

St Mary's Sturminster Marshall Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting Date:	Wednesday 17 th April 2024
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Old School, Sturminster Marshall
Attending:	Chair; Rev. Jane Williams, Katy Norman Churchwarden, Jan Standing, Jackie Trenchard, Liz York Secretary, Ed Warren Treasurer, Liz Jones, Elaine Huntriss, Terry Pickford, Briony Cherrett, Sue Anthony, Christine Feaver Synod Rep, + 11 members of the congregation
Apologies	Carol Johnson Churchwarden, Liz Hodgson Synod Rep,

The meeting opened with the prayer.

Item	Actions	Action owner
Appointment of clerk to the meeting	Liz York appointed as clerk to the meeting. All in favour.	
Minutes of the previous meeting 27.4.23	Agreed by all as a correct record and signed by Jane Williams	JW
Matters arising not covered below	No matters arising	
Election of 2 Churchwardens and Archdeacon's visitation	2 elected. Katy Norman. Proposed by Liz York, Seconded by Liz Jones. Carol Johnson. Proposed by Sonia Cade, Seconded by Jackie Trenchard. Archdeacon visit to be arranged.	KN CJ
	That concluded the business of the Annual Parish Meeting	

Minutes - Red Post Benefice

St Mary's Sturminster Marshall Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Meeting Date:	Wednesday 17 th April 2024
Time:	6.40 pm
Venue:	Old School, Sturminster Marshall
Attending:	Chair; Rev. Jane Williams, Katy Norman Churchwarden, Jan Standing, Jackie Trenchard, Liz York Secretary, Ed Warren Treasurer, Liz Jones, Elaine Huntriss, Terry Pickford, Briony Cherrett, Sue Anthony, Christine Feaver Synod Rep, + 11 members of the congregation
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Notification of any other business	None	
Minutes of the previous meeting 27.4.23	Agreed by all as a correct record and signed by Jane Williams	JW
Election of up to 10 representatives to serve on the PCC	9 representatives elected to serve on PCC. (see attached for Proposers and seconders. Ed Warren, Liz Jones, Jan Standing, Liz York, Elaine Huntriss, Jackie Trenchard, Terry Pickford, Briony Cherrett and Sue Anthony. (Christine Feaver and Liz Hodgson co-opted members as Synod representatives.) All present in favour.	
Appointment of Independent Examiner	James Ellis has agreed to continue as Independent examiner. Proposed by Ed Warren and seconded by Terry Pickford. All present in favour.	EW
Electoral Roll Report	Elaine Huntriss submitted the electoral roll which has risen from 51 names to 56. (See report attached) Thanks go to Elaine for keeping the Electoral Roll up to date.	EH
Vicar's Report	Jane has only been with us since September 7 th 2023 and thanked everyone for welcoming her to St Mary's. (see report attached) We are all very grateful that we now have a vicar and one with such a positive outlook and we are looking for to working with her to grow our church here in Sturminster Marshall.	JW

Proceedings of the PCC and Safeguarding report.	The PCC have met on 6 occasions this year. (See report attached) Thanks go to the PCC members for their commitment and hard work. Sue Anthony is the designated safeguarding officer. (See attached report)	LY SA
Financial Report and presentation of accounts.	Ed presented the accounts. The Market stall and The Short and Sweet concerts have made a significant difference to our income over the year. The repairs to the Tower, which completes the work outstanding from the last quinquennial inspection, is being paid for by the Church Preservation Trust for which we are very grateful. The Tower Fund has been renamed The Welcome Project for the installation of the Toilet and Kitchen when/if our faculty is approved. Sadly, we are still going to have a deficit at the end of the year again. (See report attached) Ed would like to stand down if a replacement could be found. We are exceptionally grateful for all the work he does.	EW
Churchwardens report	The churchwardens have worked very hard this year especially during the months without a vicar and our grateful thanks go to them. Now all repairs from the 2019 Quinquennial inspection have been carried out or next inspection is due in May. The faculty group have been able, at last, to submit an interim faculty to start investigating the state of the west wall where it is proposed that the door to the new toilet will go. Nigel raised the fact that this wall as well as the North wall were showing signs of damp and these will both be investigated. (see report attached)	KN CJ
Deanery Synod Report	The Deanery Synod met 3 times in the last year and the Pastoral reorganisation, Sudan and the Diocesan vision - making Jesus Known - were the main areas of discussion.(See report attached) Many thanks go to Liz and Christine for attending these meetings and keeping us updated.	CF LH
Music Report	We also show our appreciation and gratitude to Elaine for keeping the music going at St Mary's. Not only does she organise a group of volunteers that provide a choir for the first Sunday of each month but she also organises a series of Short and sweet concerts that have contributed over £600 to the coffers. (see report attached)Thank you Elaine	EH
Bell Ringers Report	The Bell Ringers numbers have increased to 11 this year and we have all enjoyed hearing the bells ring out on Sundays and other occasions. (see attached report) Thank you all.	ED
AOB	Nigel reported that the discussion group continues with 12 regular attendees. Christine explained 'Win on Waste' recycling things that are not collected by the council. To discuss having a collection point at the market stall. Nikki suggested the possibility of a working party to extend the living churchyard project, possibly across the Benefice, to lower our environmental impact. Katy said the diocese had zoom meetings and training days which may be useful.	NF CF NH KN

Next meeting: To be before Easter 2025. Date to be notified.

Signature:

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