

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2009 AT 7.30 PM
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DEANSWAY, WORCESTER.**

Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners

Present: Philip Greenwood(Vice Chairman), James Adams, Rosemary Adams, Christine Allen, John Allsopp, Nev Ansari, Mary Bashford-Hayes, Michael Bashford-Hayes, David Beacham, Jenny Beacham, Ann Beevers, Jennifer Belham, Peter Belham, Rosie Benham, Colin Brewitt-Taylor, John Brierley, Sharon Brooks, Betty Buckman, Andrea Burton, Simon Clancy, Barry Collier, Ken Couper, Peter Davies, Rosemary Davies, Ginny Duckett, Beryl Dunn, Ben Dunnett, Dorothy Durran, John Durran, Ivanna Giles, Julia Gonzalez, Jean Greenwood, Joyce Griffiths, Louise Hamilton-Glover, Mary Hancock, Lawton Hancock, Joanna Harper, Mike Harper, Charles Hines, Luise Horrocks, Alison Houghton, Paul Hudson, Jenny Hutt, Will Hutt, Barrie Jenks, Mary Jenks, Jill Kingston, Patrick Kirwan, Clive Langmead, Paul Long, Ruth Long, Gillian Lucas, Grahame Lucas, Abby Macaskill, Monica Martin, Jan Nelson, Alex New, Philip Nunn, Janet Price, Geoff Pritchard, Margaret Pugh, Alison Quartermain, Margaret Rutter, Bill Scriven, Mark Seyler, Andy Sheppard, Linda Smith, Ann Statham, Lexie Stobie, Jim Stobie, Sue Stobie, Margaret Stokes, Vivien Swann, John Taylor, Wendy Taylor, John Warren, Colin Whitehead, Janet Whitehead, Nathan Wilcox, Paul Wilcox, Dorothy Willis, Simon Wilmshurst, John Wood, Purvi Wood, Richard John Wood, Charlie Wort, Cecil Wright, Joyce Wright and Christine Haig (Parish Administrator).

In Attendance: Ian Pearson (Rector of the Benefice), Colin Beevers, Paul Benham, Jodi Bryant, Ashley Collishaw, Michael Dunn, Ted Duckett, Andrew Gaster, Jonathan McCrie, George Parkinson and David New.

1. Opening Prayers: Fr. Ian Pearson opened the meeting with worship and Ashley Collishaw read from Philippians.

2. Minutes of 7th April 2008 were accepted and signed as a true record.
Proposed by Barrie Jenks Seconded by Louise Hamilton-Glover.

3. Election of Church Wardens: Nominations for church wardens were received as follows:-

Jill Kingston Proposed by: Paul Long, Seconded by: Alex New
Philip Greenwood Proposed by: John Taylor, Seconded by: Jim Stobie

Jill Kingston thanked everyone for their support over the last year and explained that before she took on this post for the coming year she wanted everyone to know that she did have a lot of family commitments this year and would not be able to devote as much time to the job and would need help from everyone.

Philip Greenwood also thanked everyone for their encouragement as the past year had been a steep learning curve and felt he had been thrown in at the deep end. He felt that this coming year he would not be able to be Vice-chairman of the PCC and do the other jobs. He was pleased with the measure of support from the assistant wardens.

Fr. Ian Pearson declared Jill Kingston and Philip Greenwood as Church Wardens. He said that they both had said how hard it is to be church wardens and it is harder when a minister is not present. They did not know what was in front of them but we trust in the Lord that he is there in every situation and trust in his grace to carry us through. We need to show Jill and Philip our support with prayers and practical help and encouragement and affirmation in the coming year.

Alex New spoke on behalf of the congregation, friends and colleagues to give a huge vote of thanks to Jill and Philip for all they had done this past year.

This concluded the business of the first part of the meeting and those not on the Electoral Roll were permitted to stay as observers only.

