

MINUTES OF THE ST MARTIN'S APCM MEETING ON 24TH MAY
2022

7.30PM IN CHURCH HALL

Chaired by Sue Hammond.

Present: Church Wardens; Jacqueline Alderton (JA); Ian Keys (IK)

50 Parishioners

Apologies : Hilary DeSouza; Linda Gibson; Peter Golby; John Ormshaw; Malcolm and Debbie Roberts; Judith Roberts ; Christine Sowemimo; Marcus and Chris Victory.

An opening prayer led by Chris Hoppett was said together.

| | Agenda Items | Action Points |
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| 1. | AOB was listed Sides for Ascension Day and Confirmation Church Lighting Committee lists for volunteering. | |
| 2. | Minutes from APCM 2021 were agreed. | |
| 3. | Annual Report 2022 presented by Ian Keys- Churchwarden The year has been dominated by 3 things A. Coronavirus restrictions. Clergy have worked hard and services were covered. Thanks goes to James Green for the livestreaming of services. B. Reduction in Clergy. 3 clergy worked hard covering masses on weekdays and weekends. Continued to go to schools. Then Fr Simon retired and there were 2. Then Fr James moved to Yorkshire ,which just left Fr Yaro. We all owe him a great vote of thanks. He made sure that things happened and encouraged the children to take part in church life. A big thanks to Amy for supporting him. C. The Resolution. It hit the church like a tsunami and was overwhelming. In 2021 the PCC voted to move episcopal oversight to the Bishop of Fulham. Then on 27 th April 2022 the PCC voted to rescind this vote and | |

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| | <p>return to the episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Willesden. It generated hurt, anger, sadness and disappointment amongst parishioners and there were a diverse range of opinions expressed. Members cancelled planned giving and some ceased to come to church. All the energy to do missions, tasks etc was redirected to the Resolution. There was low energy and so Holiday Club, St Martin's Fayre, Outlookers events, Friends of St Martin's events, Thursday lunches, guides, brownies, rainbows ceased and no Romanian visitors came. But there were still some roots left and the sun has gradually started to shine again to show that the church is not dead.</p> <p>The Foodbank continued to run, there was a very successful appeal for refugees, an open air mass and lunch for Fr Simon was a great success. Many past and present priests and congregation were in attendance.</p> <p>Gina Glossop and Vicky Golby increased the numbers in young church; flower arrangers kept going; James Kellas kept the music playing; a Zoom quiz for Christian Aid raised £1,300; Judith Robert's kept the bells ringing; Deirdre Davis continued prayer support groups in the community.</p> <p>A special mention was given to Fr Yaro who kept all services running except Saturday evening. Everyone gave him a round of applause.</p> <p>Thanks also went to; Maureen Tinsey who assisted Fr Yaro with the services and continued to make cakes; Gill Dargue who took over the PCC Secretary role on the death of Ann Coburn. Continued the prep, organisation and record keeping; sidespeople; lay readers; Alan Seymour who steers the serving teams and looks after the sacristy. He is welcoming, well organised and we are grateful; Sincere thanks to Fr John Spinks who supported us for many years; Fr Michael Bedford who is very unwell but still prays for us; Malcolm Roberts who does a great job maintaining the grounds and doing repairs; Judith</p> | |
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| | Kaplan who deals very professionally with safeguarding for the Diocese. | |
| | <p>Financial Report – Jo Barraclough Treasurer</p> <p>Thanks to Chris Hoppett, David Saltmarsh who does the banking and Matt Stower who does Payroll.</p> <p>Thanks also to Pete Golby who took over the role of Independent examiner from his Father -in-law Ken Wild.</p> <p>The Accounts are on page 11-18 of the Annual Report.</p> <p>As we entered 2021, the pandemic was 9 months old, we had 3 priests but services were limited and the Hall was out of use with loss of income.</p> <p>Thanks to James Green for livestreaming.</p> <p>Income from regular donations remained stable compared to 2020 and we were able to match our income and expenditure over the first half of the year, resulting in a small deficit of £3.6k on unrestricted funds offset by a £6.5k surplus on restricted funds.</p> <p>The Common fund contribution is £85k covers the cost of clergy, vicarage and support from the Diocese. We have been able to comfortably fund this in recent years. We also contributed £22k extra in 2019 to support less affluent parishes. We ceased to pay this additional contribution midway through 2020 as the pandemic hit our income.</p> <p>Following the passing of the Resolution on 29th June to move to Fulham, a significant number of regular givers suspended their monthly giving. Following discussions at Standing Committee, a projection on the impact was made to reduce our payment to the Common Fund. We experienced a 25-30% reduction in our pledged receipts.</p> <p>The Standing Committee flagged the issue to the Diocese and we requested to maintain our Common Fund contributions at the budgeted level for the remainder of the year, but seek a reduction from the start of 2022 when budgets were reset.</p> <p>We projected the adverse impact on our cash reserves over 2021 would be £20k as our income fell, leaving us with a balance of around £40k of unrestricted cash on 31st Dec. This projection underpinned a budget that was approved by PCC in Nov last year and we spoke to the Diocese to reduce our contribution for 2022. It now stands at</p> | |

