

THE PARISH OF CENTRAL EXETER

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS Minutes of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 4pm via a Zoom Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners:

Chair: Keith Walton

Attendance: Revd Sheila Swarbrick, Richard Skinner, Betsy Allen, Claire Mayer, Helen Evans, Sue Blow, John Dobson, Caroline Cornish, Michael Addington, Jessica Claridge, Jill Grainger, Bob Snowden and Charles Edwards

1. **Apologies:**
Bee Harley, Celia Smith, Viv Asher, Doreen Hatt and Bob Burn
2. **Minutes of the 2019 meeting:**
The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 7th April 2019 were agreed and will be signed when we can next meet.
3. **Election of Churchwardens for 2020/21:**
Both Keith Walton and Betsy Allen were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year.

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3. **Annual Report and Financial Statement of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2019:**
It was mentioned that the parish finances may have been diminished due to Coronavirus but Keith responded that they were remarkably healthy as expenditure had been less than usual.
Thanks were extended to Sean Swarbrick for preparing the Financial Statement.
The Annual Report and Financial Statement were received.
4. **Nomination of Independent Examiner for 2020:**
Simon Gay was re-appointed as the Independent Examiner for the coming year with a donation being made by the parish to Age UK Exeter.
5. **Report on the Fabric and furnishings of the churches:**
Thanks were given to Don Branton for his care of the church buildings and his report.
The refurbishment of St Olave's is almost complete. The newly restored banner is to be framed and hung in the near future. The Fabric report was received.
6. **Safeguarding Report with Health and Safety Report:**
The Safeguarding Report was received and thanks given to Mary Keaney.

7. Stay and Play Report:

Betsy added that Stay and Play has been unable to happen due to the pandemic and the future is unclear because of this which is sad as their numbers had been slowly building. The Stay and Play Report was received and thanks given to Betsy and her team for all their hard work.

8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod:

The Deanery Synod Report was received and thanks given to Jessica Claridge and Celia Smith.

9. Report from Unlimited Church:

The Unlimited Church Annual Report was received and thanks are to be sent to James Grier and his team. Best wishes are also to be extended to Liz Grier as she begins her ordination training this year.

10. Election of Representatives for the PCC:

Thanks was given to Sue Blow for standing for re-election to the PCC. Sue was duly re-elected. Both Helen Evans and Claire Mayer were elected to the PCC and warmly welcomed.

11. Election of Representatives to the Deanery Synod: (2 people for a 3 year period):

Both Jessica Claridge and Celia Smith were re-elected as the parish DS reps and thanked for their work.

12. Adoption of the Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll is 38. There are two new members: Stephanie Selway and Christopher Stokes; one person has relocated: John Davies; and sadly two deaths: Averil Swanton and Clavell Tripp.

The revised ER was adopted.

13. Election of sides people:

All sides people were re-elected.

14. Report of the Rector:

In her report Sheila highlighted lots of the diverse social aspects and events of the life of the church in 2019.

The Rector's report was received.

15. Chair's Report

Keith spoke of the way the parish is adapting to the Coronavirus pandemic the nation and the world is currently living with by finding different ways of meeting and worshipping. He listed some of the creative events the parish are engaging with. They include: Inner Room, French sessions, weekly service sheets, Book Club, Sunday Zoom meetings and many more. Keith thanked everyone for their contribution to this new journey and path we find ourselves on.

16. A.O.B

Betsy read out a statement of thanks to Keith.

All in the parish wish to express their thanks and appreciation to Keith for the wonderful services he has put together each week since April. We particularly appreciate how each service holds together as a unity with the words, images and music that have drawn from both within the parish and online, beautifully integrated. A remarkable achievement brought together with flair, thoughtfulness, reflection and a deep spirituality.

Thanks to all who have offered reflection and comment in these services including Sheila, Charles, Chris, Richard, Peter and Bobby and for members of the parish who have contributed to the intercessions.

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17. Election of the chair for 2020-21:

Keith was elected chair for the coming year.

18. Confirmation of date of next meeting:

Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom and email