

St Andrew's Church, Girton

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Church Meeting, 14th May 2023

(held following the 10 a.m. service)

MINUTES

Present (at both meetings): Michael Bigg, Rector, in the chair (= M.B.), and 34 parishioners.

Apologies for absence (for both meetings) were received from: Roger and Alice Few, Valerie Hall, Celia Sharpe, Jilinda Tiley, Nigel Deacon, Claire Conboy, Maria Sadler, and Charles and Mary Avery.

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2022 were approved, on the proposal of Jill Watkins, seconded by Merilyn Burt.

3. Election of Churchwardens. Wendy Hunter was re-elected as Churchwarden on the proposal of Suzie Filmer, seconded by Dugald Wilson, and Bruce Hunter was re-elected as Churchwarden on the proposal of Dugald Wilson, seconded by Suzie Filmer.

Prayers were said for Wendy and Bruce. M.B. asked that volunteers should come forward with a view to taking over from Bruce and Wendy for 2024/25. Wendy asked particularly for volunteers to do odd jobs which need not be done by Churchwardens but fell to them if no-one else volunteered.

4. Any other business. There was none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2022 were approved, on the proposal of Alastair Lorimer, seconded by Charlotte Avery.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

4. The electoral roll now numbers 101 people (not 100 as stated in the Annual Report).

5. The Annual Report. No questions were raised. Dugald Wilson was thanked for his work in compiling it.

6. Safeguarding. Helen Wilson, Safeguarding Officer, was thanked for her work. Those present were reminded that *all* church members have a responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and should raise any concerns with Helen Wilson or M.B.

7. Finance. Martyn Johnson said that he had nothing to add to what is in the Annual Report; no questions were raised. The meeting thanked him for his work as Treasurer.

Those present were reminded that he would be grateful for a deputy – someone who understood how the church accounts work and who would eventually take over from him.

8. The external examiner of the accounts. On the proposal of Martyn Johnson, seconded by Wendy Hunter, Jacque Fisher was re-appointed.

9. Elections

a. Parochial Church Council. Alastair Lorimer was re-elected on the proposal of Adrian Rutherford, seconded by Nora Rutherford.

Martin Nuttall was elected, on the proposal of Bruce Hunter, seconded by Wendy Hunter.

b. Deanery Synod representatives. Sheila Hiley was re-elected on the proposal of Helen Wilson, seconded by Suzie Filmer.

Terry Hoad was elected on the proposal of Wairimu Gatome, seconded by Wendy Hunter.

Sheila and Terry are *ex officio* PCC members. A prayer was said for the members of the PCC, especially for Martin Nuttall and Terry Hoad as new members.

Malini Jesudason, who is standing down as Deanery Synod representative and PCC member, was thanked for her work in both capacities.

10. Plans for 2023

a. Thanks. M.B. began by thanking the ministry team, including Eona Bell, the Churchwardens, the members of the PCC, the Secretary, and all church members for their contributions to the work of the church.

b. Fabric and fittings. M.B. said: approval of our re-ordering plans is expected in the next week or so; the work should be done over the summer. The royal coat of arms is expected to be taken down tomorrow for restoration. Repainting of the face of the church clock is imminent; it is hoped that repair of the clock mechanism will follow. We have plans for putting solar panels on the church roof, and (when other re-ordering is complete) for a new audio system.

c. Outreach. We aim to persuade people not currently church members to become involved with the church and its work. Eona Bell's work with Bobtails, which is flourishing, and her new Wednesday coffee mornings, exemplify this. The Art Exhibition is an excellent way of bringing people into the church, in addition to the raising of money. M.B. also praised Dugald Wilson's Bible course, and hoped that Dugald's plan to run it again would be supported. He hoped for the establishment of house groups for prayer, Bible study, etc., and hoped also for ideas from church members for other initiatives.

d. General support from church members. M.B. asked church members to pray for the ministry of the church, and to come to church regularly, if possible bringing with them people who rarely come to church. He also asked them to contribute money. Our financial position is better than that of many churches, but any new initiative will require additional funds; the Parish Giving Scheme is an excellent way to give to the church. (Martyn Johnson added that *monthly* donations are especially convenient, as most bills are paid monthly.)

11. Any other business. Sheila Hiley asked for a volunteer to help with Messy Church at the Baptist Church on the second Thursday in June, when not all the usual helpers will be able to attend.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dugald Wilson and a recital of the Grace.

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