

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BARNES
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 26 April 2009

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1.1 The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parishioners held on Sunday 13 April 2008 were passed as correct.
- 1.2 Two nominations for Churchwarden had been received: Denis Barrow proposed by John Richmond and seconded by Adam Mitchell and John Richmond proposed by Denis Barrow and seconded by Mike Tungay. As there were no other candidates they were duly elected with both standing for one year only.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 2.1 There were 19 people in attendance and no apologies for absence.
- 2.2 The Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 13 April 2008 were passed as correct with an amendment to 3.1 of 2 additions not 4 to the Electoral Roll.

3. Statutory Reports

- 3.1 **Electoral Roll:** There have been 4 additions plus 3 removals giving a total of 48, with 33 resident in the parish and 15 non resident. Revd Jean Boulton-Reynolds explained that with 50 or less on the Electoral Roll we are entitled to 6 PCC members and for up to 100 9 PCC members. It was proposed by Tony Paterson and seconded by Fiona Colquhoun that a further 3 places be adopted for the 2010 APCM, this was unanimously agreed.
- 3.2 **Parochial Church Council** report was circulated and approved. Madelaine Jolly offered to organise gardening volunteers onto a rota.
- 3.3 **2008 Church Accounts** were circulated. Revd Jean said that although a deficit of £23,000 showed this was due to exceptional expenditure in the form of building repairs, office equipment and computer software purchased. This had been offset by grants, money from the Friends' account and a 50% increase in giving. Revd Jean was really encouraged by this.
- 3.4 **Treasurer's Report:** There is to be a final payment of £30,000 for the repairs, which includes £14,000 + VAT for redecoration. £10,000 will be drawn down from our Reserves. The Hall has a squirrel problem to be dealt with, rewiring is in process and there is about 5 years life in the building. Anthony Phillips and John Richmond thanked Tony Paterson for his efforts in finding grant money for the building works last year. Tony then offered to look for further grant money for the final phase of our repair works. The meeting expressed its thanks to Raphaëlle Sadler, Parish Administrator for her work in re-organising the church accounts and getting the data onto the new accountancy software.
- 3.5 **Stewardship Report:** Fiona Colquhoun asked to Minute our appreciation of the time and effort Zoe Mitchell, Stewardship Officer, had put into re-organising Church giving and getting the information onto a new donations' software package. Zoe reported that 58 people gave during 2008, 13 gave by standing order, 40 by white envelopes and a few by a combination of the two. Over 40 had signed a gift aid declaration. The number of people

giving has increased and the overall giving was up by 50%. Just over £800 was raised during the appeal.

3.6 Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report: Thanks were expressed to Anthony Phillips for his help in liaising with the architect on the Quinquennial. Anthony agreed to be responsible for liaising on the redecoration of the church interior, which is the final phase of the current building and repair works. Major works were carried out to the church and these were completed in October 2008 at a cost of £80,000. In 2009 the Lady Chapel will be replastered and then redecoration will take place. A total rewiring of the Church Hall will take place in Spring 09 at an approximate cost of £12,000. The Hall has been redecorated by Ladybird Nursery and the stage area is to be partitioned to allow two thirds for sole use by the tenant. New fire safety regulations require a fire drill to be held during a morning service. The Churchwardens will organise.

3.7 Presentation of the Terriers: These were available for inspection and the Rural Dean visited on 4 April 09 to make his inspection and found all in order.

4. Elections and Appointments

4.1 Member for Deanery Synod: There being no other nominations, Denis Barrow will remain our one member.

4.2 Members for PCC: The following four nominations were received: Henry Brainerd (for one year), Proposed by John Richmond, Seconded by Denis Barrow; Anne Paterson (for 3 years), Proposed by Susan Tungay and Seconded by Denis Barrow; Lilian Richmond (for 3 years), Proposed by Tony Paterson and Seconded by Emile Richards; Susan Tungay (for one year), Proposed by Lilian Richmond and Seconded by John Richmond. All were duly appointed and there is now a full PCC.

4.3 Appointment of Welcome Team: The following were Proposed by Zoe Mitchell and Seconded by Mike Tungay and unanimously appointed: Adam Mitchell, Sue Tungay, Emile Richards, Jill Hamer, Davina Phillips, Anthony Phillips, Lilian Richmond, Henry Brainerd, Doris MacKay.

5. Other Reports

The Vicar, Revd Jean Boulton-Reynolds concluded the meeting by outlining the wonderfully encouraging achievements of the past year. Giving is up by 50%, the repairs are nearly completed; the Parish Office has been re-organised and is running well. A key community event was held in the summer, new activities have been started and some are going well, Space to Be is to widen its reach. There are 25 people on the church rota and new PCC members. It is hoped that Mike Tungay will soon be coming onto the staff with Permission To Officiate. Revd Jean now wants to consolidate our purpose for being in Holy Trinity and to be open to God. Patience is required as we discern the way forward.

Tony Paterson stood and spoke for the whole Meeting when he said that all this had been achieved because of Jean's inspiration, hope and enthusiasm together with support from Denis Barrow.

6. Closing Prayer

Denis Barrow lead the meeting with a closing prayer.