Minutes of FSJMS AGM 2015 – held Sat 21st March 2015 at West Moors, Dorset.

Apologies for the AGM were received from:

Stephen Spencer (Chair, FSJMS), Kate Ashton, Simon Horne, Sandy and Allen French, Jane Campbell, Julian Roper, Bishop Robert Mercer, Barbara Williams, Matthew Williams, Paul Bradley, Gwen Spencer, Doreen and Martin Kilbey, Jane Peters, Lesley and Mike Allwood-Coppin, Janice Armstrong, Ann Newsom, Carol and Alban Gillett.

Minutes of the AGM held Sat 5th April 2014 at St Matthews, Westminster, London.

There is a correction to the minutes of the last AGM (noted by the committee on 5 June 2014): the second to last paragraph should have read that Bishop Cleophas was 'able to confirm that the names of the new recipients *would be* selected for 2014'.

There were no matters arising. Chris Komor proposed minutes of the last AGM should be accepted. Paula Wilcock seconded

The Chair's report was read.

A minute's silence was held in memory of David Wakefield

The Secretary's Report was read.

Nola Nixon had recently returned from a working visit to St James and to the Primary School and kindly offered some insight into life at St James.

Janet Mhletshwa (Melusi's sister) – a teacher at the primary school had died. Nola was able to attend the funeral. The Mothers' Union were out in force and carried the coffin into the church. It was a very moving occasion.

Nola confirmed that the food for the last Autumn term had not arrived at St James and that she had queried this with the Diocesan Office. She had been told that the Diocese had put in place a simpler process for handling the food orders going forward [we have also had confirmation from Fr. Ncube on 16 March that the 2015 first food order had arrived and the feeding programme is back on track]. This does, however, illustrate the criticality of the FSJMS-funded food provision, as some children were unable to go to school as a result of lack of food.

Nola commented that the Clinic still needs funding for drugs [this is also requested by Fr Ncube in a recent email to the committee]. The nuns who act as nurses at the clinic were keen to demonstrate their ante-natal service to Nola (where local pregnant women attend the clinic for advice).

The pre-school now has one trained teacher funded by the government, and Margaret acts as her assistant.

Nola was pleased to report that Fr Ncube's wife, Grace, is pregnant and the baby was due very soon.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Those present asked that we clarify the amount donated through the collection at David's funeral. This was £1061, before the application of gift aid.

Mike Reed proposed that FSJMS should request F. Smithin to act as independent examiner of the FSJMS annual accounts. Fran Stanfield proposed and Alison Butler agreed.

There was a short discussion of the great need for fundraising this year in order to meet funding requirements in 2015 and to rebuild a reserve. Fran Stanfield made a suggestion to invite supporters to consider a legacy to FSJMS in their wills. Fran also suggested that FSJMS should invite a supporter from St Michael's, Basingstoke to come and talk at next year's AGM and share their thoughts on successful fundraising**. Action: FSJMS committee** to consider these ideas.

Vote of thanks – Mrs Carol Gillett

Alison moved a vote of thanks to Carol Gillett for her tremendous contribution over many years to FSJMS. Carol has recently moved to Ireland from Zimbabwe and stepped down as FSJMS' accountant/facilitator in Zimbabwe. The AGM voted to use the profits from the AGM lunch to fund a small gift to Carol in appreciation of her work for FSJMS.

Election of committee members

The acting Treasurer, Mike Reed, offered to stand as Treasurer of FSJMS for one more year until the 2016 AGM. No other officers or committee members were due to stand down and all current committee members were willing to continue to serve.

AGM Date next year

In order to allow supporters to plan their attendance at next year's AGM, a provisional date was set of **Saturday 12th March 2016 in London**. It was agreed that it would be wonderful if St Matthews, Westminster, were once again able to host us. **Action: Alison** to contact Fr. Philip Chester and enquire whether St Matthews would be able to accommodate us.

The Chair closed the AGM at 3.15pm