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1. **APOLOGIES:** Philippa Allen, Mandy Barker, Steve Barker, Christine Betteridge-Barker, Elisabeth Brewitt-Taylor, Christopher Brooks, Alison Clarke, Alex Collishaw, Hannah Dunnett, Chris Giles, Shelagh Gogarty, Emily Hutt, Graham Hutt, Rachel Kirwan, Sally Linsey, Margaret Mandrell, Robert Martin, Annelise Nunn, Joan Preece, John Preece, Philip Quartermain, Ruth Sheppard, Ivy Smith, Georgia Smith, Anna Stokes, Rachel Stokes, Paul Swann, Peter Swann, Tim Swann, Phyllis Tailby, Marilyn Turner and Jane Wilcox.
2. **MINUTES OF THE APCM ON MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2008** were accepted and signed as a true record
3. **MATTERS ARISING –Item 8 Appointment of Independent Examiner.** The appointment was for Reg Craddock but due to family commitments he had to withdraw and the PCC appointed Mike Lloyd.
4. **ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2008 –** The reports had been circulated before the meeting. The Treasurer Grahame Lucas expressed his thanks to everyone behind the scenes working tirelessly throughout the year and those who helped with the preparation of the annual accounts – Paul Long, Barrie Jenks, Ann Statham, Lawton Hancock and to Georgia Smith for St. Helen's and Mike Lloyd the independent examiner. The report and accounts had been produced in accordance with the Church of England's guidance for PCCs to help them comply with Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 and associated accounting regulations. The treasurer reported that the PCC became registered with the Charity Commission on 18th February 2009 (No. 1128121). On the Risk Management report he mentioned the problems with the boiler and that funding had been agreed for a replacement. Reporting on the accounts he explained that in 2007 we had a deficit of £793 and in 2008 the funds had increased to £48,131. The challenges for 2009 include raising money for the toilet project to go ahead, increasing income to match the longer term ambitions of the Parish, to meet the increase in the Parish Share of 20% to £72,256 and any works that may arise from the next Quinquennial Survey. The Treasurer also thanked Rosemary Adams for all her work on the St. Helen's project and he answered a couple of questions raised on the accounts.

Proposal: The APCM accept the audited accounts for 2008 as a true record.

Proposed by Colin Whitehead Seconded by Joanna Harper.

Proposal approved unanimously.

The Vice-chairman thanked Grahame for preparing the accounts and also to record our thanks to Mike Lloyd as independent examiner.

5. **Electoral Report** - Joyce Wright reported that last year we had 192 members on the Electoral Roll at the APCM and one addition during 2008 brought the total at 31st December to 193. Sadly in January this year Molly Parkinson's name was deleted following her death. Two names were added – John and Dorothy Durran

making the total 194. During the revision six names were added - Carl Beards, Alison Houghton, Ana Joesbury-Clark, Rosie Shearburn, Richard and Usha Wood and for one week only we reached 200 but 16 people came off during the review some had moved away and no longer worship at All Saints others have not been for the last six months. I contacted everyone before removing their names. The total on the Electoral Roll is now 184. We welcome the new members.

The Vice-chairman thanked Joyce for her efforts in keeping the electoral roll up to date and may be some people here tonight may wish to join the Electoral Roll and could take a fuller role in the future of the church.

- 6. REPORTS ON OTHER AREAS OF CHURCH LIFE – Prayer** - Jill Kingston said we are grateful for all who contribute to the prayer life in the church and especially the monthly prayer meeting which we are developing by having different people to lead it each month and also have different styles of prayer.

We are also having a Quiet Day at Top Barn Farm on Saturday 30th May which we would like you to attend, please sign the form at the back of the church.

A number of PCC members went to Bristol to find out about a Growing Leaders Course which we hope to start in the autumn by running a pilot course for those who are leaders in the church.

Another area not mentioned in the reports was the Thursday morning Communion Service. David New was organising a time of fellowship after the morning Communion Service on 30th April where people would bring their packed lunch and after the communion would have time for discussion on their faith. Everyone was welcome to come and join this service.

It was noted that Radio 4 presented a report from a church member, Paul McMaster, in Sri Lanka and this is available on I Player and Peter Belham can let people have a copy of this interview on CD. We would ask you to remember him and the work he is doing out there.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who has contributed to the reports and to the life of this vibrant church.

- 7. Decisions relating to Representation on the PCC.** These numbers can be altered by the Annual Meeting's decision and the PCC has agreed to recommend to the annual meeting that the maximum representation should be 12.

(a) The Church Representation Rules specify that there shall be six lay representatives for not more than 50 names on the electoral roll, nine where there are not more than 100, and a further three representatives for every 100 (or part thereof) names on the electoral roll up to a maximum of fifteen members. The numbers of representatives can be altered by a resolution passed at any annual meeting, but such resolution does not take effect before the next ensuing annual meeting. In addition to these elected representatives the PCC includes the two Churchwardens, the three Deanery Synod Representatives and the clergy (currently three).

