

MINUTES OF ST LUKES CHURCH PECKHAM APCM MEETING 9th APRIL 2017

Present: 38 members attended

Opening prayer

Apologies: Sandra Douglas, Grace Kareem, Ruth Bologun

Fr Ian started with the rules around elections. He proposed that he would like people to be on the PCC for 3 years and can be extended if necessary. The churchwardens for 6 years and the treasurer for 4 years, this will give the opportunity for some people to step down and some to step up.

This year he is asking for the two Camberwell Deanery Synod representatives to continue in their responsibilities.

This is Joy Russell's last year as churchwarden and Norman Phillips to become the new assistant churchwarden to learn the ropes. Being a churchwarden is a great responsibility, and there is a reason why we have two churchwardens to the clergy person that is, the churchwardens can out vote the clergy if the parish feels strongly about something, also they carry the responsibility for the church building and the assets of the church.

The reason we have two sticks by the side of the chairs in the church is that the churchwardens are the only two people that can remove people from the church.

The churchwardens and sides person in law, have the legal responsibility to maintain order in the church.

Proposed continuation of Deanery Synod Representatives: Sunny Lambe, and Florence Lenting to continue.

Vote: 34 members voted in favour. Against: None Abstain: None.

Election of Assistant Church Warden: Norman Philips:

Vote: 23 in favour. None: against 1 abstained

Proposed continuation of Church Wardens: Joy Russell and Yemi Ojumu

Vote: 23 in favour none against 1 abstained.

Summarized

- Norman Philips to be the newest assistant churchwarden for a year, to take on responsibilities and would need to be sworn in with the bishop.
- ***Please note that in the absence of Norman Phillips, he has given his wife Lendell permission to put him forward for the new assistant churchwarden.***
- Joy Russell and Yemi Ojumu to continue in their role as churchwardens.
- There are now two Camberwell Deanery Synod representatives which is
- Sunny Lambe and Florence Lenting.

Minutes of previous APCM Meeting 2016

Matters arising: Summarizing from the minutes, issue around young children taking Holy Communion. Fr Ian have clarified that it is normal in this church to be confirmed before taking Holy Communion.

There is no adjustment or clarification of last meeting. Minutes signed as an accurate record. 18 voted in favour, Against: None. Abstain: 2

Chair Summary Jan-Dec 2015: Fr Ian said as the chair, he needs to elect a new Lay chair as Vivian Okon has done it for quite a few years and he would like to elect someone from the elected PCC to be Lay Chair to take on the responsibility if he is ill or away, they can take the PCC meetings and Standing Committee meetings. He said we now have an office in the hall and we are doing well.

Report of Acceptance: Vote: Majority in favour. Against: None. Abstain: None

Electoral Role Report 2016: In the absence of Sandra Douglas, Fr Ian reported that there is an increase from last year, there are now 113 on the electoral role, but few members need to still sign the forms. We have an increase of 15 from last year.

Church Wardens Report 2015: Yemi Ojumu has read out the Church warden's report. Please see copy attached

Summarized: Fr Ian mentioned that we managed to avoid a large fine for tree that was removed during the regeneration of the estate before he came, so he had to agree with Southwark Council tree officer and the Diocese tree officer for the DAC to plant two new trees at the West side of the church and two at the East side to make up for the ones that were missing. We have now planted two trees at the East side of the church and we have to plant two more trees next year at the West side of the church.

Fr Ian also mentioned about the Japanese Knot weed which is a very dangerous weed. It can destroy the foundation even borrow through concrete and has to be treated by specialist people. Some places it can take years to get rid of, but we were lucky that we caught it in time before it spread. Also we had a water leak which was watering Pentridge Street for quite a while. The burst pipe was caused by roots of shrubs planted near the underground pipe. As the pipe was less than 50 meters we did not have to pay for the repair.

The Land Registry for the hall and clergy house. Fr Ian said that before he came, as part of the regeneration with Southwark Council, the church hall and clergy house should have been sorted out, but unfortunately, the forms were not completed around the land swap and the deeds of ownership still have not been signed to make clear where the boundary is for the hall. The borders have not yet been established. We are waiting for our solicitors to get back to us.

Secretary's Report 2015: Elsa Marshall PCC Secretary has read out her report. Please see copy attached.

Questions: Eileen Adams asked: *What was the cost to replace the boiler?*

Yemi Churchwarden explained that the boiler is fine, but as Elsa said there was an original system that provided hot water to the kitchen area and it have not been working for sometime, so we have to get it replaced. An arrangement has been made for an engineer to have a look at it.

Parish Finance Officer Report: The Finance Office's role and Gift Aid is now combined. This was normally two different posts.

Catharine Menka, Parish finance officer gave a brief account on her role. She said that when she first started in the role all she had to do was to sort out the Gift Aid, complete the form and send them off, over the years. In 2013 we had to claim the Gift Aid on line. Thanks to Fr Ian for a new computer package. We are now able to claim Gift Aid on loose collections. For the Stewardship campaign, we now have 80% of the money we need. Some people have already started to pay their agreed commitment.

