



Draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held in the Priory on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Revd Rod Corke (Vicar and Chairman), Alistair Sawers (Secretary) and 81 others, whose names are listed separately with these minutes.

1. BIBLE READING AND OPENING PRAYER

The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Christine Wells to lead us in a Bible reading. Christine read from Ephesians, Chapter 2, vv19 – 22, then led us in prayer, thanking God for all that He had enabled us to do in His name over the past year and seeking His guidance and strength for the year ahead. At a time when we were facing change, she prayed that we would be guided by the Holy Spirit that our church might continue to be a beacon of Christ's light and love, with him as its cornerstone.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from 17 people, whose names have been recorded with these minutes.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 3rd May 2023 had been accepted by the PCC at its meeting on 20th May 2023, and had subsequently been on view in the church porch and available on the Priory website.

Richard Weatherill proposed that these should now be adopted formally. Seconded by Christine Wells. All agreed.

4. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Mr Neil Paulley had been proposed by Jeremy Wray and seconded by Peter Renger.

Dr David Guy had been proposed by Rosamund Ponting and seconded by Pam Hope.

Rod said that the term of office of a Priory churchwarden is 5 years. David had completed 3^{1/2} years. Neil had completed 5 years and therefore should stand down, but since there had been no other nominations and we were about to embark upon a vacancy, he had agreed to stay on for another year.

Charles Hines proposed that Neil and David should both be re-elected to serve as churchwardens for another year. Seconded by Jude Butler. All agreed.

Rod thanked Neil and David for all that they did. He commented that apart from day-to-day contact, he had a more formal meeting with the churchwardens every three to four weeks and not only had he always been able to rely on them for their support, but he felt that they had cared for him and Rita as well, for which he was very grateful.

Members of the congregation expressed their own appreciation with a round of applause.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

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Chair

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Date