**ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, HAMPTON**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Tuesday 23rd May 2023**

The meeting opened with prayer.

**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Present:**

Donna Williams (Chair)

Sandy Baker, Michael Chipps, Sue Dawes, Vernon Dawes, Bobbie Ennals, Richard Ennals, Julie Ford, Carey-Anne Gibson King, Janet Hadjigeorgiou, Martin Jordan, Dave King, Jo Marmoy, Maureen Miller, Chris Saul, Sandra Saunderson, Harry Saunderson, Tricia Singers, Pam Sparks, Tricia Stone, Anne Walker, Paula Williams, Jenny Winterburn, John Winterburn

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| **Item** |
| 1. **Apologies for absence**   Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Bestley, John Brigden, Gaynor Chick, Osagie Ezekiel, Carol Goodger, Lee Herdman, Beverley Richardson, Roseanna Shefford, and Anne Thomsett. |
| 1. **Minutes of last meeting Monday 16th May 2022**   These were proposed by Richard Ennals and seconded by Carey-Anne Gibson King. **The meeting approved the minutes,** and they were signed by the vicar. |
| 1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**   None |
| 1. **Election of churchwardens.**   There were two nominations for the two posts: Julie Ford, proposed by Chris Saul, and seconded by Adam Hallsworth, and Paula Williams, proposed by Pam Sparks, and seconded by Bobbie Ennals. **The meeting therefore agreed to their appointment.** |

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** – chaired by Donna Williams

