

Whiteley Church – Annual Meeting of Parishioners

28 April 2019

Apologies from: Mark Vartan, Merlin Calloway, Jackie Clarke, Katie Ashmore, Paul Cunningham, Femi Adeniran

- Nominations for the role of churchwarden have been received from Victoria Potts and John Foxwell.
- Rev Philippa Mills therefore nominated Victoria Potts and John Foxwell as Churchwardens.
- Invitation was made for objections or any other candidates. No objections or other candidates proposed.
- Victoria and John were therefore appointed as Churchwardens for this year.
- Rev Philippa extended her thanks to Vikki for standing for another year (6th and final year of this term) and to John who has stepped forward to fill the vacancy this year and will complete this year with the support of Joyce.
- Rev Philippa also extended her thanks to Jo Vartan as she steps down as Churchwarden after 6 years.
- The meeting closed.

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1. Opening Prayer	Rev Philippa opened the meeting in prayer
2. Apologies	Mark Vartan Merlin Calloway Jackie Clarke Katie Ashmore Paul Cunningham
3. Minutes of the last meeting	David Jenkins proposed to accept the last meeting's minutes. Tim Clarke seconded this motion. Unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of last year's meeting.
4. Reports	Electoral Roll This year has seen a big change in the figures on our electoral roll due to the periodic re-writing of this document, this change was expected and a more accurate measure of where Whiteley Church is currently. In April 2018 there were 49 people on the electoral roll, with 8 of this number living outside of Whiteley. As of April 2019 there are now 31 people on the electoral roll, with 4 living outside of Whiteley. Rev Philippa thanked Jo for her work. Annual Report The Annual Report has been shared with the congregation. This document reports on the business of the Church Council which met 6 times during the year on regular business as well as an additional meeting to discuss the trial service structure changes during 2017 and 2018. Church Council has approved the report. There were no questions from those gathered regarding this report. Finance Report The Mayhews were appointed jointly last year at our 2018 meeting as Independent Examiners with the understanding that whichever of them had the time when it was needed would perform the task. The independent examiners

report was signed off for 2018 by Nikki Mayhew.

There were a number of questions from those present which are summarised below:

Mandy asked whether the decrease in numbers on the electoral roll would mean a reduction in parish share – in short this doesn't change our parish share in the short term as it is averaged over a longer period of time. In terms of regular givers, only 1 or 2 have been lost in this time and as stated in the annual report average attendance remains static – the electoral roll just provides a more accurate snapshot.

Matt extended his thanks to Rachel and made a couple of points regarding the report given. The first was that the number of receipts has declined dramatically compared with last year and planned giving has reduced whereas our expenditure has increased compared with last year. With this in mind, in order to keep things more balanced, a more mindful and team focussed approach to generating funds was suggested along with supporting these fundraising efforts and those organising them. Rachel explained that the decrease in receipts was in part down to the implementation of the new service pattern, with less services where a collection was taken having an impact – this should change again this year now that there are more services with giving. Rev Philippa stated that some expenditure could be down to the use of outreach funds which haven't been drawn upon so much historically, Rachel unsure as to this point but stated that the absence of a Spring Fair last year would have affected these figures too. Philippa made the point that Church Council is aware that fundraising activity wasn't so good last year and that this was more regular fundraising was more of a focus for this year.

Tom asked that due to the figures being taken at a specific time, does this mean that incoming receipts and outgoings are out of phase with each other? Rachel responded by stating that most of the Christmas giving rolls into the next years accounts due to banking shutdown and holidays so 2018's accounts included Christmas 2017's income so this does result in the figures being slightly out of phase.

The independent examiner for next year was appointed (as detailed in section 6)

Rev. Philippa thanked Rachel Jenkins for her work as Treasurer, ably assisted by David. Also thanks to Mandy for helping with counting collections.

It was proposed by Tom Mills that the financial report be accepted and Seconded by Matthew Potts. Unanimously agreed.

Other matters of parochial or general Church interest

Reports from children's and youth groups, Monday minis, Cornerstone CofE primary school, the tech team, open door café, home and prayer groups and the Church Without Walls garden are included in the written reports issued in advance of today's meeting.

Thank you were extended to everyone involved in running these activities.

Both Tom and Rob observed that there are a lot of activities that we are involved in as a small church.

	<p>Ministry Reports</p> <p>Both Rev Philippa and Rev Amy shared their ministry reports for this (copies of which are attached to these minutes).</p> <p>Rev Philippa extended her thanks to Suzie who has taken on the role of PCC secretary and the preparation work for this meeting. Many thanks to Rachel and the rest of Church Council for their commitment over the last year. Rev Philippa also thanked Jo and Vikki who have worked hard in their roles as Churchwardens to keep Whiteley Church running over the last year. Rev Philippa also thanked everyone for all the work they do in contributing to the life of the church.</p>
<p>5. Election of members of Church Council</p>	<p>Having not more than 50 persons on our Electoral Roll, Whiteley Church Council has available six (6) council member positions (in addition to all ex-officio positions).</p> <p>Nominations for church council have been received from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Joyce Foxwell 2) Rachel Jenkins 3) Katie Ashmore 4) Tim Clarke 5) Jo Vartan <p>Rev. Philippa asked if there were any other nominations. As there were not the 5 named persons above were elected onto the Church Council.</p> <p>Ex-Officio members of council, due to their positions, are also;</p> <p>Rev Philippa Mills (Curate-in-charge, Vicar) Rev Amy Adeniran (Pioneer Minister) Victoria Potts (Church Warden and Diocesan Synod representative) John Foxwell (Church Warden) Matthew Potts (Deanery Synod representative) Suzie Cunningham (Deanery Synod representative)</p>
<p>6. Independent examiner</p>	<p>It was proposed that Nikki Mayhew be appointed as Independent Examiner again (subject to her agreement).</p> <p>Proposed by Rob Ashmore Seconded by David Jenkins Unanimously approved with no objections.</p>
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Vikki reminded everyone that the appointments of Secretary and Treasurer are made at the next church council meeting and while both Rachel and Suzie are willing to re-stand this year, others are welcome to express interest. Safeguarding and Electoral Roll Officer are also covered at present but an invitation was made to others who felt a calling to these or other roles – during the year others can be co-opted on to council if required.</p> <p>Bethany – in response to Matt’s challenge regarding the church garden, she has seen that as the evenings are getting lighter, more and more people are using the Garden as a social space, so any ideas for using the space should be implemented while during the summer rather than leaving it until later in the year when nights are darker.</p>
<p>8. Close of meeting</p>	<p>We closed in prayer by saying the grace</p>