

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the Parish Centre on Low Sunday, 8 April 2018 at 12.40pm, immediately following the Annual Vestry Meeting

Present: Father Robert Mackley, vicar, was in the chair and there were 58 electors present.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting: were approved, signed and dated by the chairman. Proposer: Christine Tipple, seconded by Shirley Dex.

Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll: Susan Coote reported that the total number of names on the roll is 187, of whom 9 are resident in the parish. During the year 12 new names have been added; 31 have been removed (6 have died, 1 has been ordained, 24 have moved away). A net decrease of 19 since the 2017 APCM.

Election of Electoral Roll Officer: Janice Adams proposed Susan Coote continue as Electoral Roll Officer, seconded by Valerie Mahy.

Presentation of Annual Report: the chairman reported that he had found the report encouraging and hoped everyone had read it. He expressed his gratitude to Richard Morgan for its preparation. The meeting accepted the report. Proposer: Heidi Thomas, seconded by Geoffrey Howe.

Vicar's Report: As in previous years, Fr Robert asked the meeting to stand for a minute's silence to recall the names of those who had died since the previous APCM: Hazel Dunn, Cilla Hall, Janet Marsh, Janet Pickstock, Mandy Ray, William Sanders.

Fr Robert felt that the Little St Mary's was in good heart and he said it was a joy and a privilege to be parish priest here. He expressed thanks to the churchwardens; to Fr Mark & Fr Gregory for their comradeship at the altar; the PCC; Simon Jackson and the choir; Bill De Quick & Matthew Smith and the servers. Special thanks to Lucy McKitterick for her Passion Play; and to Heidi Thomas and Matthew Smith for their assistance with it. Thanks to the sidesmen and women; and to those who arrange flowers. Those who clean and prepare the church. Fr Robert thanked Shirley Dex for her 50 years membership of the choir; and to Jo Wibberley for her labours for the parish.

Fr Robert reported that during the next few months he wanted to concentrate on growth: our worshipping numbers are up, especially through Holy Week and Easter – a record 200 – which is good, but we have few volunteers for sidesmen, choir, or to serve, and other tasks which require doing. Raising money is not a problem – our congregation is very generous.

He hoped the new PCC might gather for an away day to consider the next step including the appointment of a Family & Children's Worker: we have a good number of families and young children currently worshipping with us.

Presentation of Annual Accounts: Richard Martin presented the annual accounts. There were no questions. On behalf of the meeting Fr Robert thanked Richard Martin for his stewardship of the church accounts.

Re-appointment of Independent Examiner: Richard Martin proposed the re-appointment of Geoff Mann, seconded by Janet Nevitt.

Elections to Parochial Church Council (3 vacancies): Franco Basso, Vicki Farmer, and Geoffrey Howe were declared elected after ballot.

Election of Sidesmen: the following were re-elected: Janice Adams, Franco Basso, Irene & Christopher Beecham, Sheila Bennett, Patricia Boulhosa, Clive Brown, Christopher Burlinson, Ann & Michael Carter, Richard Davies, Shirley Dex, Vicki Farmer, Jane Fletcher, Ben Knight, John Knight, Richard Morgan, Robin Osborne, Drew Purves, Adrian Savin, Matthew Smith, Caroline Shepherd, David Stone, Heidi Thomas, Christopher Thorpe, Colin Townsend, Diederik Vergunst, Stuart White, Jo Wibberley.

The Meeting closed with The Grace at 1.20pm.