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| | <p>£45,200. The reduction of £40k is equivalent to the projections.</p> <p>The Resolution passed on 27th April 2022. Whilst there are challenges from inflation it is hoped that regular contributors will restart their contributions and some have made good on their intention to repay donations from the time they were suspended. However our regular income remains 30% below the previous level. Request to restart standing orders.</p> <p>Jo and his team were thanked Danny Dartnaill said that the finance committee had met and an email will go out to request new standing orders.</p> <p>The approval of the accounts was proposed by Tim Rollin and seconded by Mervyn Hogg.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts.</p> <p>Pete Golby was proposed by Deirdre Davis and seconded by Tim Rollin and was duly appointed.</p> <p>He has made some points on the accounts to the PCC which we are working on.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.</p> <p>Thanks to those who attend and represent us in the work. Alison Rollin said meetings are open to anyone and the dates are in the bulletin and at the bottom of the Report.</p> <p>Alan Seymour said that not all members attend meetings and he requested an increase in attendance.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church .</p> <p>Alan Seymour said the Quinquennial survey had been published and would guide us going forward.</p> | |

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| | <p>The report was proposed by Chris White and seconded by Ian Keys. Mervyn Hogg abstained and the report was accepted.</p> | |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Churchwarden's report.</p> <p>Jacqueline Alderton said that the report for 2022 follows Part 1 of the APCM Ian Keys and Jacqueline Alderton were appointed . The Resolution vote was reversed. Bishop Lusa and Archdeacon Catherine attended the PCC meeting . She compiled a proposed timetable to appoint a Vicar and it is awaiting approval by our Patron. It is punchy but realistic and the Parish profile is shortly to be completed which will go to the Archdeacon and the Patron. It is unlikely we will have a new Vicar before 2023. It will be 6 months at least if the first round of interviews are successful. Thank you to the Clergy who have responded to provide mass. We rely on a small team of volunteers for a range of tasks. Request for more volunteers to unlock/lock church; liturgical ministers; to keep the grounds clean and tidy and for social events- please see Teresa Watson. Committee details will be out soon so we should have an increase in volunteers. We need to have a vibrant community to attract a suitable Vicar.</p> <p>Thank you to Fr Yaro who is now licenced at a parish in Sloane Square and is settling in well Thank you to Alan Seymour and Maureen Tinsey for keeping services running. Thanks to John Ormshaw for supporting Jacqueline.</p> <p>Sue Hammond reiterated thanks to Churchwardens and to Gill Dargue.</p> <p>Tim Rollin said we need to clarify the role of sub-committees both on the website and in an email to the Electoral Roll.</p> | |

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| 8. | <p>Any other notified business.</p> <p>Sarah Jacob requested people to volunteer to do sides duties for Ascension Day Mass and Confirmation Mass. Sardinia Ma and Deirdre Davis volunteered.</p> <p>Deirdre Davis requested that the church lighting is too low on entering church and it is difficult to read the bulletin, so can it be brighter ? Alan Seymour said he would look into it</p> <p>Janet Tippetts requested list of committee roles needing volunteers . This will be circulated shortly.</p> <p>Sue Hammond thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Ian Keys thanked Jo Barraclough as this would be his last official meeting as Treasurer.</p> | AS |
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We concluded the meeting with Regina Coeli, the Collect and a General Thanksgiving. Meeting finished at 8.30pm.