are very visible others work hard behind the scenes. There are many challenges ahead but God is faithful and will help us. The gospel is for all and our Church should reflect its local demographic. If the Church doesn't reflect the community in which it is set it is because we are not making the Word of God relevant to the local community. 275 houses are being built on Chilton Fields and shortly people will be moving into those houses and the Church needs to reach out to them and plan how to connect with them. The Rector hopes that the wonderful welcome extended to him and his family will be extended to all those moving into the new houses in our community.

14. Any Other Business

- (a) Gift Envelopes Dr Berry suggested, on behalf of Mrs Judith Russell who was unable to attend, that yellow gift aid envelopes should be put in the pews each Sunday. Mrs Russell was thanked for her suggestion and it will be looked at.

(b) The Broadsheet The Rector explained that as Mrs Vickers, the Church Administrator is away for 3 weeks and as very little content has been submitted for inclusion in the Broadsheet there will be no May Broadsheet. He wondered whether in these hard economic times, the Broadsheet still offers value for money and asked all present for their views as to the content, frequency, effectiveness as a means of communication of the Broadsheet. Several people felt that handing out the Broadsheet was a good way of getting to know people and gave them the opportunity to invite them along to Church activities. Some felt that the front cover and content could be improved on. The Rector thanked everyone for their comments and said he would take them back to the Communications Working Group.

(c) Vote of thanks to the Rector Mrs Elizabeth Morris thanked the Rector for all his hard work over the past seven months. He has she said made an excellent start and we are all looking forward to the future.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.30pm.

Avril Butler
Secretary