

St James New Barnet
Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting 2020
Held on 4th October 2020 at St James Church, New Barnet and Online
via Zoom

The meeting was held as part of a morning service. Revd. Laura Hewitt opened in prayer.

Appointment of Clerk to meeting

Bob Bayman was appointed as clerk.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Two nominations were received for the post of churchwarden;

- Simon Vincent was nominated by Anthea Cowles and seconded by Bob Bayman
- Carol Connah was nominated by Bob Bayman and seconded by Ros Thompson

There were no other nominations and no objections, so Simon and Carol were appointed churchwardens for the coming year.

Laura Hewitt closed in prayer.

The service continued with a reading from Esther 4 and a short sermon from Laura Hewitt.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

There were 33 members present in church and 24 members attending online via Zoom. Four non members were present. A full list is in the appendix.

Minutes of APCM 28th April 2019 and 13th October 2019

The minutes of the previous APCM were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Stephen Hunt and seconded by Jenny Robinson.

Ministry

Jenny Robinson spoke about training for ordination. David Hall has also been selected for training, and will be starting next year. We are also welcoming two more students on attachment to St James this month.

Prayer was said for all students.

Youth and family worker update

Paul Robinson gave an update on the youth and children's work. Youth work had to be adapted due to pandemic – social media and YouTube was used. The youth were able to meet on Zoom. Paul had support from Marion Storey and Bukky Akinjogbin. For the children, Kidschurch Online has started before the Sunday Service.

Our Place (group for children with special needs) has restarted with Paul Robinson and Becky Craggs leading. The youth have also been able to have a face to face Bible study.

Prayer was said for children, youth and families.

Elections

There were four vacancies for PCC and three for Deanery Synod. Nominations received as follows;

Deanery Synod

- Rosemary Leaver was nominated by Carol Connah and seconded by Bob Bayman

PCC

- Paul Robinson was nominated by Jenny Robinson and seconded by Bryony Johnson
- Keisha Murdock was nominated by Paul Robinson and seconded by Jenny Robinson
- Luke Cowles was nominated by David Mulford and seconded by Simon Perera
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No other nominations were received – and there were no objections – so Rosemary was appointed as Deanery Synod rep and Paul, Keisha, Luke and Simon were appointed to PCC.

Helen Cooper resigned from PCC and Joel Wicks had resigned in May - both moving away; and Bob Bayman stepped down. All three were thanked for their contribution.

Acceptance of reports (Excluding Treasurer's Report)

Reports were made available to members and the revised Electoral Roll was available for inspection.

Accepted with no objections

Treasurer's Report

Zoe Jones reported that the focus in 2019 had been financial controls, being good stewards of money and building up the reserves from 2018 levels. A finance team had been created – Zoe Jones, Chris Jones, Stuart Jones and John Price. Income had increased during the year, and expenditure decreased.

The impact of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions on the 2020 accounts were discussed. Kidz Choice nursery had shut for a period, but has now reopened with a reduced service. As a result, rental income had reduced.

Giving – Sunday collections – had decreased and despite building being closed, certain items of expenditure still needed paying, for example the parish share. However, giving through bank transfers and cheques continued, so staff (Paul and Bryony) were able to continue to be paid. Grants have been received for investment in Jim's Café, IT and building.

Income is expected to be reduced due to pandemic.

Zoe responded to a question regarding the parish share. This was around £66,000, expecting to rise by a couple of thousand this year, but no increase in 2021.

David Watson was appointed as Independent Examiner. (David is currently Independent Examiner to a number of churches)

- Proposed by Simon Vincent and seconded by Alun Matthews

No objections were received.

The meeting ended with prayer and worship

Appendix 1

There were 33 members of the electoral roll recorded as being present in church;

Joanna Ainsworth

Robert Bayman

Pamela Bayman

Lily Campbell

Tsenat Campbell

Carol Connah

Richard Coomes

Andrew Cooper

Helen Cooper

Sally Gentle

Samantha Gentle

Emily Gentle

Stephen Hunt

Jennifer Hutchinson

Zoe Jones

Gaitree Kessler

Rosemary Leaver

Alun Matthews

David Mulford

Christine Mulford

Keisha Murdock

Simon Perera

Fiona Perera

Paul Robinson-Beswick

Jennifer Robinson-Beswick

Amanda Rogers

Elizabeth Thompson

Rosalind Thompson

Trevor Thompson

Yvonne Thompson

Simon Vincent

Indrani Wicker

Simon Wilsher

Appendix 2

There were 24 people recorded as being present online via Zoom. Those marked with (*) did not have a camera switched on;

Olubukoye Akinjogbin (*)

Joan Ball

Jackie Campbell

Luke Cowles

Anthea Cowles

Philip Cowles

Harsha Cowles

Stephen Craggs (*)

Alice Femi-Pearse

Barbara Fitzpatrick

Heather Gill

David Hall (*)

Christopher Jones

Caroline Jones

Fiona Jones

Sonia Lucas

Areghan Obawaeki

John Price

Sue Price

Marion Storey

Tricia Vincent

Susannah Walsh

Martine Whittaker

