



Minutes of Annual District Church Meeting, held after morning Eucharist on Sunday 4 October 2020 (the Feast of St Francis)

- 1) Present: The Rector (Rev Dr Charles Miller); Canon Charles Masheder; and 32 parishioners.
- 2) The Rector opened the meeting with prayer at 11.30am.
- 3) **Apologies** had been received from Mary Anderson, Chris and Heather Jefferis, Rob Rutherford, Alex and Gill Titcombe, (Rev Rosalind Rutherford)
- 4) The **Minutes** of the 2019 ADCM were considered. There were no corrections, and no matters arising. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Susan Read, seconded by Silvia Joinson and carried unanimously.
- 5) The number on the **Electoral Roll** has risen from 177 last year to 228 now. This reflects a tighter reality than previous very high figures, and much appreciated hard work by Gill Titcombe.
- 6) **Elections.**
 - a) Nominations for **church wardens** of St Helen's were of Linda Hobbs (prop. Norman Gee, sec. Alexandra Green) and of Geoff Meen (prop. Linda Hobbs, sec. Alexandra Green). There were no other nominations and so our excellent team of wardens was duly elected for a further year.
 - b) Nominations for **pro-wardens** were of Chris Jefferis (prop. Linda Hobbs, sec. Norman Gee) and of Rob Bough (prop. Linda Hobbs, sec. Susan Read). Again both were elected and will also be members of the DCC.
 - c) **DCC members** are on a rolling cycle of 3-year terms. Standing for re-election from this year's cohort is Elizabeth Simpson (prop. Sue Pemberton, sec. Linda Hobbs); also standing after a year's break is Norman Gee (prop. Susan Read, sec. Linda Hobbs). Both were elected.
 - d) **Sidespeople** continue, with no current additions.

e) **Deanery Synod**: this is the end of the current term. Peter Penfold and Alexandra Green were both re-elected to serve (both prop. Linda Hobbs, sec. Susan Read).

7) Susan Read presented the **financial report**, which had already been circulated. She pointed out that Covid is not helping; but on today's pew slip she also suggests that other worthy causes may claim our support this autumn. She also wonders whether anyone else with a suitable financial background might like to consider a call to treasurership. She proposed that the 2019 accounts be adopted; this was seconded by Geoff Meen and carried unanimously.

8) The Rector added to his **Rector's Report**, which had already been circulated, further reflections on the events of the current year. These will also be attached to the minutes. This included a motion to re-elect the trustees of the Trust for the Development of St Helen's Church (Rector, St Helen's Wardens and Treasurer [Susan Read], Steve Thomas). Prop. Rob Bough, sec. Tony Grealy, carried unanimously.

9) The accounts for the above-named trust were unanimously adopted, prop. Susan Read, sec. Rob Bough.

10) The Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 12.15pm.