

## **PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD**

### **MINUTES OF THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

#### **HELD ON 28th APRIL 2019 IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

Present: Canon Martin Greenfield (in the chair), Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, Rev Jeremy Groombridge and some 25 members and guests.

Apologies: Formal apologies had been received from: Richard & Penny Bird, Mary & David Courtney, Veronica de Grasse-Grant, Linda Etheridge, Jean Harris, Katheryn & Trevor Hewitt, Corrie Hibberd, Gill Pates, Susan Thomas, Sue & Richard Wragg

Martin, having welcomed everyone, talked about the theological background to our current discussions about the future of the Team. The starting point was God's missionary purpose. The Church existed to serve that purpose, not for its own sake. Therefore, we needed to seek out God's purpose in Sanderstead. A version of the report had been discussed at a joint meeting of PCC and the DCCs, with the Bishop & archdeacon, on 8<sup>th</sup> April. That had been a useful start to the conversation, but a lot more discussion was needed and no concrete decisions had been made. The process would be continued at a further joint meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS ("VESTRY MEETING")**

##### **1. MINUTES OF THE 2018 MEETING (22/4/18)**

Adoption of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Marc Smith, seconded by Pat Seely, and agreed unanimously. There were no Matters Arising.

##### **2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

Nominations for the eight churchwarden posts had been received from the respective Church Annual General Meetings. There being no other candidates, the following were declared to have been elected:

All Saints': Lynne Davison, Kevin Wright

St Antony's: Linda Etheridge, Barbara Webster-Dudley

St Edmund's: Richard Wragg, Chris Babbs

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

### 1. MINUTES OF THE 2018 MEETING (22/4/18)

Adoption of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Lynne Davison, seconded by Kevin Wright, and agreed unanimously.

### 2. MATTER ARISING – FORMAL SIGN-OFF OF THE ACCOUNTS

The 2018 meeting had agreed (item 6.2) to give PCC contingent authority to appoint an accountant to provide formal sign-off for the accounts, if our Independent Examiner, Mr Peter Saltiel, was not empowered to do so. It had been necessary to appoint Ms Tutu Taiwo of Curtlee UK Ltd to carry out that role.

### 3. ELECTORAL ROLLS OF THE PARISH

With many thanks to the Electoral Roll Officers for providing the information so efficiently, the secretary reported that the electoral rolls of the parish stood as follows:

All Saints :	162	(225	(at the 2018 APCM)
St Antony's:	15	(15	" )
St Edmund's:	29	(28	" )
Total:	206	(268	" )

### 4. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS AT CHURCH AGMS

The meeting noted the results of the elections at the AGMs of the three churches in the on-going parish, as set out in the agenda pack. In addition, the meeting agreed, exceptionally, to note that a completed nomination form for Marc Smith to fill one of All Saints' PCC vacancies had been received after the All Saints' AGM and the preparation of the agenda pack. This was felt to be the neatest way to regularise the position, rather than waiting for the first meeting of All Saints' 2019/20 DCC. The secretary reminded the meeting that DCCs could fill the remaining vacancies at any time.

### 5. PARISH REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2018

5.1 Chris Babbs introduced the Report & Accounts. He noted that the Charities Commission had insisted on the inclusion of St Mary's figures, up to the point they formally left the Team in April 2018. This made the figures of limited utility, particularly as regards year-on-year comparisons. With that major reservation, the key points were that the parish as a whole showed a deficit of £60k before investment gains and £50k after investment gains; the total funds carried forward (after removal of St Mary's figures) were of the order of £1.3m.

5.2 There were no queries about the accounts, which were accordingly adopted.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE 2019 ACCOUNTS**

6.1 Chris Babbs explained that the position regarding the Independent Examiner, noted under Matters Arising, still obtained.

6.2 Accordingly, he proposed the appointment of Church and Charity Accounts Services (Mr Peter Saltiel) as Independent Examiner for the 2019 accounts, with contingent authority for PCC to appoint an accountant for formal sign-off should that be necessary. This was seconded by Rosemary Kempell and agreed unanimously.

## **7. CROYDON SOUTH DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

The meeting noted the report which had been circulated with the agenda pack.

## **8. QUESTIONS TO PARISH OFFICERS**

No formal questions had been tabled.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Marc Smith reminded the Officers that any new members of PCC would need the documentation about the Sanderstead Review, so as to be able to contribute effectively to the on-going discussions.

9.2 Fanny Smith asked what was the scope of the booklet about locally available resources mentioned in the Synod Report, and where a copy could be found. Rev Jeremy Groombridge explained that the booklet was aimed at providing information about the help available in a wide range of situations, not just for refugees; a copy was kept in the Parish Office.

9.3 It was felt that information about forthcoming Synod meetings could usefully be included in the Newsletter &/or Notices; The PCC Secretary would action the point.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

Martin, on behalf of all, thanked the churchwardens, particularly Gill Pates who was standing down after six years in post, for all their efforts. The meeting then ended with Prayer and the Grace.

Chris Babbs  
PCC Secretary  
02/5/19