Present: As above

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| 1. **Apologies for absence**   As above |
| 1. **Minutes of the last meeting 16th May 2022**   The minutes were proposed by John Winterburn and seconded by Paula Williams. **The meeting approved the minutes,** and they were signed by the vicar. |
| 1. **Matters arising from the last minutes.**   None |
| 1. **Presentation of the Electoral Roll.**   Carol Goodger was unfortunately unable to be present, but Jenny Winterburn presented on her behalf. The results of the Electoral Roll this year shows we have unfortunately dropped in numbers from 171 last year, due to 10 having moved and no longer worshipping at All Saints Church plus the sad loss of 2 members during the last year. However, we have 9 new members, therefore our total for 2023 is 168, there being 56 non-resident members of the parish and the remaining 112 being resident members. |
| 1. **Appointment of Tellers and closure of nominations for the PCC and the Deanery Synod.**   There were four members of the PCC whose term was due to end in 2023, Gaynor Chick, Michael Chipps, Bobbie Ennals, and Anne Thomsett. Michael and Bobbie had indicated that they were willing to stand again. Michael’s appointment was proposed by Tracey Chipps and seconded by Jenny Winterburn. Bobbie’s appointment was proposed by Jenny Winterburn and seconded by Paula Williams.  There was therefore no need for an election or tellers, and **the meeting approved the nominees’ appointment.**  Thanks were given to Anne and Gaynor for all their hard work on the PCC, and especially grateful thanks to Gaynor for all she had done as assistant treasurer.  Thanks were also given to Lee Herdman for all that he has done over the past year. He has not resigned from the PCC but is stepping back for now due to ill health. He has trained Roseanna Shefford to take over some of the children’s work. |
| 1. **Vicar’s report**   Donna had written a very full report which had been shared online but highlighted certain aspects of it.  **Review of the past year**  Donna started by thanking everybody for their support over the past year. There has been lots of hard work to do, especially with the hall project.  The church has been busy with occasional offices, particularly funerals. This can be a mission field of its own.  We have also had a lot of events of different sorts, reaching different age groups and on different days of the week. The Light Party was a particular success, and we are building on other children’s events from that.  The Community café is also a success and was attended by 24 people last week. We will be able to expand this ministry further when we have the new hall in operation.  The Living Space project attracted grants for the work as it was a community event. The warm space and lunch reached some new people but did not go exactly as planned and did not attract as many people as we had hoped. Hopefully we will be able to attract grants again next year, but we need to think carefully about how we do it and how we promote it. We have learnt some things from this project for the future.  The gardening team have done incredible work and have now expanded their team. The garden is a way of showing that the church is part of the community. This is important.  The interior of the church has been changed over the past year. This has involved a lot of hard work so thank you to everybody concerned.  The church relies on its volunteers. Almost everybody who is part of the church volunteers their time in some way. Thank you to everybody. Thank you also to the staff, Jennifer, Steffany (until July) and Jenny (from October.)  **The vision going forward.**  Our vision continues to be to grow deeper, younger, and broader. We have three services offering different forms of worship on Sundays and we will continue to develop this. We have had a variety of different preachers over the year, sharing different things, and this is something we will continue to develop, particularly in the 4.30 service. We do not have any plans to add another service at this stage.  In the future we will be looking at developing mission to the community. The new hall will help with that.  We also want to grow leaders and develop people in their faith and discipleship. We already have a monthly prayer meeting, and we want to build on that. We may also run some courses on discipleship in the future.  **Hall project.**  We are nearly there with the hall project. Having a building committee and a finance committee helped us to get to where we are, so many thanks to everybody concerned, and especially to Carey-Anne and Ray for their work with the bank. Committees are a good way forward and can involve people with particular expertise who are not on the PCC. We have also been blessed with a number of legacies, including one for £100,000.  We have tenants for the cottage who will be moving in shortly, in June. We have also started booking hirers for the hall, but we can’t market it until it is finished, and we can take photographs.  **Questions**  Pam Sparks asked if we had contacted the Hampton Fund to tell them how disappointed we were at their refusal to give us a grant, and asking if they might have second thoughts. Donna replied that Geoffrey Samuels did contact them on our behalf, but we haven’t done so ourselves. We may go back to them in the future, perhaps when we have started using the hall for the community. There was a feeling from the meeting that we should write a letter to the Hampton Fund. Donna will take this to the PCC at a later date. |
| 1. **Report of the Treasurer and presentation of Accounts.**   Donna started by thanking Carey-Anne for all that she has done. The past year has not been easy.  The accounts for the year ending December 2022 had been approved by the PCC and shared online. Carey-Anne shared some of the highlights from this.  The good news is that our income has grown. There have been a number of grants and legacies and an increase in giving. We also had some income from weddings and funerals, and over £16,000 from the use of the hall, even though it was only available for 11 months. We also had £13,500 from the letting of the cottage. Our total income for the year was £154,529.  Our total expenditure for the year was £119,715. This included an increase in our Parish Share from £9,000 to £14,400. There were also some higher costs for church maintenance, including the floor and the chimney, and some extra expenditure on items for our children’s work, including the soft play materials. |
| 1. **Report on the Fabric of the Church.**   Julie referred the meeting to the Reports to the Annual Parish Meeting, where there is an account of this.  The highlight was the building project. Julie gave thanks to Donna and all who have worked so hard on it.  We continue to have problems with the chimney. The original problem has been dealt with, but now there is another one, as there is a leak caused by the flashing, which will need repair.  Julie gave thanks to all who have helped with the maintenance of the church, especially Dave Teager, David Chick, and Andrew Miller.  The heating system in the church is becoming unfit for purpose. We will need to explore options for replacing it before the winter.  Julie also gave thanks to Jennifer and Jenny who have dealt with huge disruption to their working space. |
| 1. **Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.**   Again, people were referred to the report in the Reports to the Annual Parish Meeting. Donna gave thanks to Anne, Paula and Richard who regularly attend the meetings and represent our church. It is good that we get to meet together with other churches in this way. |
| 1. **Appointments to church-connected bodies.**   Richard, Anne, and Paula were all willing to stand again as Synod reps for the church.  Paula Williams was proposed by Bobbie Ennals and seconded by Gaynor Chick.  Richard Ennals was proposed by Paula Williams and seconded by Sue Dawes  Anne Walker was proposed by Maureen Miller and seconded by Jo Marmoy.  **The meeting approved their appointment.** |
| 1. **Any Other Business.**   Tricia Stone asked why the choir has to sit in the Lady Chapel and move across the church to sing. Jo Marmoy asked whether the choir pews could not be moved into the front of the church for each service as they are on castors.  Donna replied that this is to do with the livestream. If the choir were seated at the front of the church any noise that they made would be picked up by the microphones for the livestream. Also moving the pews would be quite hard work.  Jenny added that the problem with the microphones could be solved if we had somebody willing to be properly sound trained in order to work on the sound desk for the 10.00 service. Dave King does this for the 4.30 service.  Paula and Michael expressed reasons for retaining the current arrangements and John Winterburn suggested that we have this conversation at a later date when all the choir can be present, and with anybody who is particularly concerned. This was agreed.  John also let people know that he is about to start on a refresh of the website so people need to know that there might be a few hitches in the future. Donna thanked John for all he does on the website.  Anne Walker thanked Donna for all the fantastic work she has done over the year. |

The meeting ended with prayers.

Signed……………………………………… Date………………………