

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE MENSTON WITH WOODHEAD
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

The Reverend Andrew Howorth, associate Priest, welcomed all present and reminded the meeting that only those on the Electoral Roll were eligible to vote.

1. Apologies for absence were received from: Iain Johnson, Ann Dixon, Barbara Chadwick and Marjorie Body.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Held on Sunday 30 April 2023 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. This was unanimously agreed. Proposed by Jan Alexander and seconded by Judith Knaggs and signed by the chair. There were no matters arising.
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll of 98 names was received as detailed in the Annual Report.
4. The Parochial Church Annual Report had been printed and made available to all members of the church prior to the meeting.
 - 4.1 PCC Review of the Year: The review outlined the work of the church and the Parochial Church Council during 2023. Paying particular note of the steadfast work undertaken by the Wardens and clergy throughout the year, also the dedication of the PCC and army of volunteers.
 - 4.2 Churchwardens' Report: Mr David Mercer and Mrs Hilary Feathers thanked all concerned for their guidance and support in this role. The Chairman thanked the Churchwardens for all their work.
 - 4.3 Deanery Diocese Report: Marilyn Banister spoke to the report.
 - 4.4 Church Groups report as detailed in the annual report.

Proposal: To accept the Parochial Church Council Annual Report. Proposed by David Mercer Seconded by Hilary Feathers

5. Presentation of the Annual Accounts: The treasurer Iain Johnson had submitted his apologies on the grounds of ill health, Andrew Howorth therefore presented the accounts for 2023 on behalf of the Church Council as presented in the Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council.

The Chairman thanked Iain Johnson for his work and dedication to his role.

The Treasurer thanked Mrs Linda Nelson, Accountant, for acting as our independent examiner.

Total income: £112,938

Total expenditure: £104,493

Proposal: to Accept the accounts.

Proposed by: Peter Wilbraham

Seconded by: Marilyn Banister

This was unanimously accepted.

6. Elections: The chair thanked all those who had served on the PCC during 2023.

6.1 Deanery Synod: no new nominations received.

6.2 PCC Vacancies: James Shepard, Jan Woodland, David Mercer and Roger Banister elected to stand for three years. Dorothy Slater elected to stand for two years and Marion Edenborough for one year.

6.3 Wendy Thornhill was nominated to act as lay minister and ex office member of PCC - nominated by Jenny Steele and seconded by Pat Machin.

6.4 Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Mrs Linda Nelson was elected to the role of Independent Examiner.

Proposed by: Sue Wilbraham

Seconded by: Janet Hawkyard

This motion was unanimously agreed.

7. Chairman's Comments: The Reverend Andrew Howorth, thanked the whole congregation for their support during his prolonged wait for surgery. He highlighted the challenges presented during the preparation for and the period of interregnum in particular the additional tasks and responsibilities undertaken by the wardens. He expressed grateful thanks and highlighted the ongoing work of all the many volunteers St Johns is blessed with including pastoral care, music, magazine and gardens teams, the ECO group, the outreach and home groups, cleaning, coffee rota and flower teams. He thanked and acknowledged the dedication and commitment from Iain as Treasurer who has dedicated many hours to his role, Catherine Meakin as Safeguarding Officer, the vergers team the Zest and Den teams and Amy our administrator. Roundly thanking the wardens for their dedication and commitment, commending the work of the lay team leading the Junction and Den service and youth group. He also thanked the PCC for their continued support and dedication, in particular Sally Smith and the Zest team for continuing to maintain the Zest & Den services, and our organists Margaret and Elizabeth for their beautiful music leadership. He thanked Lynda Shelley for undertaking the role of PCC Secretary and to Julie West for stepping in to provide temporary cover for the role since Lynda stepped down. In particular a special note of gratitude for the superb work undertaken by our dedicated administrator Amy. Concluding by asking the congregation to pray for our church throughout the year.

8. AOB. David Machin addressed the meeting to express his concern that what he considered to be a business meeting being held during a service. Whilst acknowledging the need to undertake church business he did not believe this was the right time to hold such a meeting. The chairman acknowledged his own concerns as he expected many others had, but that he had long ago concluded that this is very much church business, indeed God's business.