

ALCESTER MINSTER PARISHES

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Nicholas Alcester held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th April 2023 in Church House.

The meeting was chaired by Rev'd Katie Cross who started the meeting with a bible reading and prayer.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Appointment of Clerk. Mary Titterington
2. Members Present. There were 26 members present - Rev'd Katie Cross, Sally Bayley, Nigel Boswell, Pam Boswell, Rev'd Daniel Corlett, Ron Cox, Andrew Deeks, Marion Deeks, Stephen Farr, David Hancox, Jen Hopkins, Rev'd Steve Kelly, Julie Lindsay, Caroline Newey, Mike Newey, Gwyneth Osborne, Ruth Procter, Doug Reah, Gill Reah, Brian Titterington, Mary Titterington, Anne Tugwell, Peter Tugwell, Ian Whitlock, Chris Wright, Florence Wright.
3. Apologies. Mavis Bate, Paul Cross, Rev'd Julian Davey, Lizzy Davey, Jean Hancox, Elizabeth Humphrey, Richard Osborne.
4. Notification of AOB. No issues were raised to be discussed at the APCM.
5. Minutes of last meeting held on 6th April 2022. It was asked that the minutes be made more available before the meeting in future. The minutes were accepted. Proposed by Chris Wright. Seconded by Mike Newey.
6. Election of Churchwardens. There were no nominations. Rev'd Katie Cross said how grateful she was to Marion Deeks and Ruth Procter for all their work as Churchwardens throughout a very difficult time.
As there were no nominations Katie will need to notify the Bishop to discuss sustainability going forward. Katie asked everyone to pray about this. Rev'd Steve Kelly suggested that there should be a meeting to discuss the roles of the Churchwardens.
7. Any other business. There was no other business.

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3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th April 2022.** The minutes were accepted. Proposed by Chris Wright. Seconded by Mike Newey. One abstention. Everyone else in favour.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
5. **Presentation of the Electoral Roll.** There are 139 parishioners on the church electoral roll of whom 25 are not resident within the parish.
6. **Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts.** Marion said that from a financial aspect it had taken Church House a long time to return to the pre-Covid position. Brian thanked all the people who donate to the church.
7. **Churchwardens' Report.** Marion and Ruth reminded everyone that the Log Book is available for anyone to look at when requested.
8. **Deanery Synod Report.** Chris talked briefly about the Deanery Plan.

9. **Rector's Report.** Katie commended her report to everyone.
- Vision for L.I.F.E. – Katie asked everyone to read this and the special Collect prayer. We will soon be moving to the second part “Investing in our Christian Journey”. Each parish has contributed to the Parish Mission Plan, please look at this and see what progress we have made so far.
 - Reorganising Structures and Governance – There will be an extraordinary meeting later this year. Some responsibilities will be transferring from this PCC to a Joint PCC. We need to consider what things can be managed centrally. When more details are sorted this change will be recommended to everyone.
 - We now have a full clergy team. Extra time available will be given to growing the church but not necessarily by having more Sunday services in church. Other initiatives will be tried. Please pray about this, chat about it and make suggestions.
10. **Election of Deanery Synod Representative.** Chris Wright was proposed by Brian Titterington. Seconded by Andrew Deeks. Katie thanked Mike and Caroline Newey for all their work and support over the years.
11. **Election of PCC members** (Including decision on readers with a licence). There were two nominations – Elizabeth Humphrey Proposed by Florence Wright. Seconded by Gill Reah. Sally Bayley. Proposed by Marion Deeks. Seconded by Andrew Deeks. They were both duly elected. Katie thanked Nigel Boswell and Lizzy Davey for all their work for the PCC. Julie Lindsay was approved as a Reader and to sit on the PCC. This was accepted unanimously.
12. **Appointment of the Independent Examiner.** It was confirmed that Ron Cox was happy to continue. Proposed by Brian Titterington. Seconded by Marion Deeks. All were in favour. Katie thanked Ron for his work this year.
13. **Any other business.**
- Jean Hancox is standing down as Weddings Co-ordinator and David Hancox is standing down as Verger, both from the end of June. Katie expressed how very grateful she was for all their hard work over many years. Please let Katie know if anyone has any ideas on who might take on these roles.
 - Katie asked us to consider whether we should have postal voting for the next APCM. This would enable people who were on holiday or unable to attend to vote. Katie proposed that the meeting allow this to go ahead. 13 for, 4 against and 5 abstentions. The motion was not passed.
 - Nigel Boswell asked for hard copies of all the paperwork to be available before the meeting.
 - Rev'd Steve Kelly said he was very encouraged by the numbers of people attending the Wednesday services, Messy Church and St Nic's at 9. Numbers have grown this year.
 - Ian Whitlock – we need much better communication around the Minster and also from St Nicholas. We need to do much more on this. We also need to know more about ACT. Ian also asked that it is made clear to everyone where they can access email copies or hard copies of all the paperwork for the APCM well before the meeting.
 - Nigel Boswell – Thank you to the Ministry Team. We are experiencing a time of growth with a tremendous variation of services, groups, lent courses etc and Jen in her role as Children and Families Worker.
 - Peter Tugwell – Thank you to Nigel Boswell and Andrew Deeks for organising the Minster Men.
14. **Closing prayer.** The meeting closed with the Grace.