

**Minutes of the Vestry meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for the purpose of electing Churchwardens.**

Rob Brighthouse was nominated by Greg Wall and seconded by John Giles.

Susan Jozsa was nominated by Greg Wall and seconded by Joy Taylor.

Both nominees were unanimously elected.

The Vicar thanked Greg Wall for all his years of service as Churchwarden and for the support that he had given her.

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

1. The Vicar opened the meeting in prayer.

2. **Apologies** : Richard Stevens, Laurette Guest, Gill Haskell, Margaret Cuthbertson, Rob Brighthouse.

3. The minutes of the 2022 APCM were approved.

4. **Electoral Roll** : Greg Wall reported that there are 121 on the Electoral Roll. He thanked Peter Taylor for his help with collating the Roll.

5. **Deanery Synod** : Stella Gillingham and Susan Jozsa are current representatives to the Deanery Synod. St. Petroc's is entitled to a third member. The Synod, with no lay officers or Rural Dean, is going through a difficult time. There will be a consultation with PCCs over the future of the Deanery Synod.

6. **PCC Elections** : The following were unanimously elected to the PCC :

Alaine Willis – nominated by Jessica Jamin, seconded by Greg Wall

Greg Wall – nominated by Rob Brighthouse, seconded by Mary Steer

Shirley Eatwell – nominated by Richard Stevens, seconded by Christina Cross

Sarah Smith – nominated by Barbara Brighthouse, seconded by Joy Taylor

Diana Tyler – nominated by Sarah Smith, seconded by Barbara Brighthouse

Andrew Ferguson had stood down from the PCC and was thanked for his contributions to the Council.

**7. Appointment of church Auditor :** It was proposed by Greg Wall and seconded by Sarah Smith that Robert Barclay be appointed as church auditor. All in favour.

**8. Church Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 :** The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending 2023 which showed a £4,500 shortfall in giving and an expected deficit of £1,000. There have been fundraising activities but it is not realistic to rely on these for our income stream. The temperature of the church is being kept lower as if kept at the usual temperature the cost would be approximately £10,000 per year. The effect of the lower temperature on the humidity in the building is being closely monitored. The Common Fund for the year has been paid in full. The Vicar thanked the Treasurer for his report and his work in overseeing the church's finances.

**9. Annual Report :** The Report was unanimously accepted.

**10. Vicar's Report :** We should be encouraged by the increase in the number on the Electoral Roll, by the increase in attendance at services and the many activities offered. Special services offered are midweek Morning Prayer, Thought for the Week and study groups. Outreach includes the Compassionate Café in conjunction with SSB; Puffs; Coffee in the Car Park.

Current challenges are the fabric of the building and particularly the tower. The Vicar thanked everyone for their understanding about the heating costs and the consequent issue of the reduced temperature.

Mission Community – The Churchwardens of all the churches meet regularly and the PCCs had an away day earlier in the year. There are occasional joint Mission Community services and expertise within the churches is being shared.

Thanks to all who lead our services – Laura McAdam, our curate, retired clergy and Lay Readers. The post of Rector will be advertised in July, with interviews to be held in September.

Thanks were also expressed to Readers, Intercessors, Sacristans, Bellringers, Richard our organist, the choir, Sidesmen, Pastoral visiting team, cleaning team, flower arrangers – and many others who contribute towards the life of the church.

But the greatest thanks go to God, for His guidance.