

Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting of St Martin's, West Acton, held on 23rd April 2017 at 11.15 am in St Martin's Church Hall, Hale Gardens, London W3 9SQ,

Revd. Dr N Henderson	Sean Galpin	Else Tewelde	Brenda Ward
Revd. Brandy Pearson	Jill Burton	Gillian Hull	Ben Mason
Elizabeth Ambridge	Angela M North	Jonathan Jones	Sam Boundy
John Wilson	Ellen West	Hans Schimmel	Lyndon Plant
Lynne Armstrong	Johanna Barnes	John Holt	Shelley Merrick
Angela Doe	Yuki Johnson	Anne Oughton	Kenneth Chan
Cathy Williams	Bryony Franklin	Jennifer Dudley	Tara Bramwell
Bobby Williams	John Beastall	Arden Anderson	Jim Hyde
Jackie Nicholls	Abraham Ghebrekristos	Betty Anderson	Fiona Stuart

Apologies were received from :- Emma Stehlin, Tim Poulson, Barbara Humphrey, Karen Staartjes, Robert Burrow, Paul De Bois, Faith Carthy, John Trussler, Mary Cook, Chinua Anderson, Bruce Eddy, and Jeremy Thorpe-Woods

- 1 The meeting was opened with Prayer by the Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson.
- 2 Lynne Armstrong was appointed as clerk to the meeting.
- 3 The minutes of the meeting held last year on Sunday 23rd April 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed.
- 4 The Vicar announced that the Electoral Roll stood at 215, a minimal change from last year.
- 5 The meeting agreed to waive the requirement that Liza Ambridge should stand down as she had already served 7 years, proposed by John Wilson and seconded by Brenda Ward.
- 6 John Wilson and Liza Ambridge were elected as Church Wardens. A Deputy Church Warden would be selected at the first PCC meeting post the APCM.
- 7 The meeting was closed at 11.35

Annual Parochial Church Council meeting of St Martin's Church, West Acton, held on 23rd April 2017 at 11.37 am in St Martin's Church Hall, Hale Gardens, London W3 9SQ,

Attendance and apologies as above.

- 1 Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record, and signed. They were available to be seen by anyone interested in them on the St Martin's website. There were no items of other business raised.
- 2 Before the full report of the Parish Council's activities, the Vicar explained that due to the sudden and unexpected death of the father of our Independent Financial Advisor, Amandeep Singh Bhogal, the accounts were were being presented to the meeting ad tempus.
- 3 Our treasurer, Kenneth Chan, was available to answer questions and comments on the accounts, and he explained to the meeting that there was very little leeway, in fact it had become clear that our planned income was 5% less than our planned outgoings, and we were only keeping solvent because of the money raised by the Bazaar, the Fair and the Gift Day. He answered questions on the £32.5K fund, restricted and unrestricted funds and the need for flexibility in the church accounts and the role of the PCC in scrutiny of the money donated to the church.
- 4 Liza Ambridge presented the rest of the Report to the meeting. She explained that it had been a relatively quiet year, with no major disasters. However she pointed out that we would very soon need to undertake some overdue but very important preventative maintenance on the flat roofs over the Church Porch entrance and the toilet block. We had been warned by the Archdeacon in his visitation report that we urgently needed to have the entire electrical installations of the Church and Hall examined and brought up to standard, and this meant that we were looking at some considerable expense in the coming year. In addition to this the faculty we had asked for to allow us to renew and refurbish the Kitchen had been

granted, and work was due to be starting in the school summer holidays so that the Montessori school would not need to be considered whilst the work was going on. We were indebted to Rosemary Milne, who had been instrumental in obtaining a large grant from the Big Lottery for some of the work.

- 5 A Report on the Japanese Anglican Church UK was given by Yuki Johnson, and reports on the Youth Group, the Choir, St Martin's Music Society, St Martin's Players and other groups were contained within the written report. The meeting was reminded that the report was available on line via St Martin's web site.
- 6 The Junior Church and Safeguarding Reports were given by Bryony Franklin, and we heard that there are usually 20 or more children attending. Some of the Junior Church leaders are leaving, and more would be very welcome. There is every attempt to ensure that the teaching is age appropriate. All DBS checks are up to date, and there have been no concerning incidents over the past year. The Vicar expressed grateful thanks to her, and to All those who had made or contributed to the Reports.
- 7 Elections were held as follows
 - a. Deanery Synod - Sam Boundy
Bryony Franklin
Mary Cook
 - b. PCC members Lynne Armstrong, Tara Bramwell. Kenneth Chan
Bruce Eddy. James Hyde, Jonathan Jones
Ben Mason, Shelley Merrick, Jackie Nicholls
Angela North, Lyndon Plant, Fiona Stuart
Jeremy Thorpe –Woods, Ellen West.
 - c. Representative Reader Margaret Jones
 - d. Members for Acton and Ealing Churches together to be appointed idc
 - e. Independent Financial Advisor - Amandeep Singh Bhogal.
8. The Vicar gave his report, and told the meeting that this would be the last full year he would work in the parish, as he would be retiring on his 70th birthday in April 2018. The last services he would take in St Martin's would be those on Christmas Day, and the APCM next year would be earlier in March to allow him to preside over them. The PCC has already started preparing the Parish Profile, which is the document by which new incumbents are attracted to a church. Nick said that he hoped to retain many of the friendships he has made in the area over the years, and to see St Martin's continue to flourish.

The meeting gave Nick its sincere thanks for all his years of work, proposed by Jackie Nicholls and seconded by Liza Ambridge, and passed with a general aye. The meeting also thanked Clive Davis for his work, and for his help to Ken Chan who had succeeded him as Treasurer.

The meeting closed at 12.39 with the Grace, led by the Vicar.