

ALL SAINT'S KENTON WITH ST THOMAS MAMHEAD
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (APCM) MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINT'S KENTON
SUNDAY MAY 21ST 2023 AT 11.30

Welcome from Revd John Williams

Apologies: Pip Bowhay, Norman Warne, Sharon Britton.

Minute Taker: Mandy Hendley

Opened with prayer

Part One – Appointment of Church Wardens

Election: Church Warden

John Williams offered his sincere thanks to Peter Bilby for stepping into the role so well. There were no nominations for Church Warden. Peter was happy to stand again for a further year.

All in agreement.

Election of Deputy Church Wardens

Rosie Pajovic and Norman Warne were happy to stand for another year for St Thomas Mamhead and it was agreed and seconded by Ian and Richard. John Williams thanked them both for their continued help and support.

All in agreement

Annual Report:

John asked for any comments. Sandra Laslett noted that All Saints did not have a Christmas Fayre this year and there were no craft group activities as stated in the report. The Dementia group no longer meets in the church. John asked for acceptance for annual report provided Linda and Peter. All in agreement.

Election of PCC members

Nick Cox to step down and John thanked him for his work on the committee and for supporting All Saints in other ways outside the committee.

Alma Harding put herself forward as PCC member Tim Quine proposer and Rosie Pajovic seconded the proposal.

Alma was happy to join the PCC on the understanding that there might be things she would be limited by due to her physical disability.

Janet Watson is to step down from the committee after many years of dedication and commitment to All Saints and John thanked her for all her hard work and support for the people of All Saints and the wider community.

Alison Langmead put herself forward for the Deanery Synod as there are currently 2 vacancies. Liz Hicks proposed and Rob Rands seconded the proposal.

All in agreement.

David Guthrie is happy to continue as Independent Auditor of Accounts and was thanked for the continued support.

Chairs Remarks:

John stated that in the midst of uncertain times with the stepping down of Revd Patrick Parkes from All Saints John thanked everyone for their hard work and devotion in difficult times. John thanked everyone for their time and their talents. There is currently no news regarding the appointment of a priest to Kenton and the Archdeacon is exploring various options and is genuinely endeavouring to explore all the possibilities. John was going to ensure that the Sunday Services continue with the support of David Robinson and John. He asked that we commit the future to our prayers.

ASKFriends feedback

Rob outlined that ASKF recently had their first AGM which hopefully will be a yearly event. They have successfully achieved charitable status which will in due course include GIFT AID. They hope to update their website with this feature in the coming months. He recognised that Nick Cox would no longer be part of the subgroup as he acted as one of the PCC contacts and Rob said he was looking forward to the prioritisation of areas of work required on the building and ASKF is keen to support the PCC with appropriate grant applications.

John thanked ASKF for all that they are doing to support the wellbeing of the building.

General discussion

It was noted that for a couple of years there has been no record of PCC meetings made available for church members to access. John said he would bring this to the attention of the PCC. Mary Quine suggested the rekindling of the Prayer Tree and to encourage people to prayer and for it to be more visible. Matthew was thanked and outlined that it was a joy to celebrate with a choir at the carol service and midnight mass. He noted that many attend at times of celebration. Thanks was offered to Nick who is still continuing to up date the website and Sandra Laslett is happy to continue with All Saint's facebook page. Racheal asked to ensure people check the bookings diary at the back of the church to avoid clashes of bookings and she does need to be contacted. John thanked all for attending.

The meeting ended in prayer.