The number of names on the electoral roll is just below 200, and can reasonably be expected to rise above this shortly. In order for the size of the PCC membership to remain at a workable level, it is proposed that the number of lay representatives should be a maximum of three. This limit would be effective at next year's annual meeting or at a later one if the numbers on roll still remain below 200.

Recommendation: that the number of lay representatives to the PCC should be as laid down in the Church Representation Rules 2006, Section 14(1)(g) save that the maximum number shall be twelve.

In favour 88

Against 0

Abstentions 1

Recommendation approved.

(b) The Church Representation Rules provide that the PCC can include such Readers licensed to the parish as the annual meeting may determine. All Saints Church currently invites readers to consider standing for election with other lay members of the church. It is proposed that this continues to be the case.

Recommendation: that Readers do not become members of the PCC by virtue of their office, but may be elected to membership along with other lay representatives.

In favour 87

Against 1

Abstentions 1

Recommendation approved.

- 8 Elections of lay representatives to the PCC.
There are 12 places on the PCC, a third of whom (i.e. four) retire every year, and are eligible for re-election. Additionally there are three “casual vacancies” arising from resignations. Consequently there are elections for 7 places this year.

The retiring members are Joyce Griffiths, Paul Long, Andy Sheppard and Paul Wilcox. Those resigning are Alex New, Barry Collier and Ivanna Giles and those remaining on the PCC are Peter Belham, Joanna Harper, Barrie Jenks, Steve O'Rourke, and Colin Whitehead.

The new members joining will be 4 members for 3 years, 1 member for 2 years and 2 members for 1 year, with only one election as agreed by the Diocesan Secretary.

The voting slips were collected and sealed in an envelope and placed in the safe to await the 6 postal votes to be counted on 6th May. The announcement would be made by email and in church on 10th May. There would be a PCC Away day on 9th May and the first meeting on 11th May, both important meetings in terms of filling the vacancy that we have.

- 9 Appointment of Assistant Wardens
We were pleased to see 14 people had signed up for this and we are not limiting the numbers as the more people that respond will mean the tasks will be easier to fulfil. Barry Collier who runs the welcome team has agreed to take on the rota for the assistant church wardens as well. We welcome the following as Assistant Church Wardens,
Mick Bashford Hayes, Ken Couper, Barrie Jenks, Peter Davies, Geoff Pritchard, Mark Seyler, Barry Collier, Hudson, Philip Nunn, Colin Brewitt-Taylor, Mary and Lawton Hancock, Andy Sheppard and Colin Whitehead.

- 10 Appointment of Independent Examiner for the year to December 2009 Michael

Lloyd has intimated his willingness to carry out that role again for the coming year.

Recommendation that Michael Lloyd be independent examiner for the year to December 2009.

Proposed by Philip Greenwood Seconded by Grahame Lucas

In Favour 89 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

- 11 Any other business. The Vice Chairman explained that our plans for the new toilets were turned down and since then we have appointed a new architect who is working on new plans for toilets and perhaps other facilities and other plans for developing the whole site which will take some time. The PCC have appointed a steering committee and they will report back to the meeting on the 9th May.

The other matter to bring you up to date on is the parish profile. We hope to complete this at the Away Day on the 9th May and it will be ready for approval at the PCC meeting on 11th May. The PCC will also have to appoint two representatives from the PCC to be on the interview panel. Most of the process will be handled by the Diocese with interviews taking place in late June and hopefully have the vacancy filled in early autumn.

Our concerns are for Paul Swann who need our prayers in relation to his future.

Ted Duckett raised the question of the first stage of the St. Helen's project costing £1 million and wondered if it was God's will that this go ahead because so much more could be done with the money. The Vice-Chairman explained that the PCC supported the work of the St. Helen's project but it was agreed the final decision about the future role should await the appointment of the new minister when he or she comes later this year.

Rose Adams pointed out that a lot of work had been achieved at St. Helens, the school room had been open for 18 months and was bringing in a significant amount of income which was going towards the future development of St. Helens. It is a very complicated situation with four objectives – 1 Leave it as it stands. 2 That All Saints develop the project. 3. The church use it as it wishes or 4. It is made redundant. These objectives would need to be considered by the new minister before a decision was made.

The Vice-chairman said that at the last Annual Meeting it was agreed to appoint deputy wardens at St. Helens and Rose and Jim Adams were appointed as they have spent a great deal of work on this project for a number of years and in some difficult circumstances and we express our thanks for all their efforts.

- 12 Closing worship. Ben closed the meeting with Amazing Grace at 21.15pm.