

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ABINGDON

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

April 16th 2023

Present:

32 church members attended:

(In no particular order)

Fr. Paul, Joyce Kelly, Louise Heffernan, Margery Radford, Gill Squire, Peter Squire, Christine Ciupa, Stuart Ciupa, Simon Soper, Christina Chappell, David Duce, Laurence King, Barbara King, Sau Ming Ng, Julie Woodley, Hilary Clare, John Clare, Keith Bowman, Carol Bowman, Beryl Clements, Frank Debney, Maggie Davis, Peter Sumner, Charlotte Sumner, Sue Scott, Alexandra Scott, Keith Kinnaird, Gwynfor, Michael, Sue Sheppy, Glenys Enticott, Glynne Butt.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Veronica Margetts, Neil Scott, Nicola Ng, Catherine Ng
The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes and Matters Arising from the ADCM meeting 2022

The Team Vicar's name was added to the list of those present.

The spelling of Susan Read and Laurence King's names was corrected.

The Minutes were otherwise accepted as correct nem con.

There were no matters arising.

Electoral Roll

68 names were on the roll at this date last year. The number this year is 69, although there have been several changes in the make-up of this total, including one transfer from St. Nicolas.

Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report were circulated.

There were no questions on either the Vicar's or the Churchwardens' reports and the Team Vicar confirmed that the issues identified in the Fabric Report were in hand. Labyrinth Inspired Activities, Music and Safeguarding Reports were also accepted without comment.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022 were not presented, nor did members have copies. They were therefore unable to review or accept them at this meeting. The accounts will be circulated as soon as possible. *Action: Joyce and Fr Paul.*

Fr. Paul thanked all those who had contributed reports for their hard work and commitment in the past year. Joyce was also thanked for compiling the report.

Elections

The following nominations have been received:

Churchwardens

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Joyce Kelly	Fr. Paul	Beryl Clements
Louise Heffernan	Sue Scott	Joyce Kelly

Their election will be formally confirmed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting this Thursday 20 April 2023.

Deanery Synod Representatives

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Sue Scott	Louise Heffernan	Joyce Kelly
Alex Scott	Louise Heffernan	Joyce Kelly

This is for a three year term and will be confirmed at the PCC meeting

PCC Representatives

John Clare's term of office does not end until 2024. He is willing to continue.

There were no nominations for the other two vacancies.

The Deanery Synod Representatives are ex-officio PCC members.

DCC members

The three members reaching the end of their first three-year term of office are Glynne Butt, Frank Debney and Ming Ng. As Glynne is now Secretary, she becomes a member of the DCC ex-officio. Frank does not wish to stand again. There are therefore three vacancies.

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Peter Sumner	Glynne Butt	Barbara King
Sau Ming Ng	Glynne Butt	Sue Sheppy
Maggie Davis	Glynne Butt	Julie Woodley

Laurence King was co-opted during the course of last year to fill an already-existing vacancy and his election was formalised on the proposal of Sue Scott; seconded by Alex Scott.

Church in Abingdon representative

John Clare	Hilary Clare	Charlotte Sumner
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Any other business

None

The Team Vicar's Address

As a result of his sabbatical, the Team Vicar has reflected on two areas of his ministry at St. Michael's and St. Nicolas':

He has become conscious that there have been occasions when he has been unaware of the needs of individual members of the congregation. He much regrets this situation and would value early notification from church members of any concerns in the future.

Churchwardens from both churches will now have joint meetings with the Team Vicar to facilitate exchange of information and to economise on time.

Charitable giving has been an issue discussed at length by the DCC and two charities for the Lent appeal were chosen by the DCC from a list submitted by the congregation. A similar process will be undertaken to identify charities for support during 2023-24. Papers will be made available from Sunday 7th May and charities will be agreed by the DCC in time for Pentecost.

The Team Vicar emphasised that, despite the ever-rising costs of maintaining and heating the church, these must in no way be allowed to negate the gospel imperative to give. 2.5% of our income in 2023-24 will be given to charity.

Post Covid, church activities have donated a considerable sum to charities (more than either St. Helen's or St. Nicolas') and thanks were expressed to Nicola Ng and Helen Owen who have been particularly active in this area.

The other challenge we face is for people to take on roles and responsibilities within the church. Gratitude was expressed to the Churchwardens in particular, and Joyce Kelly responded with thanks to the Team Vicar on behalf of the congregation. In conclusion, the Team Vicar said how privileged he felt to lead the St. Michael's church family.

Sidespeople

The list of sidespeople needs updating for the coming year. Anyone willing to volunteer was invited to contact the Churchwardens.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Glynn Butt DCC Secretary