

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, SHERFORD

Minutes of the Annual District Church Meeting 28th October 2020

Present: Father Michael Berrett (in the chair)
Juliet Towell (Deputy Church Warden)
Judy Dix (Deputy Church Warden and Secretary)
Liz Marshall (DCC member)

Also present:

Gerald Towell	Peter Hadley	Shirley Stewart	Angela Heath
David Raeburn	Liz Raeburn	Melanie Felton	Stuart Felton
Philip Norsworthy	Sally Norsworthy	Lynda Trout (St Michael's)	

Apologies:

Peter Boulton (Treasurer) Liz Davies (DCC member) Amanda Starkey
Sue McKenzie (St Michael's)

Father Michael welcomed everyone and started the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the 2019 ADCM: These had been circulated prior to the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Stuart Felton and seconded by Juliet Towell, and were approved as bring a true record.

Matters arising: None

Elections: Juliet Towell and Judy Dix indicated their willingness to serve again as Deputy Church Wardens and were duly elected. Father Michael thanked them both for their work. Further members of the DCC and a Deanery Synod Representative were elected as follows: Juliet Towell (Vice Chair and Deanery Synod Rep.) proposed by Liz Marshall and seconded by Peter Hadley. Judy Dix (Secretary) proposed by Juliet Towell and seconded by Sally Norsworthy. Peter Boulton (Treasurer) Proposed by Melanie Felton and seconded by Peter Hadley. Peter Hadley, Liz Davies. Nigel Taylor is standing down.

Electoral Roll: 27, two fewer than last year.

Churchwardens' Report: This again had been circulated prior to the meeting. Melanie Felton commented that although it is sad that we have lost our organists, we are saving money, and she also suggested that a group of people be trained to use the recording equipment so that we could have a rota. Peter Hadley informed the meeting that the potential for five further burial plots had been identified, with space for more at a modest cost.

Financial Report: The report, balance sheet and statement of accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting, and in the absence of the treasurer, who is shielding due to the pandemic, it was suggested that if anyone had questions they should

contact Peter Boulton by phone or email for clarification. Shirley Stewart requested copies of the consolidated accounts to assist her in her Gift Aid calculations.

Term of office for DCC members: The term of office for a DCC member can now be three years, unless there is a vote to carry on with the one year term. It was proposed by Melanie Felton and seconded by Liz Marshall that we should carry on with a one year term as at present, and the status quo was unanimously agreed upon.

Any Other Business: Juliet Towell requested that we should have a group church clean which has not been possible for a while due to the restrictions. It was agreed to organise this on the Saturday afternoon before Remembrance Sunday.

Father Michael closed the meeting by thanking everyone, and setting out the current plans for worship. He expressed delight at the attendances at the services that we have been able to organise and commented that it is usually possible to find ways round to carry on with church life, although he fears that Christmas Carol services will not be happening this year.

The meeting ended with all saying the Grace.