



MINUTES OF ALL SAINTS' CHILTON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 28th APRIL AT ALL SAINTS' CHILTON

Revd Jeremy Parsons, the Rector, chaired the meeting and welcomed and thanked the 17 church members who were present for attending. He explained that it was a significant meeting in the life of the church and the first time he has led the All Saints' APM and APCM as he approaches a year in post. He reminded the meeting that the work of the church is a privilege and joy and the mission of God and various roles that are represented in the church from being on the electoral roll, PCC, church wardens as well as incumbent would be looked at and the legality that needs to be followed. The meeting was then opened in prayer.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING (APM)

1. Apologies for Absence had been received from Deborah Evans, Debra Dewhurst, Stuart Gibson, Steve and Jane Hale, Jan Radford and Pam Rolls.
2. Minutes of the previous Annual Meetings (APM & APCM) 2023
The minutes of the last meetings had been circulated (with the other reports) via the church website and paper copies in the church.
Approval was proposed by John Pigott and Seconded by Judith Russell.
All voted to approve.
3. Election of Churchwardens.
The current Churchwarden, Judith Russell was prepared to stand for another year. This will be her 5th year as Churchwarden.
Judith Russell – proposed by John Pigott, seconded by Stuart Gibson.

Alex Reich has agreed to stand as Churchwarden for a second year.
Alex Reich – Proposed by Naomi Gibson, seconded by Audrey Slater.
They were duly elected unanimously.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Elections/Appointments

1. Deanery Synod Representatives
We are entitled to 2 representatives, to serve from 2024 to 2026.
No nominations had been received so both posts lie vacant. People were asked to consider serving on the Deanery Synod and consult Naomi Gibson or John Pigott, who have both served on the Deanery Synod, if they would like further information.
It was explained that it involved attending 4 meetings a year. The discussions and decisions taken at Deanery Synod are taken up to General Synod so it is a way of being involved in the governance of the whole of the Church of England.

2. PCC Members

The current membership of the PCC includes Hazel Benton, Naomi Gibson, Stuart Gibson, Pat Moseley and John Pigott. There are 3 vacancies for 3 years and 1 for 2 years.

Liz Morris, Debra Dewhurst and Steve Hale were up for re-election. Steve has decided not to stand. He was thanked for his contributions to the PCC over the last 2 years.

Nominations for 3 years

Liz Morris – Proposed by Judith Russell, Seconded by Hazel Benton.

Debra Dewhurst – Proposed by Liz Morris, Seconded by Naomi Gibson.

They were duly elected unanimously, leaving two vacancies.

People were asked to consider serving on the PCC.

3. Independent Examiner

Jane Moreton, of Harwell, was prepared to continue as our Independent Examiner of the accounts.

The Independent examiner was proposed by Judith Russell, seconded by Liz Morris, and accepted unanimously. The Chair expressed thanks for the work that Mrs Moreton undertakes for us.

4. Receiving the Reports

The reports for this year had all been published on the Church website and paper copies in church. The reports are:

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- b. PCC Annual report for 2023, including the Electoral Roll report
- c. Fabric report
- d. Financial report and Accounts for 2023
- e. Safeguarding report

The minutes from last year's APCM had been approved by this meeting, with the minutes of the Annual Parochial meeting (above).

The reports (b-e) and accounts had been approved by the PCC at their March meeting.

(The Fabric report and Financial report were included in the Annual report. The Accounts and Safeguarding report were separate.)

The Chair thanked Naomi Gibson for all the work that went into preparing the annual report and Debra Dewhurst for formatting it into the published version.

Jeremy thanked Judith for producing the Fabric report and for all the work that she and the fabric committee carry out in the church and churchyard.

Andrew Hayes asked how the PCC were getting on with the work on improving ease of access at the church entrance. Judith reported that investigations were still taking place to decide the best and most cost-effective option now the ramp option had been ruled out. The Diocese have suggested digging out the porch to the level of access, which will have drainage issues as well as the need for a bigger front door. Judith will be consulting Revd Sasha Reeves, who has experience of access, as well as Revd Katie Tupling, Oxford Diocesan Advisor on disability, to move this forward. It was suggested a notice be put up to identify disabled access through the church extension in the meantime.

It was suggested that the Standing Committee discuss this at their next meeting and Andrew be invited to join a working party when a plan had been formulated.

There were no questions on the Finance report.

Judy Gold was thanked for continuing in the role of Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice and producing the report with Sue Greatbanks from Harwell. There were no questions on the report.

5. Deanery Synod report for 2023.

There were no questions about the report.

6. Number on Electoral Roll

The All Saints', Chilton electoral roll now stands at 62, of whom 11 live outside the parish. At the APCM 2023, it was 65. 1 person has moved away, 3 people have sadly died, and 1 new person has been enrolled.

Carol Pigott was thanked for updating the electoral roll.

(The list of sidesmen used to be presented to this meeting for approval, but has now been delegated to the PCC to approve at their next meeting)

7. Rector's Remarks

The Rector thanked for the congregation for warm welcome that he and Ruth had received from this parish and the Benefice. Based on the Parish Profile, Jeremy is working through the various issues including the involvement with Valley Park which is taking increasingly more time and currently one day a week. He is hoping to organise a PCC Away Day focussing on the fabric of the church and exploring ways to make the church fit for purpose for the years ahead. Jeremy is grateful that All Saints' is a prayerful church but recognises there are huge challenges, and that we need to be imaginative in our integration into the community, whether "old" or "new" Chilton, spreading God's love and breaking down barriers. He hopes that we will develop new ways to fulfil the vision "Growing God's Church, wider, deeper and closer". Work with children and families is still a strong focus not only locally but also as a Diocese.

Jeremy expressed a huge thank you to all who contributed in many different ways to the life of our church. He hoped we would tackle difficult decisions this year in a Godly fashion.

Pat Mosely wished to thank the Churchwardens and PCC Secretary. Audrey Slater also wished a vote of thanks to Pam Rolls and Jan Radford for all they have done for the parish.

Closing Prayer

The meeting closed at 11.30am with the sharing of the Grace.

..... (Chairman)

Naomi Gibson
(Secretary)