

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SHIRLEY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

HELD AT 11.30am ON 30th April 2023 in the church

Some 32 members of the congregation were present at the meeting. Rev'd Lu Gale took the Chair.

Apologies were received from Miranda Heester, Jane Gorman, Charlotte White and Gillian Goldsmith.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS: ELECTIONS:

Wardens:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Michael Wall	Tim Hastie	Christine Healey
Elected unanimously		

Deputy Wardens:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Sam Nott	Tim Roberson	Gillian Goldsmith
Elected unanimously		

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

1. Minutes of the 2022 APCM

Approved. Proposed by Sam Nott, seconded by Viv Welch. There were no matters arising.

2. To receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2022

The accounts had been approved by the PCC. Two weeks prior to the APCM copies were available on the website and as printed copies at the rear of the church.

Becky provided an overview of the 2022 accounts, as approved by the PCC and Independent Examiner. Items noted are:

Statement of Financial Activities shows Total Revenue £189,585, Expenditure £120,188 and Net movement in funds - £67,317. This increased revenue is largely linked to generous legacy donation; otherwise, income/expenditure is relatively unchanged on prior year.

Balance Sheet summarises the total assets and liabilities. We have total funds of £142k - £20k of this is restricted (i.e. tied up in trusts, restricted deposit accounts, or allocated towards specific expenditure) and £122k unrestricted funds. During the year we have ring-fenced an amount of £30k into Reserves, which is held back in a separate deposit account and equates to 3 months' worth of expenditure with a view that this should be held separately and not spent except in the event that we completely run out of money. Similarly, the legacy donation has subsequently also been transferred to a separate deposit account.

Income: Regular giving total £62k (increase of £1500 from 2021); Collections have remained largely the same with £4,500 from general collections; but special collections linked to weddings/funerals are down on prior year. Legacies and sundry donations have been boosted by a substantial legacy donation (which is unrestricted). Fund-raising – slightly down on prior year, but notable successes - plant & fabric sale (£1,870), craft fair (£1,480), cinema (£3,000), Lent Lunches (£1,095), and various concerts from Croydon Male Voice Choir (£300), Trinity Boys (£530), and Graham Hercocock Elton/Frank (£580). Church cottage – Increased rental income and steady stream of income from a reliable tenant since June, Thank you to Sharon and Amish for their hard-work to sort out and decorate the cottage so that it was ready for these tenants. Church & Tamberlin room hire fees were down on prior year.

Expenditure: As included in Note 3. Charitable giving to various charities has increased, including lent lunches and specific collections such as Christian Aid and the Shrublands Trust. Church activities – fairly self-explanatory, but items to note: Significant reduction in repairs and maintenance to the church as very fortunate that no significant projects/repairs in 2022; Church cottage expenditure largely relates to building repairs to rectify a specific damp problem, but also new carpets and decorating supplies; PSF increased from 60k to 65k.

and I have an optimism that we can and will be able to bring people together and ensure our church thrives financially going forwards.

Accounts adopted – proposed by Tim Hastie and seconded by Teresa McCarthy, with a vote of thanks to Becky (Applause)

3. Election of Independent Examiner

Peter Runacres was re-elected on the proposal of Tim Roberson, seconded by Kelvin Carter.

4. Election of Representatives for Deanery Synod

Nominated	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Gillian Goldsmith	Tim Roberson	Claire Barracliffe
Claire Barracliffe	Teresa McCarthy	Michael Pardon
Teresa McCarthy	Michael Wall	Wendy Wall

Elected unanimously.

5. Appointment of a representative of the Readers to PCC

Jackie Pontin re-elected unanimously.

6. Election of PCC Members. The following was elected unanimously to the PCC:

Nominated	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Jane Gorman	Viv Welch	Tim Roberson
Viv Welch	Christine Healey	Samantha Nott
Georgina Roseweir	Sam Nott	Christine Healey

7. Appointment of Vice Chairman to PCC

Mick Wall elected unanimously as Vice Chairman.
Proposed by John Kingdom and seconded by Claire Barracliffe

8. Appointment of PCC Treasurer

Julie Sayer was proposed by Christine Healey and seconded by Sam Nott. Elected unanimously.

