

Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry
Minutes of the meeting for the Election of Parish Wardens and
Minutes of the APCM held immediately afterwards on
Tuesday 24 May 2022 in All Saints Church at 8pm

Present: The Revd Canon Ann Nickson, the Revd Alex Barrow, the Revd Sylvie Collins-Mayo, the Revd Peter King, the Revd Heather Peters, MaryAbel, Celia Catchpole, Brenda Morris, Penny Bell Wright, David Bradshaw, Deborah Carter, Tim Catchpole, Bob Clarke, Mary Clarke, Sarah Coggins, Robert Davenport, Caroline Edelin, Paul Edelin, Peter Halford, Sheila Hamilton, Nicholas Jarrold, Greg Kyle, Jennifer Macintyre, William Macintyre, Patrick McCloughlan, Christine McGuinness, Wendy Moss, Deirdre Munro, Nicholas Rettie, Francis Ring-Davis, Mireille Stanton, Ginny Waterkyn, Kate Woodhouse, Jan Wright, John Wright

Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

Two nominations had been received for the posts of Parish Churchwarden – **Celia Catchpole** – proposed by Mary Abel and seconded by Deborah Carter
Brenda Morris – proposed by Wendy Moss and seconded by Mireille Stanton
Both were elected by acclamation.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Reports from PCC Committees.

The Annual Report had been circulated and included short reports from the PCC Committees. The Committee Chairs were thanked for their work and invited to add any comments.

Jonathan Blythe presented the Finance Review and Accounts for 2021 via email in his absence and referred to his report on page 13. JB confirmed the 2021 Finance review has been presented to the PCC, the Accounts have been approved by Finance and Property and examined with alteration by Alistair Smith. JB thanked all that are part of the Giving Scheme and all who continue to give. He thanked everyone who helped with the finance work, in particular John Wilson, Cheri Crump, Karen Brown, Bob Mann and Perry Kitchen. Thanks also went to the planned giving representatives and the independent examiner, Ferguson Maidment & Co.

AN and the meeting thanked Jonathan for all his work as Parish Treasurer.

Ann Nickson, in Ian Bright's absence presented the Planned Giving overview. The committee which includes representatives from each church makes a tremendous effort to inform and to ease the path of giving via email and other means. Indications from the first three months of the year show that the amount that is likely to be raised will be similar to last year's amount. All amounts committed are gratefully accepted but it continues to be recognised that the total amount given is highly dependent on a few sizeable commitments. In general, 20% of givers account for 50% of the total raised. This is a structural issue that has the potential to affect the parish's finances for many years into the future, especially as people move from the parish, pass away or need to revise their giving. AN and the meeting thanked the Giving Team for their work for the parish.

Kate Woodhouse Chair of the Mission, Peace and Justice committee, reported the annual budget for charitable giving for 2022 will continue at £21,000. New charities are being sought and will be decided on shortly.

There were no questions on these reports.

Team Rector's Report

Ann Nickson thanked the Parish Wardens, Churchwardens and all those who have volunteered and given their time in so many ways during a difficult year. AN said a special thank you to Mary Abel for all her work with the parish, showing a deep love and commitment to the parish she has been an amazing asset always showing great care and thoughtfulness while maintaining a modest demeanour. She is a lovely person to work with and will be missed. AN presented an orchid and gift card on behalf of the parish in thanks.

Reports for approval and acceptance

Electoral Roll

Cheri Crump reported that the electoral roll membership as at 24 May 2022 was 292 for the parish, 78 at St Mary's, 89 at Christ Church and 125 at All Saints.

Independently Examined PCC Report and Financial Statements

Acceptance of the report, as circulated, was proposed by Francis Ring Davis, seconded by Revd Peter King and approved unanimously by the PCC at the meeting on 30 March 2022.

People working with children and young people

The list of people with checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service was circulated and approved unanimously, having been proposed by Francis Ring Davis.

Sidespeople

The list of sidespeople was circulated and approved unanimously, having been proposed by Revd Peter King.

Appointments, elections, announcements and authorisations

Appointment of Independent Examiner

The meeting unanimously approved the appointment of Ferguson Maidment & Co, Sardinia House, 167 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2EA, as proposed by William Macintyre and seconded by Deirdre Munro.

Announcement of Deanery Synod membership for 2021/2024

The following people were elected as Deanery Synod members at the recent Annual Church Meetings and were affirmed unanimously –

St Mary's – David Bradshaw and Ian Bright vacancy

Christ Church – Robert Davenport, Sheila Hamilton, Deirdre Munro

All Saints – Adrienne Jack, Mike Stewart, Vacancy

Announcement of PCC membership for 2022/2023

After elections at the recent Annual Church Meetings the following were members of the PCC and were affirmed unanimously by the meeting-

St. Mary's – Greg Kyle, Sarah Coggins and Ginny Waterkeyn (Churchwardens)

Francis Ring Davies, Helen Robinson, Kate Woodhouse,

Christ Church – Neil Davis, Deirdre Munro and Mireille Stanton (Churchwardens)

Christine McGuinness, Nicholas Rettie, Dilys Zeegan

All Saints – Jan Wright and John Wright (Churchwarden)

Kathy Sheldon, Charlotte Hillier, Vacancy

PCC Representatives on other bodies

Kate Woodhouse and Bryan Jackson were approved as PCC nominated trustees of the Mortlake Church of England educational foundation (Mortlake Hall). Co-opted trustees were – Liz Blythe and Ann Mills.

Any other business

Mireille Stanton expressed thanks to Revd Heather Peters, she has been particularly wonderful in helping Christ Church through a really tough time.

Mary Abel expressed her thanks to a few people, in her words one of the best things about the job of parish warden is the great team of people in the parish who you get to know better while getting on with things.

First – my fellow parish wardens, Geoff for the first 2 plus years and Celia more recently. What a joy they have both been. Geoff so thoughtful and always with a twinkle in the eye and Celia – resilient, thorough and her wonderful laughter and lightness of touch. Both have been generous with their time to talk things through when there have been knotty problems to address. I have been very lucky.

And the churchwardens across all 3 churches – what a phenomenal job they do and how varied the tasks they turn their hand to. We all owe them a debt of thanks.

I know Jon Blythe can't be here today, but I am consistently grateful to him. His knowledge of the accounts is second to none and this gives us all such confidence. And he doesn't do drama, even when things may not be altogether rosy in the financial garden! And so ably supported by the church treasurers.

Cheri - you have been great. We are all so thankful for the way you quietly get things done. Even when there are obstacles in the way – which there sometimes are, you find a way round, with patience and good cheer. And to Anne Reeves who offers back up to Cheri and knows so much about the way things work.

Kate Woodhouse and MPJ Committee who plan our charitable giving with much thought and care. And Ian Bright and the Planned Giving Committee who run the giving scheme campaign each year and are so knowledgeable about how best to do it.

And what a wonderful clergy team we have. I know thanks have been expressed to all of them at the recent Annual Church Meetings, but I want to say especially to you Ann how much I have appreciated working with you. We all relate to you in different ways and I slightly suspect that none of us has the whole picture of what you do. I have seen glimpses of your workload, some of the pastoral care you offer, decisions you have to take, the speed and efficiency with which you respond to emails so that nothing is held up, the appointments you lead on and of course the inspiration you give us in leading worship and preaching. I have huge respect for you and huge warmth. Thank you

The meeting closed with the Grace at 20:25.