

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of PARISHIONERS

of the CHURCH of ST. NICOLAS, OLD SHOREHAM

HELD on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 11.15am in St Nicolas Church

1. **THE MEETING** commenced at 11.25am with prayers led by Father James Grant, who chaired the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Philip and Judy Cheeseman.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:** Fr James welcomed the 22 parishioners to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
4. **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS** held on 8th May 2022 – there being no amendments the minutes were agreed.
Proposed: Helen Harvey. Seconded: Gill Powell. All in favour. Minutes signed by Fr James.
5. **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:**
Fr James thanked Sue and Gill for all their hard work since becoming churchwardens.
As there were only 2 nominations, from Sue Bartlett and Gill Powell, they were duly elected as Churchwardens for 2023/24.
6. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS:**
No formal nominations. David Tidy and Felicity Batten offered to be called upon to help if needed.

Signed:

Dated:

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

St Nicolas Church, Old Shoreham , held in St Nicolas Church

On 14th May 2023, FOLLOWING the ABOVE MEETING

Father James welcomed all present and said he felt the last few years has brought everyone closer together, then read a poem of thanks to everyone who has helped in anyway.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** held on 8th May 2022 – there being no amendments the minutes were agreed and signed. Proposed: David Tidy. Seconded: Pam Wears. All in favour.
2. **THE ELECTORAL ROLE for 2023:** stands at 91. As Gill has lots of other things to do, James asked for anyone prepared to take on the Electoral Role Officer position to contact him after the meeting.
3. **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:** Circulated prior to meeting. A question was raised about the sound system – there was no progress with this in 2022 but the PCC have approved a contractor in 2023 and we are waiting for faculty. There being no amendments this report is adopted. Proposed: Dennis Wears. Seconded: Revd Pat. All in favour.
4. **CHURCHWARDENS REPORT:** Circulated prior to meeting. No comments or questions.
5. **OTHER MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL CHURCH INTEREST:**

If we can encourage people to sign up to Easy fundraising, the church will get money when people use certain retailers online.

We have tried to use the church as a warm space, but as this wasn't well used, it was changed to a Wednesday morning social gathering. Is this something people think is worth continuing? The general opinion at the meeting seemed to be that it had been worth trying but probably not worth continuing, especially as we have the monthly coffee and cake mornings.

James would like to reintroduce bringing up the elements from the back of the church, Mary French offered to be responsible for this. Also go back to using the offertory plate and at special services, such as Baptisms, pass the collection pouches and good box around. Can we go back to the pre-Covid normal for sharing the peace? The suggestion was for those who would prefer contactless still to keep their hands together. Discussions also held regarding intincting – the Bishop has said we shouldn't be doing this. Those who do not want to drink from the common cup should just receive the bread, which is considered to be receiving fully.

The St Nics 100 club has 15 members, please contact Helen Harvey if you would like to join.

The Wednesday 7pm communion service is going well – most weeks there are 7 to 9 people compared to 3 or 4 who came to the morning service. No other churches in Shoreham offer an evening communion service. Good to be able to have a communion service before PCC meetings and in future lent courses and other courses could take place after it as well.

The congregation would like feedback from PCC meetings, a summary could be added to the newsletter when needed.
6. **ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS:**

Three members are needed for the next 3 years. Recently there has been more focus and structure at the meetings, which take place 3 times a year. Gill Powell and Sue Bartlett both nominated and duly elected. There is 1 vacancy.

7. ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:

For 2023 to 2026, Jeanette Simpson and Nicky Buckman agreed to stand again, Nigel Divers agreed to be elected. Proposed: Pam Wears. Seconded: Felicity Batten. All 3 duly elected.

Cliff Emberlin and David Tidy have both resigned so there are 2 vacancies until 2025. As Nicola Ball previously verbally agreed to continue she could be elected. Proposed: Helen Harvey. Seconded: Sue Bartlett. Duly elected. There is 1 vacancy. Thanks to Cliff for agreeing to continue with Stewardship.

8. ELECTION OF SIDESPEOPLE:

Nicky Buckman, Felicity Batten, Ian Muzio, Karen Mallett, Cliff & Sue Emberlin, Pam & Dennis Wears, Wendy Baker, all duly appointed.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: The Independent Examiner this year had been Irving Bartlett. Letter of thanks to be sent from Secretary with request he will continue for another year.

Sue Bartlett thanked everyone for all the support they have given her and Gill.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Signed:

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