9. Appointment of PCC Secretary

Tim Roberson was elected unanimously as Secretary
proposed by Tim Hastie and seconded by Jackie Pontin.

10. Church Electoral Roll:

There are now 175 on the Roll (an increase on 2022), of whom 63 are resident within the Parish.

11. Churchwardens' report on the fabric of the church

Christine Healey reported as follows:

Repairs and general maintenance are ongoing with our Victorian Church. To keep our beautiful church in good condition can be costly, the premises committee led by Paul Campbell have worked hard to keep the fabric of the Church buildings in good condition.

Church

The annual Church inspection took place in 2022 undertaken by the Revered Debbie Forman, the Area Dean. The necessary documentation and certificates were in order, some registers needed to be updated.

This year has been one of ongoing maintenance with no major building works undertaken. However, the drain covers have been replaced. The chandeliers at the West End of Church stopped working on Christmas Eve. They were repaired early in the New Year by re- routing their light switch to the fuse box. No further action has been undertaken with regard to the change to LED lighting.

The plans for renewing of the Noticeboard in Shirley Church Road are currently with Croydon planning department. When approved an application for a faculty from the Diocese will be made.

We are waiting to hear from the Diocese clock adviser about two reports received from the local Tower Clock specialists, before we can proceed with applying for a faculty.

The Organ builders repaired and tuned our Organ in 2022. We are very fortunate that Trinity School have funded this as their Organ scholars continue to use our Organ for practice and lessons.

Church Cottage now has a tenant. The Premises committee will be taking care of any issues as they occur and ensuring that Landlord safety checks and boiler servicing are undertaken.

Churchyard

Our Churchyard as with our Church building needs constant maintenance. We were very happy when Charlotte agreed to take on the role as gardening contractor. Our Churchyard remains in very safe hands. Thank you, Charlotte and all your family, for all the love and care that you put into St John's Churchyard. H&S and premises committee have an ongoing plan to assess where there are any potentially hazardous headstones with those identified either being laid down or reset.

The warden team feel that the church is generally in good condition.

I would like to thank the tech team for streaming of our services. Also big thanks to Gillian and Karen for their help at the back of Church.

Thank you also to Tim Roberson, Bernard, Becky, Janet Miller and Sam for all their support and help.

As I pass on to a new Church Warden team, I wish them well and trust that everyone will give them their full support.

Christine Healey

12. Vicar's report on the state of the Parish

Lu said

Lu thanked Christine and Sam as wardens and to Becky as treasurer. Thanks to Mick and Julie for taking on the respective roles of Warden and Treasurer

Streaming has widened the congregation. 50 – 60 watched on an average Sunday with many more on Easter Sunday. Feedback from watchers is encouraging and a number had joined the congregation.

Thanks to the Streaming Team.

Particular thanks are due to Jackie who had given Lu her all, giving hope, friendship and fellowship.

The 9am service continued to provide a valuable alternative to 10am Mass. On occasions where children come to this service it should be a one where they would want to come (as illustrated by Easter Sunday).

The Growing Disciples requires a commitment to prepared to help. Thanks to those who have come forward to fulfil this important role.

The appointment of Norman Hunter Rose (as Organist and Choir Master) was initially for 6 months and was terminated by mutual consent in January 2023.

The Healing hub – healing and wholeness is part of making St John’s a safe place alongside Eco Church and Eco Church.

Finally, Lu thanked the Congregation keeping faithful and for their prayers.

(Applause)

13. Report on Deanery Synod affairs.

A report from Gillian Goldsmith was read to the meeting.

Regular meetings in person at the various churches in the Deanery Synod have now resumed and Zoom meetings will be kept for winter meetings when bad weather prevails.

There is a renewed energy in our meetings, and the more recent format of breaking into small discussion groups with a plenary session is much welcomed. We are hoping to arrange another Deanery Trail, building on the success of the one we held last year. It is always good to hear about the activities of the other churches, and to learn from their experiences. I am always happy to share our news and to gain ideas from others. It is comforting to know that we are all gaining strengths in various ways in the love of our Lord, and sharing them with our local communities.

14. Report on Safeguarding.

Georgina Roseveir has agreed to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer. The Safeguarding Policy will need to be reviewed.

15. A.O.B.

None.

Meeting closed with the Grace at 12.15pm