

# BISHOP RIDLEY CHURCH

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)  
Held Bishop Ridley Church, The Green, Welling  
On Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 7.30 pm**

Mark opened the meeting by reading Matthew 23: 37-39 and then led prayers.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

### 1. Apologies for absence and register of attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Sheena Hamilton, Adrian Haughton, Debbie Haughton, Colin Hudson, Barbara Illingworth, Sarah Rogers, Helene Tariq, Andrew Tither, Jean Tither, John Waters and Pat Waters,

There were 14 members of the congregation in attendance either in the church or via Zoom, these were:

Mark Tariq, Chair	Jeanne McCormick
Karen Freeman, Secretary	Margaret Robinson
Letitia Ashcroft	Peter Robinson
Chris Bartlett	Derek Sears
Kim Charlwood	David Snow (via Zoom)
Gwenda Culmer	Thomas Snow (via Zoom)
Brenda Hudson	Stan Tither
Neil Jost, Treasurer	Fred Woodley (via Zoom)
Jean Jost	Grace Woodley (via Zoom)

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations for Churchwardens:

Derek Sears: Proposed by Adrian Haughton and seconded by Barbara Illingworth.

Pat Waters: Proposed by Jeanne McCormick and seconded by Jean Jost.

There being no other nominations, Derek and Pat were duly elected. Thanks were extended to Derek and Pat for their service to the church during the year.

### 3. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens

There was one nomination for Deputy Churchwarden:

Letitia Ashcroft: Proposed by Derek Sears and seconded by Pat Waters.

There being no other nominations, Letitia was duly elected. Letitia was thanked for her efforts over the past year. In his absence following his and Kim's move to Bexhill, Gary was also thanked for his service to the church.

Thanks were also extended to Liz, our Church Administrator as she prepares to move to Sussex. We will arrange for a farewell once it is safe to do so.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

(for those on the Electoral Roll)

### **1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on 24 April 2019**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

### **2. Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. The Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll has been updated. The church membership stands at 96, down from 101 last year. There have been three deaths and three people have moved away from the area. There have been expressions of interest to join the roll and we will arrange this once it is safe to do so.

### **4. To receive the Audited Accounts and Financial Reports (Neil Jost)**

These were presented by Neil Jost (copy attached). They have been audited by Headley Dunk and given a clean bill of health.

Our financial position has remained stable. We are meeting our expenses.

Neil thanked those who support him: Letitia, Gary, Derek and Sian; and also Jean for her ongoing support.

Neil proposed the acceptance of the Accounts and Financial reports as presented to the meeting, seconded by Peter Robinson and accepted by the meeting.

In response to a question, Neil advised that £3,460 has been received via the card reader machine and online giving.

Mark thanked Neil for his ongoing care of the church budget and all the work he puts into it. We are very blessed with our treasurer who has such a spiritual gift.

### **5. Appointment of Independent Examiners (Auditors)**

Neil proposed the Independent Examiners to be "Hedley Dunk & Co. Chartered Accountants" in Dartford, seconded by Letitia and unanimously agreed by all present.

### **Elections**

#### **(a) 2 x Deanery Synod Representatives**

There were two nominations:

Letitia Ashcroft. Proposed by Derek Sears and seconded by Pat Waters.  
Neil Jost. Proposed by Letitia Ashcroft and seconded by Jean Jost.

As there were no other nominations, Letitia and Neil were duly elected.

It was noted that membership of Deanery Synod has changed and members can now only serve for a period of two terms (ie a maximum period of six years).

**(b) 3 x PCC Representatives for 3 years**

Adrian Haughton: Proposed by Jeanne McCormick and seconded by. Derek Sears.

Karen Freeman: Proposed by Letitia Ashcroft and seconded by Pat Waters.

There being no other nominations Adrian and Karen were duly elected.

**(c) 1 x PCC Representative for 2 years**

Kim Charlwood: Proposed by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Neil Jost.

**(d) 1 x PCC Representatives for 1 year**

There were no nominations.

**6. Results of Elections**

As there were no other nominations, those nominated were duly elected no vote was required.

**7. Reports**

The “Annual Reports of 2019 for APCM 2020” had been made available to church members prior to the meeting via the website and email and were taken as read. Mark thanked everyone for their reports and invited comments and questions on the reports.

Mark noted that the booklet is thin this year and added that all areas of church life should be reported on. It is an important document and the completion of reports should not be seen as a chore. It is also important to stick to the timetable to enable the booklet to be assembled.

Thanks were extended to Liz for her work in producing the Annual Report.

**8. Terrier and Inventory:**

The inventory of church property and goods has been completed and can be viewed by arrangement with Derek or Pat.

**9. Comments and Question Time**

Mark advised that in the light of the ongoing pandemic, we will carry on as we are currently. We do not know what will happen with regard to Christmas events. We will worship together when possible. We have an opportunity during these dark times to spread positivity.

It was suggested that if it is not possible to hold an Outreach Lunch at Christmas, we should deliver hampers.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a time of open prayer.

Mark thanked everyone for coming. The meeting ended with prayer and The Grace at 8.10 pm.

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

Rev Mark Tariq

Date:

**Note:** In the extra-ordinary circumstances created by the Covid-19 pandemic we have sought to minimise the use of anything that may transmit the virus, including paper copies of forms. We therefore undertook the nomination, proposing and seconding of officers and members via email and copies of these emails have been retained.

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