

ST EDMUND KING & MARTYR, Kingsdown with Mappiscombe
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**
held on Sunday 28th April 2019
at St Edmund's, West Kingsdown

Present: Kim Johnstone, Elizabeth Stoneham, Lynda Harrison, Martin Stoneham,
Heather Waddington, Derek Kirby,
Geraldine Mullen, David Mullen, Valerie Wesley, Mike Wesley,
Geoff McGill, Jakki Hayson, Pauline Jenner,
Sheila Crawford, Reg Endres, Jenny Robinson,
Rosemary Griffiths, Jane Smith, Clive Yarnold, Seb Sullivan, Coleen Perry,
Steve Gray, Rosemary Gray, Marie Watts, Rev Sarah Corry, Jon Battershill

Apologies: Keith Cass, Sharon Rivers, Hilary Wilder, Maureen Southgate.

The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone. She asked if the meeting was in agreement that two attendees not on the electoral role be allowed to remain for the APCM with the proviso that they could neither discuss or vote on any items raised.

Vestry Meeting

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 29th April 2018

The Minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Steve Gray, seconded Mike Wesley and duly accepted by those present.

Election of Churchwardens for 2019/20

Two nominations had been received:

Mrs Angela Beale
Mrs Rosemary Gray.

There were no further nominations and therefore the Rector declared Angela and Rosemary the Churchwardens for 2019/20 and expressed thanks to them.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Church Meeting held on 29th April 2018

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and duly accepted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1. The Reports

- a) Rector's Report: The Rector referred to her report which had been given in full at the 8am and 10.30am services. She said it only partly touched on the work and life of the church. Reverend Sarah reiterated that everything undertaken by the church community must come from love and trust of God. She recalled Isaiah 43 v1. A full copy of the Rector's Report would be available on the 5th of May, and would be posted on the notice board, and published in SEKAM and a copy to be filed with these minutes. Reverend Sarah thanked Reverend Harriet and Hilary Wilder for their support on developing policies

and action plans in respect of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and implementation of Church policies on Safeguarding. St Edmund's was now compliant in respect of both of these initiatives. All parishes in the diocese would be asked to take part in the new strategy for mission 'Called to Grow' during 2019. There would be diocesan support to help parishes and the leadership for initiatives could be taken by church members and not necessarily by the incumbent.

- b) Annual Report : Reverend Sarah gave thanks for the life of Ann Sharman and her tireless work for the church over many years. She recalled that Ann had been elected onto PCC to serve until 2021 and this had been documented in the annual report. In respect of 5Ups she thanked all additional help which had been given in the past term and reported that there were 23 children registered to attend out of a maximum of 25 places available. Reverend Sarah noted that part of Angela's church warden report had been omitted. This referred to open days at the church. There were 4 open days each year with a rota of volunteer welcomers. There was a steady flow of people for prayer or to sit quietly in the church and refreshments were always provided. Mike Wesley added that opening the church everyday had also been successful in the access gained by parishioners and the wider community for quiet prayer.
- c) Deanery Synod: Pauline Jenner explained Shoreham Deanery Synod had 3 meetings in 2018. There were presentations at the open section of each meeting; e.g. covering Fostering and Adoption and Dementia Awareness. The Deanery Synod also considered business items such as Safeguarding, General Data protection, Deanery mission action plan and Thy Kingdom Come. There will be a new Mission Strategy for Parishes in the Diocese starting in 2019 and St Edmund's would need to take an active role. It was proposed that Deanery Synod minutes be regularly circulated to PCC members. This was agreed by attendees as a useful action to take.
- d) Financial Statements: The Treasurer presented the income and expenditure Account to 31st December 2018. Income was £79,157.54 and expenditure was £83,372.20 giving an overspend of £4,214.66 for 2018. The remaining total for the Pat Harris Legacy as of 31st December 2018 was £57,377.87. The costs of the refurbished heating system would be paid in 2019 thus reducing the Legacy by nearly £8,000. Additional monies from the Pat Harris legacy would be used to purchase a new organ as the existing one had developed faults and was not expected to be functional for much longer. It would be important for the church to consider ways of reducing costs and maximising income during the next year if the yearly deficit was to be reduced. All attendees thanked Kim Johnstone and Reverend Harriet for the hard work needed to complete this years' accounts, particularly as they had taken on responsibility part way through the financial year. The report was unanimously agreed and accepted. In addition special thanks were given to Brian Johnstone who had devised a new Excel spreadsheet approach to financial accounting which would hopefully make the process of submitting the end of year accounts to the diocese easier to undertake.

Thanks was recorded to Angela Beale, Stewardship Officer, for her work, particularly with reclaiming gift aided income and also to everyone involved with fund raising efforts.

Thanks were recorded to Martin Stoneham, Independent Examiner, for auditing the accounts.

- e) Fabric Report : The Fabric Report, as written in the Annual Report, was read by Rosemary Gray and a copy is filed with the Minutes.
- f) Electoral Roll: Pauline Jenner reported that after a full review of the Electoral Roll there were 74 church members registered to vote at this meeting. Forms for admission of new members to the Roll would now be available at the back of the church. The next full review of the Electoral Roll would be in 6 years' time. Pauline agreed to continue as the Electoral Roll reporting officer.

Elections and Appointment

- a) Three people to the PCC : Two for 3 years and one for 2 years (to replace Ann Sharman). Three nominations had been received.

Geoff McGill (for a 3-year term)
 Geraldine Mullen (for a 3-year term)
 Janet Jones (for a 2-year term).

There were no other nominations received and these three people were Elected for the periods as indicated above. The Rector expressed thanks to them.

- b) Appointment of Sidespersons

It was proposed by Rosemary Gray, seconded by Steve Gray that the following persons be appointed for 2019/20

Angela Beale, Ian Bosley, Roger Brindle, Geoff Gill, Pauline Jenner, Joy Johnson, David Mullen, Geraldine Mullen, Ann Munro, Sharon Rivers, Tricia Townsend, Hilary Wilder.

This was agreed and they were duly appointed.

- a) Appointment of Independent Examiner : The Rector proposed that Martin Stoneham be appointed for 2019/20. This was agreed.

Any Other Business

The Rector closed the meeting and thanked all church members for their contributions which made St Edmund's a welcoming and spiritual church. She said she knew this was her calling to be in this place in West Kingsdown and hoped the words of Isiah that everyone is called would nag away at people so they might hear God's calling voice.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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