Treasurers Finance Report: Lendell Morrison (Treasurer) presented the financial report on the behalf of the PCC. Copies were given to members of the church present. The account was signed by Simon Lewcock. Lendell has given a breakdown on the expenditure for the year. She stated that as of the 31st December 2016, that would be our standard amount in the account a comparison of 2015 side by side to that, which the balance for 2016 is £52.270 compared to balance for 2016 which is £45.643.

Gift aid has gone up because giving is more and we can now claim on loose change. Hall lettings have also gone up. Last year we had a good figure.

Questions: *Yemisi ask about the dashes and the restricted fund*

Lendell Treasurer explained where there are dashes, it is because there are no figures for that and the £600 was a grant given for a pacific purpose and that had to be put into a restricted fund.

Question was raised about the account fee and Governance Fee. Lendell, treasurer, clarified that the accountant fee was for the consultant Martin Saunders who helped her prepared the accounts. The Governance fee is for the Independent examiner Simon Lewcock who audited the church accounts.

Summarized: Fr. Ian said we now have a new account system, that makes it easier to do the accounts and he will try to make, sure that the PCC have up-to-date copy, of the accounts. He also mentioned that by law, we have to have an external examiner to look over the accounts. Our Independent external examiner's name is Simon Lewcock.

Clarification: Acceptance of the financial report: In favour 33. Against: None Abstain: None. Fr Ian will sign the financial report as soon as the amendment has been done

Deanery Synod Report 2015: Sunny Lambe read his report on the synod. Please see copy attached.

Mother's Union Report 2015: Yemi Ojumu read the MU report, please see copy attached.

Questions: None

Men's Forum Report 2015: Sunny Lambe read the Men's Forum report. Please see copy attached

Questions: At what age can someone join?

Sunny: From the age of 16 years and upwards

Marion asked if anyone outside the church can join,

Sunny: "Yes we welcome anyone outside the church". He said the Men's Forum can reach out to the boys especially those who are getting involved with gangs etc also encourage those who are interested in vocation as well.

Election of Church Council: The four new PCC members are: Yemisi Osilewe, Maria Atallah, Caroline Olorunfemi and Norma Smith. **Vote:** 22 in Favour, None Against, No Abstained. Norma and Caroline are elected, Yemisi and Maria are co-opted at the request of the Priest-in-Charge.

Fr Ian said that legally, we suppose to have first aiders, particularly in the Sunday morning service and he is looking for people that are already there regularly who might be a nurse, a professional person in medicine or someone who have a First Aid Certificate.

Proposed Existing PCC Members continuing:

- Beverly Sobers to continue to help with youth.
- Cecelia Dada to help develop the evening service on Thursdays
- Grace Kareem to help support Yemisi Osilewe in the Sunday morning service particularly around drumming.
- Vivian Okon to continue around the Men's Forum
- Seki Saka to become the PCC Secretary
- Elsa Marshall to continue as Assistant Secretary and to administrate in the standing committee.
- Lendell Morrison to continue as Treasurer
- There is a vacancy for a new Lay Chair.
- We need to train someone to be assistant Parish Officer because at some point, Catherine will need to stand down.
- **Vote:** 25 in Favour, None Against, No Abstained.

Parish Finance Officer: Catherine Menka to continue

Leading Safeguarding Officer: Miranda Okon to continue

Electoral Roll Officer: Sandra Douglas to continue

Election of Sides People Continuation: Lee Peat, Magdalena Lmoukhuede, Miriam Parchment, Sandra Douglas, Esme Henry, Marion Wallace, Ruth Balogun, Kenneth Miller, Daisy Spence.

Maria Atallah is standing down and Evelyn Okon to join.

The roll of the side's person is to assist the Churchwardens **Vote:** 22 in favour, None Against, No Abstained.

Re-appointment of Independent Financial Examiner: All in favour to keep Simon Lewcock as our financial examiner next year. **Vote:** 22 in favour: None Against: 1 Abstained.

Priest in charge – vision & looking forward report: Fr. Ian have read out his report for 2016. Some point from the report.

What have we done in 2016? Where are we going?

- Thinking of developing St Luke's as a mixed economy Missional Parish Church.
- Listening to a changing world – Fresh expressions of church
- Sunday Eucharistic Community
- New Monastic Community
- Youth Church
- Children and families
- Elders
- Sorting out our organization to be administrative effective
- Deepening our Discipleship
- Develop Sunday Morning Service
- We now have two services, the morning congregation and the evening congregation.
- Copy of this report is available if needed.

AOB: We need to sort out a signage board cost could be around £2 – £3,000. Fr Ian said without a signage the church looks dead.

Meeting ended with a closing prayer

Minutes were discussed, with one amendment, and therefore signed on behalf of the APCM that they are an accurate record of the APCM Meeting in 2017.



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