

ST PETER AND ST PAUL LAVENHAM

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held in The Village Hall on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Revd Stephen Earl

Present: Revd Stephen Earl (in the Chair), Jane Balchin, Chris Burnford, Gill Burnford, Justine Corney, Maureen Cowdroy, David Deacon, Pam Evans, Mary Jackson, Paul MacLachlan, Margaret Minns, Diane Page, John Page, Graham Pattrick, Pete Postle, Anna Pitt, Clare Santer, Pam Smith, Simon Wallis, Martin Weaver, Mary Wolton (21).

Attending: Ordinands Lynda Sebbage and Elke Cattermole

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from David Boast, Abigail Earl, Robin and Eva Hughes, Jill Hopkins, Jane Orbell, Ian and Margaret Thompson, Vickie Weaver.

2 Minutes of the APCM held on 20 April 2016

These were approved, proposed by Mary Jackson and seconded by Jill Hopkins.

The following reports were made under matters arising:

- (i) that Jeremy Parsons had been appointed to the St Edmunds Way Benefice;
- (ii) that a gift had been made to Robert Holmes;
- (iii) that pews had been polished but that funds raised were slightly short of the total cost.

3 Annual Report (part 1)

The following statutory reports were included in The Annual Report which is attached to these minutes:

- Electoral Roll
- Rector
- PCC Secretary
- Churchwardens (Fabric)
- Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2016
- Deanery Synod

The Rector added the following material comments to his report:

- that Captain Paul Tyler would be joining the church's leadership team at Lavenham. He will be licensed on 10 May 2017 as a Community Minister. However, it is anticipated that Paul will be licensed as Curate to the parish in December 2017.
- he thanked church members for the support given not only to him but also to Ordinands, Lynda Sebbage and Elke Cattermole.

4 Presentations

The Lavenham Easter Art Trail

Ordinand, Lynda Sebbage, made a presentation about the Lavenham Easter Art Trail which was attracting local and national media interest.

The church layout and furnishings questionnaire

The Rector outlined the purpose of the questionnaire and encouraged everyone in the congregation to participate.

5 Annual Reports (part 2)

The following non-statutory reports were included in The Annual Report which is attached to these minutes:

- Ministry Team
- Families' and Children's Team
- Organist and Choir Leader
- Magazine

- Open the Book
- Church Shop
- Second-hand Bookstall
- Bell ringers
- The Friends of Lavenham Church

The Rector commented on the wide range of activities undertaken within the church and expressed thanks for the reports submitted.

The following material comments were added to the reports:

- the forthcoming Easter Craft Day had, so far, received only 3 expressions of interest;
- that while Lavenham Life magazine made a significant overall profit, sales income did not cover its printing costs

Flowers were presented to Jane Balchin in recognition of her service to the church bookstall since its foundation.

6 Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

The following nominations had been made prior to the meeting:

- Pam Evans had been proposed by Marjorie Newman and seconded by Clare Santer;
- Simon Wallis had been proposed by Jenny Lawrence and seconded by Gaye Hodges;
- Maureen Cowdroy had been proposed by Paul MacLachlan and seconded by Pam Evans.

All three candidates received unanimous support in their election.

7 Election of PCC Members

The following nominations had been made prior to the meeting:

- David Boast had been proposed by Jane Orbell and seconded by Pam Evans;
- Graham Patrick had been proposed by David Boast and seconded by Jane Orbell.

Both candidates received unanimous support in their election.

It was noted that Churchwarden and Deanery Synod appointments left only 5 of the 12 elected PCC places filled. The Rector advised that co-options to the PCC will be considered.

8 Election of Assistant Churchwardens

The following nominations had been made prior to the meeting:

- Graham Patrick had been proposed by David Deacon and seconded by Mary Jackson;
- Martin Weaver had been proposed by Chris Burnford and seconded by Robin Hughes;
- Clare Santer had been proposed by Robin Hughes and seconded by Martin Weaver.

All three candidates received unanimous support in their election.

9 Election of Sidespersons

The following persons were elected:

Sylvia Baker, Gill Burnford, Chris Burnford, Anne Coopland, Patrick Corney, Catherine Culhane, Wendy Deeks, Pam Evans, Gaye Hodges, Jean Johnstone, Ken Mazdon, Margaret Minns, Marjorie Newman, Jane Orbell, Clare Santer, Marian Searle, Irene Spark, Margaret Thompson, Ian Thompson, Trevor Tinkler, John Weaver, Bill Wiltshire, Mary Wolton.

10 Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Justine Corney, seconded by Martin Weaver and agreed unanimously that Anthony Faulkner be appointed as Independent Examiner of the PCC's 2017 Financial Statements.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm with The Grace.