

The Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames
St Michael and All Angels
Annual District Church Meeting
Sunday, 24 March 2019, held at 11 a.m. in the Church

Present

The Rev. Paul Smith (in the chair)

Douglas Aitken	Jean Hercus
Dorothy Bell	Joyce Kelly
Keith Bowman	Barbara King
Jane Cadogan	Laurence King
Christina Chappell	Nicola Ng
Hilary Clare	Helen Owen
John Clare	Margery Radford
Beryl Clements	Sue Sheppy
Mike Collins	Simon Soper
Adrienne Compton-James	Gillian Squire
Frank Debney	Peter Squire
Eileen Duckett	Nancy Uttley
Glenys Enticott	Julie Woodley
Krissi Hartley-Morris	
Louise Heffernan	

Apologies

Mo Alner	Jenni Collins
Carol Bowman	David Duce
Glynne Butt	Jane Duce
Vernon Butt	Ming Ng

1. The meeting opened with prayer and welcome, followed by presentation of apologies.
2. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15 April 2018, which had previously been on display and circulated, were accepted unanimously (on the proposal of Beryl Clements, 2nd Joyce Kelly) and signed.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - (a) Item 7: Sue Sheppy thanked the DCC for arranging the restoration of Station 14 (organised by Peter Squire and Keith Bowman).
 - (b) It was noted with gratitude that Gill Squire had set in motion the repair by Ray Duckett of the welcome sign at the south porch.
4. **Reports**
 - (a) Electoral Roll. Keith Bowman (Electoral Roll Officer) reported that, following the recent complete revision of the Roll, numbers had fallen to 71, compared with 91 last year. Fr. Paul thanked him for all his hard work on the revision.
 - (b) The Church Council's Annual Report, previously circulated, was accepted, the following questions arising from it having been resolved:
 - (i) In the Team Vicar's Report (p. 3), under Mission and Ministry, Sue Sheppy asked for clarification of 'Pastoral Care ... to be shared by congregations...';

Fr Paul explained that, within the parish, pastoral care would be shared with its own priest by each congregation

- (ii) With reference to Traidcraft (p.7), Beryl Clements remarked that Traidcraft goods were still available at 35 Ock Street. Thanks were expressed to Glenys Enticott for running the Traidcraft stall in St Michael's for so long, and to all who had supported it.

Fr. Paul thanked Peter Squire and Hilary Clare for putting the report together.

- (c) Accounts. These were presented by the Treasurer, Mike Collins, and unanimously accepted (on the proposal of Adrienne Compton-James, 2nd Laurence King), following these questions:

- (i) Laurence King asked whether there was any risk that the Diocesan quota might go up, despite the drop in ER numbers, if other parishes were similarly affected: Mike replied that the Diocese was currently cash-rich, owing to the reorganisation of trust money, so this was unlikely.

- (ii) A question on the lay-out of the accounts was explained.

- (iii) Helen Owen gave notice that she and Jenni Collins would be stepping down from organising the Autumn Fair; the crucial place of the Autumn Fair in fund-raising was confirmed.

Thanks were expressed to Mike Collins for all his hard work over the year and in drawing up the accounts.

5. Elections.

- (a) Churchwardens.

Peter Squire (proposed by Laurence King, 2nd Hilary Clare) and **Joyce Kelly** (proposed Eileen Duckett, 2nd Jean Hercus) were nominated for election as churchwardens at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 4 April 2019.

- (b) There were no nominations for the vacancy on Deanery Synod caused by the election of Alexandra Scott to the Diocesan Synod.

- (c) **Hilary Clare** (proposed by Glynne Butt, 2nd Jane Duce) was nominated for election to the PCC by the APCM on 4 April.

- (d) **Douglas Aitken** (proposed by Peter Squire, 2nd Keith Bowman) was elected to serve on the DCC for three years.

Two vacancies on the DCC remain unfilled.

- (e) The following were elected sidespersons for the year:

Carol Bowman	Jean Hercus
Keith Bowman	Barbara King
Beryl Clements	Nicola Ng
Frank Debney	Sau Ming Ng
Eileen Duckett	Gill Squire
Louise Heffernan	

- (f) **Jane Cadogan** was elected as representative to the Church-in-Abingdon, on the proposal of Dorothy Bell, 2nd Simon Soper.

6. Any other business.

- (a) Helen Owen proposed an initiative to sell the 150 commemorative mugs with an Easter addition, plus Easter cards etc, particularly at the forthcoming Easter Extravaganza on 6 April.

- (b) Beryl Clements remarked that a church 'Who's Who' was needed; this is already in hand.

- (c) Helen Owen remarked that all initiatives should go through the DCC, and asked that DCC minutes should be displayed.

- 7. **The Team Vicar's address** (attached) was followed by the closing prayer, and the meeting ended at 11.53 a.m. with thanks to Fr. Paul moved by Beryl Clements.