



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

22nd May 2022

Meeting commenced 11.45am

Present: Luz Escobar, Frances Beskeen; Karime Barker, Heidi Bradshaw, Jean Francis, Solomon Hans, Sue Martin, Joseph Mtalo, Ndeko Ndesamburo, Catherine Okrafo-Smart, Emma Quartey, Glynis Rudge, Peter Rudge, Fr. Robin Sims-Williams, Anna Stanley, Ruth Wagaine.

1.	Apologies for absence: Sandy Clayton, Sian Davies, Philip Voke
2.	Items to be admitted by Consent for Any Other Business: There were no items put forward.
3.	Minutes of Annual Meeting from 23rd May 2021: Fr. Robin reported these had been on display in church and were also available on line. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by Fr. Robin.
4.	Matters arising from previous Annual Meeting Minutes: There were no matters arising.
5.	The Electoral Roll Report: The report was circulated previously and it was recorded there was an increase in the electoral roll to 78 members in 2022. There were no questions. Fr. Robin thanked Frances for all her work in administering the Electoral Roll, the CMF and Gift Aid returns.
6.	The Annual Report of the PCC: This had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Fr. Robin reported that going forward into 2022 we had started a bible study on a Tuesday afternoon in church and a Wednesday evening at Catherine Okrafo-Smart's house. He also reported that Covid rules were now slightly relaxed in church since November 2020. Although we had paused services in January and February of our own volition. Masks were still available for those who still wished to wear them. Also thinking further ahead we should think about when to further relax rules. It was noted that St Paul's Cathedral were now communicating with wine. Fr. Robin however felt that some people may still not be comfortable receiving from the common cup and it was important to get the right balance and we should consider various options.

7.	<p>Financial Statements Report: Fr. Robin gave thanks to Peter Rudge for maintaining the accounts and finances throughout the year and also thanked James Liew, the Independent Examiner. PR reported that we are breaking even and Fr. Robin had obtained grants which were dedicated to certain activities. He reported (PR) that the Fabric Fund had not been touched for at least 15 years when we refurbished the church hall and installed a disabled toilet. We might now have to borrow some money from this account to pay for the Covid Memorial which will be paid back as we fund raise for the memorial. Fr. Robin reported that we also get rent from the house in Greenfield Gardens which used to be for the curate, and that we had been in the position to slightly raise our payment to the Diocesan fund, although we are still a supported parish.</p>
8.	<p>Fabric Report: This report had been available in advance of the APCM. Fr. Robin reported that the War Memorial in the Lady Chapel had now been fully restored. The water tank in church had been removed and water in church was now direct from the mains so the water is drinkable. The next steps in the Mission Action Plan (MAP) is that the actual building needs updating and sufficient space made for various activities. To do this we need drawings of the building in all aspects. To this end we have obtained a 50% grant from the National Churches Trust and 50% from the PCC. It was raised that damage is being caused by cars/vans using the red tile patio to turn the car/van or to park. It was suggested that planted troughs could be put across this area. <i>(Action: PCC and Building, Hall and Maintenance Committee).</i></p>
9.	<p>Barnet Deanery Synod Report: Catherine Okrafo-Smart (COS) added to her previously circulated report that a meeting had been held on 23rd March 2022 at St Bartholemews Church in Finchley. The speaker at that meeting talked about equality and racism in church, the topic was well received. Fr. Robin added that Institutional Racism in church is a topic which is to be discussed at the clergy conference in July.</p>
10.	<p>Election of Parochial Church Council Members: A new process had been initiated in 2019 whereby a third of the PCC members, 3 each year, stand down. 2021 therefore saw Maria Adiseshiah, Elaine Collins and Glynis Rudge standing down, although EC will still be on the PCC as Deanery Representative. Fr. Robin thanked all three for their hard work on the PCC. Two members of the congregation had been put forward to join the PCC, Luz Escobar and Ndeko Ndesamburo. Both were elected. There was still one vacancy which would stand until 2023, although someone could be co-opted for 2022 and then elected in 2023.</p>
11.	<p>Election of Youth Warden: Joseph Mtalo was currently Youth Warden and agreed to stand for a further year.</p>
12.	<p>Appoint the Independent Examiner: It was agreed Fr. Robin/PR ask James Liew if would continue as Independent Examiner.</p>
13.	<p>Another Other Business: There being none recorded.</p>
14.	<p>The Blessing: The meeting closed at 12.30pm with The Blessing.</p>