



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
HELD AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH HALL
30 April 2019**

Diane Haddock Deputy Lay Chair
Dian Taylor Hon. Secretary

Attendance: 16

1. **Appointment of Churchwardens for 2019/2020:**

The meeting was open to all who are resident within the parish boarder or are on the Electoral Roll of one of the three churches in the Team Ministry. The Chair thanked those who had served as Churchwardens in the last year: Ian Graystone for St Alban's, Barrie Kinchington and Martin Guest for St Dunstan's and Diane Haddock for St Oswald's.

The following nominations had been received for Churchwardens to the three Parish Churches for 2018/19.

St Alban's – Carol Adams, Thomas Shrimpton, Austen Lucas

St Dunstan's – Barrie Kinchington and Jane Dourado

St Oswald's – Bryan Hopper and Paul Thomas

The meeting accepted the five persons named above as having been duly nominated to serve as Churchwardens.

There being no further nominations for Churchwardens the Chair announced the persons named above duly elected.

There being no other business the Chair closed the annual meeting of parishioners.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Chair welcomed all to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Cheam, 2018. **Apologies:** Jane Dourado, Amanda Shrimpton, Jo McCandlish, Fiona Webster, Laura Drane, David Drane and The Rev'd Felicity Norris.

1. **Minutes of the previous APCM held 27 April 2017:** these were circulated. Barrie Kinchington proposed that the minutes be signed as a true and fair record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Bryan Hopper and unanimously supported by the meeting.
2. **Matters Arising:** Bryan Hopper observed the comment in Paragraph 12 and the meeting gave their wholehearted thanks to Felicity and best wishes to her and her family as she embarks on a different career path.
3. **Presentation of Reports** – Reports from each of the three churches were tabled in the groups' reports booklet and taken as read. The Chair thanked everyone who has contributed to the life of the church in so many ways through the group activities which was comprehensively reported upon in the booklet. The group reports from the Parish churches were RECEIVED.

4. **Secretary's Report:**

Circulated in the Parish Annual Report for 2018 which reported on the four meetings of the PCC held in 2018. The APCM noted that at the last meeting of the year held in November it was confirmed that the Parish magazine publication would be suspended from December 2018 until the new Rector has been able to give guidance on future communication within the Parish. In the meantime it was agreed that the Parish Office should be asked to collate a monthly news-sheet to be distributed to congregants. This should be limited to a folded A4 sheet to be put at the back of each church.

The meeting noted the comprehensive report prepared by Melody Thorpe on the review of the Parish website. Some discussion followed on how this was being co-ordinated and Graham Andrew undertook to try and gather together those members of the dormant Communications Group together with Melody and other who have worked on the website.

The PCC Secretary's Report was RECEIVED.

5. **Deanery Synod report**

The Deanery Synod report for the year was contained in the Parish Annual Report which was presented to the meeting.

The Deanery Synod report 2018 was RECEIVED.

6. **Presentation of Electoral Roll** – Circulated.

St Dunstan's	121 (93 in-Parish; 28 out-of-Parish)
St Alban's	61 (32 in-Parish; 29 out-of-Parish)
St Oswald's	49 (42 in Parish; 7 out-of-Parish)

It was noted with regret that the Electoral Roll has been renewed this year and that the number of people on the Roll for St Dunstan's has dropped significantly from 214 to 121 and St Oswald's has also dropped from 54 to 49. St Alban's has increased from 55 to 61.

Some discussion of the reasons for these numbers ensued, it being acknowledged that there are few reasons for actually being on the electoral roll and the only perceived benefit appear to be the ability to vote at the APCM. There is considerable inertia and less interest in church life and a significant change in the drivers bringing people to an involvement. Communion before Confirmation has essentially severed completely the link between children from the church school in Year 6 coming forward for confirmation and this year there are confirmations planned. Fewer weddings now take place in church, fewer baptisms and fewer church led funerals. The Parish has been in interregnum for 18 months and the church cannot compete with the pull of modern life.

The record of the Electoral Roll was RECEIVED.

7. **Notice of appointments at ADCMs 2019**

ST ALBAN'S DCC

CAROL ADAMS - CHURCHWARDEN
AUSTEN LUCAS - CHURCHWARDEN
THOMAS SHRIMPTON – CHURCHWARDEN
VACANCY - DEANERY SYNOD
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JOHN ADAMS - PCC

AMANDA SHRIMPTON - PCC
JUNE CLIFTON – DCC
IAN GRAYSTONE – DCC
GILLIAN GRAYSTONE - DCC
ANTHONY HOLLAND - DCC
KATHERINE LUCAS – DCC
DAVID SHORT - DCC

ST DUNSTAN'S DCC

JANE DOURADO – CHURCHWARDEN
BARRIE KINCHINGTON – CHURCHWARDEN
DAVID DRANE – DEANERY SYNOD
LAURA DRANE – DEANERY SYNOD
VACANCY – DEANERY SYNOD
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JULIA HEY – PCC
JOANNE McCANDLISH - PCC
DIAN TAYLOR – PCC
VACANCY - PCC
KAREN ADORJAN – DCC (2018 - 2021) (and Treasurer DCC & PCC)
VANESSA GUEST – DCC (2017 - 2020)
RICHARD MILLAR – DCC (2018 - 2021)
MARION STOCKTON – DCC (2017 - 2020)
LUCY BRICE – DCC (2019 - 2022)
DAVE REYNOLDS - DCC (2019 - 2022)

ST OSWALD'S DCC

BRYAN HOPPER – CHURCH WARDEN
PAUL THOMAS – CHURCH WARDEN
VACANCY – DEANERY SYNOD
VACANCY – DEANERY SYNOD
GRAHAM ANDREW – PCC
FIONA WEBSTER – PCC
GILLIAN EVELEIGH – DCC
ROSEMARY HEWES – DCC
PAUL LOWE – DCC
FRANCES SHOEBRIDGE – DCC
SUSAN THOMAS – DCC

deficit of £12,315. The picture at St Alban's was slightly more promising with a surplus of £16,737.35.

The financial reports from each church and the consolidated Parish accounts were RECEIVED subject to independent examination.

9. **Election of Examiner** –Barrie Kinchington proposed that Community Action Sutton be elected as the Accounts Examiner. The proposal was seconded by Jane Dourado and unanimously APPROVED.
10. **Any other Business** - It was reported that because of falling giving and congregation numbers that St Dunstan's had had to significantly reduced its pledge to the Parish Support Fund for 2019 from £79K for 2018 to £40K in 2019. Discussions are ongoing with the Diocese on how this situation should be handled going forward, but essentially St Dunstan's has suffered greatly as a result of the long interregnum. Thanks had already been given in the various Parish reports for the support given to St Dunstan's by the Parish Administrator, Louise Page and the Fr Derek to sustain us through the interregnum.

Signed

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8. All elected members were noted and RECEIVED
Presentation of Accounts

The consolidated accounts (not yet examined) for the Parish were presented with the Annual Report. The Chair thanked Karen Adorjan for managing to achieve the final accounts consolidated from the accounts presented and received by each ADCM. Unfortunately there had been a significant downturn in the financial out-turn for the whole Parish and the consolidated accounts showed a deficit of £12,757.23 as opposed to a 2018 surplus of £15,074.74. St Dunstan's in particular has suffered a significant downturn in income showing a deficit of just over £17K. Similarly St Oswald's showed a