

**Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Kenton**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**held in the Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**  
**immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.**

**Present :** The Revd M. Still, Miss J. Clarke and Mr. K. Elliott (Churchwardens) and 24 electors.

The meeting commenced at 11.45am.

1. **Apologies:** Janet Cameron, Ioan Tinca, Jean Williams

2. **Minutes of the previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 had been displayed in church for several months and circulated to all on the Parish e-mail list. They were proposed by Ms. Beauty Huntley, seconded by Mrs. Gloria Cowans and agreed unanimously.

3. **Electoral Roll Report**

Mrs Cynthia Yorke reported that there were 109 persons recorded on the Electoral Roll this year (108 in 2021). 1 deceased (Larry De Roy RIP) and 1 moved away (Katherine Lewis), but 3 additions making 109, with 54 resident within the Parish and 55 non-resident.

4. **Approval and Adoption of the Annual Report**

Mr. Kenrick Elliott outlined the content of the Annual Report, which included the Annual Report on Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council, the Annual Report on Fabric, the Annual Report of Meetings of the Harrow Deanery Synod and the Annual Report on Finances. He invited any questions or comments from the floor, but there were none.

The Annual Report and Accounts was therefore proposed for adoption by Fr. Mike Still, seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Yorke and agreed unanimously.

5. **Elections and Appointments**

**5.1 Members of the Parochial Church Council**

12 vacancies existed for election to the Parochial Church Council.

The following were Proposed and Seconded:

- 1) Mrs. Janet Cameron
- 2) Mrs. Gloria Cowans
- 3) Mrs. Patricia Edwards
- 4) Mrs. Erma Fernandes
- 5) Mr. David Griffiths
- 6) Ms. Angela Haines
- 7) Ms. Beauty Huntley
- 8) Ms. Bernadette Labastide
- 9) Professor Luke Rajan
- 10) Mr. Ioan Tinca
- 11) Mrs. Jean Williams
- 12) Mrs. Cynthia Yorke

They were all elected unopposed.

**5.2 Independent Examiner**

Mr. George Pascoe had performed this role for the past two years and has agreed to inspect them again this current year. He has not yet been asked if he will do the same next year (as he is about to start a new job) but in the absence of any other nominations, he was proposed by Mr. David Griffiths, and seconded by Mrs. Erma Fernandes that he be nominated for the ensuing year. This was agreed unanimously.

**6. Churchwardens' Report**

In the absence of a vicar, Ken and Johnette Gave a brief resume of activities as there was a lot going on at the moment! We have been very pleased with the work being done in the Memorial Garden and in the Vicarage Garden by the Community Payback Scheme. Ken will thank them for all that they have achieved.

The flat in the Church Hall is currently having the kitchen refurbished and it is hoped that this will be completed within the next few days.

There have been a number of surveys happening in the Vicarage while it is vacant. Once a new incumbent has been appointed (and asked whether he would like any of the items that have been left in the Vicarage) then parishioners will be given the opportunity to bid for any of the remaining items or they will be given to charity.

Interviews for the new Incumbent took place on Thursday (19th May) and there are two possible candidates who could be offered the post, but the Bishop and Churchwardens are waiting for some additional information. It is hoped that there will be a decision within a couple of weeks (but there may still be a delay in announcing it as it has to be co-ordinated in both his current parish and ours).

The church heating has now been turned off for the summer period. Hopefully this will save some money, as (like everyone) energy bills have increased substantially.

Jeanette said that there had been some significant repairs to the stained glass window above the children's area following a break-in and to the glass doors at the entrance.

There were questions about Hall lettings. Ken and Johnette explained that around £30,000 has been spent on renovating the Hall and this money has to be recouped. It is anticipated that hall lettings will be able to resume, but at a realistic rate. A cheaper rate will be offered to church members - but it will not be offered free of charge!

Johnette added that the last year (her first year as Churchwarden) had been a steep learning curve!

Johnette and Ken ended by thanking everyone for their help over the past year, and especially to the young people as they are the future of the church! We must continue to encourage them.

## **7. Closing Prayer & Blessing**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.05pm with a prayer and blessing given by Father Mike.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

David Griffiths  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022