Parish of Bracknell

Called Together to make Christ known

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday 12 May 2024 in Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell (after morning service)

Attendees:

Revd Robin Sharples (Vicar), Shirley and Malcolm Taylor, Russell Goodburn, Simon Sellick. Angela Evans, Les Allen, Katherine Lobo, Christine Bowes, Sheila Farrington, Steph Littlejohn, Alvin and Lucia Finch, Graham and Lynn Orriss, Sam Leach (+ Evie and Freddie), David and Sally Roper, Barbara Kinsella, Caroline Hedges, Lydia Pugh, Roger Porter, Gloria Rudiger, Annette Whiting

Part 1 - Meeting of the Parishioners

1. Welcome– Revd Robin welcomed us all to the meeting.
2. Appointment of Secretary - It was proposed by Shirley Taylor, seconded by Angela Evans, and unanimously agreed, that Simon Sellick be appointed as Secretary for the meeting.
3. Appointment of Churchwardens

The following persons were elected as Churchwardens:

Angela Evans: nominated by Patrick Reid, seconded by Samantha Hammond

Russell Goodburn: nominated by Caroline Mulisa, seconded by Daniel Crawford.

The persons present at the meeting thanked the Churchwardens for their work.

Part 2 – Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Paul and Debbie Copping, Ian and Angela Millar, Michael and Ann Jackson, Lesley and Ian Johnson, Gill Gardner, Joyce Brown, Paul Byron

1. Approval of Minutes of APCM 2023

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 2023 APCM be approved as a correct record.

1. Receiving of Annual Report

The Annual Report was received.

1. Receiving of Accounts 1 January to 31 December 2023

The Accounts were received.

1. Election to Deanery Synod

No elections were made to Deanery Synod at the meeting, but it was noted that persons could be elected to fill casual vacancies on Deanery Synod.

1. Election of PCC Members

The following persons were elected as members of the PCC:

Neil Arden - proposed by Russell Goodburn, seconded by Rosalind Bull

Shirley Taylor - proposed by Neil Arden, seconded by Angela Evans

Lydia Pugh – proposed by Angela Evans, seconded by Shirley Taylor.

1. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Shirley Taylor, seconded by Russell Goodburn, that Sandra Douglas be appointed to continue as Independent Examiner of the parish accounts for 2024 and this was unanimously agreed.

1. AOB

The meeting acknowledged a question raised as to whether the Holy Trinity choir could sing during the administration of Communion.

Robin replied that, strictly, this was not a question for the APCM as music in worship is a matter for the Incumbent according to Canon Law. However, he said that he felt that there was no problem with singing as such but that singing in the chancel interfered with the administration as it was not possible to hear either the priest or members of the congregation. Thus, the choir could, potentially, sing elsewhere in the church building during the administration. This has been previously discussed with the Music Director.

It is important to note that this is the view of the current incumbent and should not form a precedent for any future post holder.

1. Chair’s Remarks

The 5 marks of mission were shared with the meeting alongside the Inclusive Church statement.

Robin suggested that, in the context of the five marks of mission, we should become an Inclusive Church and the meeting supported this.

Robin warmly expressed his appreciation of the support he receives within the parish, and the people present at the meeting thanked him for his work.

1. Close

The meeting closed with “the Grace”.