



**Parish Church of St Matthew
Chichester Road Croydon CR0 5NQ**

MINUTES

PARISH MEETING HELD IN ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019 AT 11.35AM.

32 members were present; the meeting was chaired by the Vicar, the Revd. Simon Foster.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

The meeting was held in accordance with the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Stephen Collingwood, proposed by Terry Mitchell, seconded by Christopher Grayson and Rohini Abhayaratne, proposed by Jane Passfield, seconded by Bernadette Relph were declared elected.

The chairman thanked both Rohini Abhayaratne and Stephen Collingwood for fulfilling the office for a further year.

The meeting closed at 11.38am.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2018 AT 11.40AM.

42 members were present; the meeting was chaired by the Vicar, the Revd. Simon Foster.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alison Radford.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON 29th APRIL 2018

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

None

WRITTEN REPORTS

1. Vicar's Report

Simon expressed his thanks to everyone who had helped with the church and its activities throughout the year.

2. Churchwardens' Report

The detailed churchwardens' report was included in the Annual Report. They thanked everyone for their help and support throughout the year.

3. Other

The Annual Report included written reports on all the main activities, and Simon Foster ran briefly through each one, reiterating the thanks in his annual written report to those involved, who were duly acclaimed by the meeting. There were opportunities for more volunteers to help – specifically on the Communications Team, Servers for 8.30 service and Young Church.

Lucasta Grayson talked about the rebranding of the Christmas Fayre as a Christmas Market event and holding it over a weekend this year and concentrating on Christmas themed items – the Christmas Tree festival would be part of it. She is seeking ideas/volunteers for market stalls.

Lyn Gordon has been sending cards to people who have been baptised at St Matthews. After 10 years she would like to pass this task to someone else and is seeking a volunteer.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Terry Mitchell presented the annual accounts. The funds look good as we have had 2 legacies, however, we have in fact made a loss of approximately £8300 as the legacies have gone towards the roof repairs.

Rohini Abhayaratne proposed the acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Judith Spencer-Gregson and carried nem con.

Terry was then thanked for all his hard work on the accounts and reports.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

It was proposed by Judith Spencer-Gregson, seconded by Rohini Abhayaratne, and unanimously agreed that Kreston Reeves of Worthing, West Sussex be re-appointed as the Independent Examiner.

ELECTORAL ROLL

David Williams reported that, in line with Church of England regulations, we created a new roll. We now have 113 on the roll compared with 144 on the previous roll. The roll had been displayed on the church notice board. The chairman thanked him for his work on the roll.

RESIGNATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Duty Wardens

The appointment of Edith Chiwuzie, Suzanne Collins, Chris Grayson, Terry Mitchell, Jennifer Ridley, Judith Spencer-Gregson and Jeanne Wells were proposed by Ann Warr, seconded by Stephen Collingwood, and were unanimously approved.

2. Sidespersons

The following were appointed: Rohini Abhayaratne, Abosede Akadiri, Emmanuel Akinluyi, Nicole Beling, Michael Buckley, Sue Collins, Florence Fitzhugh, Jeremy McLaughlin, Lesley Mead, Jane Passfield, Ron Passfield, Jennifer Ridley, Stephen Tucker, Richard Tweed, Kiru de Silva, Jeanne Wells and members of the Welcome Team. This was proposed by Jennifer Ridley, seconded by Revd Darius Weithers and unanimously agreed.

FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

Simon thanked the fabric team and Stephen Collingwood, the team chairman, for their sterling work. The major activity is looking to repair the church roof.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Palmer raised an issue of the different versions of the bible that we use at St Matthews. Simon Foster said that we stick to the NRSV as this is the Church of England Policy. In the ensuing discussion Stella Brazier comment that she was thankful to be able to try changes – particularly if it helped to bring people to the Lord.

VICAR'S COMMENTS

Simon Foster again expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who help in the life of St. Matthew's, and remarked how fortunate the church was to have so many able members of the congregation willing to give their time and skills to its many and varied activities. He thanked the other members of the Ministry Team and also the churchwardens. He specifically thanked Darius and Grace and their family for the joy they had brought to the church. He also thanked Mary – his wife – for her support.

CHURCHWARDEN'S COMMENTS

Stephen Collingwood and Rohini Abhayaratne thanked Simon Foster and his family for all their good work on behalf of the parish.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed at 12.25pm with a prayer.

Chair

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