

St Martin of Tours, Eynsford

Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 4 March 2018

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Norman and Janet Hamblyn; Jos Hynard; Julie Clarke; Anne Darrington; Rev Dorothy McGarvey.

The AVM opened at 10:20 by Rev Gary Owen, with 34 parishioners in attendance.

1. The minutes of the AVM held Sunday 26 February 2017 were proposed as a correct record by Peter Sansom, seconded by Hugh Darrington, with none against.

2. Election of 2 churchwardens. Peter Sansom has served alone for the past year. Only one nomination received and Peter Sansom duly elected. Rev Gary Owen said as a church we must really be praying and thinking about who will be the second church warden, as only having one will hamper our work as a church. He gave many thanks to Peter for his service.

APCM

1. Apologies for absence as previously noted.

2. Minutes of the APCM held Sunday 26 February 2017. Proposed as a true record by Peter Sansom, seconded by Sarah Boyle, the minutes were unanimously adopted.

3. Election of Parochial representatives of the laity. Parochial Church Council (9 representatives) and Deanery Synod (2 representatives).

Rev Gary Owen announced 10 nominations for the PCC had been received for 9 seats. These were Julie Clarke, Linda Gwyther, Dr Norman Hamblyn, Gillian Hill, Michelle Lowe, Julie Piper, Sue Povey, Linda Viner, Matthew Weaver and Jo Williment.

Rev Gary Owen explained we could vote, or could decide to elect 9 and one candidate could be co-opted onto the PCC. Proposed by Sarah Boyle to elect 9 PCC members and leave to the new PCC to decide who to co-opt. Seconded by Mike Hill. Vote by show of hands - 24 agreed, no-one against. Linda Viner (current Treasurer) agreed to withdraw her nomination and to be co-opted at the first meeting of the new PCC. The remaining 9 nominees were duly elected.

Marion Bond and Martin Guy were stepping down from the PCC. Thanks recorded for both individuals for their service.

Three new representatives for the PCC – Dr Norman Hamblyn, Julie Piper and Jo Williment.

Our Deanery Synod representatives (3 year term) remain as Mike Hill and Jan Thompson.

4. Appointment of Sidespersons and Independent Examiner/Auditor.

Rev Gary Owen requested the PCC be allowed to organise the rota for sidespersons. Linda Viner proposed she ask David Carey to continue as our Independent Examiner of the parish accounts. Seconded Michelle Lowe, passed unanimously.

5. Electoral roll report given by Matthew Weaver, the number remained at 97 – we had lost one member and gained a new one. The Electoral roll is in its 5th of a 6 year cycle. Rev Gary Owen reported he estimated of that 97, 58 came to church one or more times a month; 3 had left because unhappy with things; 10 had drifted away; and 13 never came in the first place.

6 and 8. Annual report of the proceedings of the PCC and general parish activities, and state of the fabric of the church, given by Churchwarden Peter Sansom. Rev Gary Owen said his annual Rector's report was given at the Benefice AGM and could be viewed on the website.

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7. Financial statements of the Council for year ending 31 December 2017.

Rev Gary Owen reported this is the first year of Linda Viner managing the accounts, many thanks to her. Parishioners had been given copies of the financial report. The parish is looking at a deficit of £7,500 this coming year. It was reported the replacement piano has been paid for. If the deficit was covered, this would allow the parish to finally pay off the loan given to complete the reordering of St Martin's.

Rev Gary Owen encouraged people to look at their giving, maybe to increase their monthly giving. Linda Viner reminded people that planned giving meant forward planning was more accurate, and urged people to consider changing to this method. She thanked John and Dulcie for doing the weekly banking.

9. The Deanery Synod report was printed.

There were no further questions and the APCM concluded at 10:45 with the final hymn.

Minutes by Marion Bond