

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF
ST NICHOLAS, SHALDON, 21st MAY 2023**

St PETER'S AND St NICHOLAS' CHURCHES

The Rev'd Carol Green in the chair.

Present: Chairman and 19 members.

The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayers.

MEETING TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

The Chairman began by thanking Lesley Bill and Malcolm Watson for all their hard work in covering these roles and for their dedication and keenness. This was greeted by a round of applause.

Lesley Bill said that at a meeting between the Churchwardens, Rev'd Carol and Rev'd Elizabeth Burren it was pointed out that she and Malcolm did too much and were over-enthusiastic, which made some people feel inhibited over volunteering to help. As a result, the Church was not expanding as much as might be hoped and possibly it would be better if we had no Churchwardens for a couple of years. Lesley said she had been very upset by this and had even considered leaving the Church. However, she asked people to bear this in mind when they came to vote. Malcolm concurred with what Lesley had said.

Carol said that the Church works when we can all come together and support one another. We need to be able to attract people and consider the way we do things and the way we use our money.

Michael Britton said that without Churchwardens there would be chaos. Nia Pearson said we need to renew our commitment to supporting our Churchwardens. Leon Winston said we need leadership from the congregation and he has always found both Lesley and Malcolm to be very approachable.

The Chairman then said she had received nominations duly completed in accordance with the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

Firstly, Lesley Bill had been proposed by Nia Pearson seconded by Chris Morris.

Secondly, Malcolm Watson had been proposed by Sandra Davies and seconded by Lynn Moulton. She therefore proposed that these two persons be elected.

This was agreed unanimously and they were declared duly elected. The Chairman said we needed to make a commitment to support our Churchwardens. At the next PCC meeting we would discuss the appointment of Assistant Churchwardens.

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1. **Apologies** were received from Helen Commander, Keith Robinson and Gill Willis.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 22nd May 2022**

It was proposed by Lesley Bill and seconded by Chris Morris that the minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate record. This was agreed unanimously and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod:**

One valid nomination had been received in respect of Keith Robinson (proposed by Lynn Moulton and seconded by Michael Britton) and he was declared duly elected.

5. **Election of three members of the laity to the PCC:**

The Chairman explained that there were three vacancies all for a period of three years. Valid nominations had been received in respect of Marian Gilpin (proposed by Anne Brixton and seconded by Sandra Davies); for Anne Mears (proposed by Chris Morris and seconded by Sue Morris) and for Leon Winston (proposed by Malcolm Watson and seconded by Brian Green) and the Chairman proposed that these persons be duly elected. This was agreed unanimously and they were declared duly elected.

6. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner:**

Brian Hamblin had indicated his willingness to serve for a further year as Independent Financial Examiner for the parish. His appointment was proposed by Frances Commander and seconded by Anne Mears. He was therefore duly appointed by the meeting.

7. **Chairman's Report**

The Rev'd Carol Green said that she had made some of her points earlier on. She feels that it is a wonderful privilege to have Faith. We all mix in a world where there is a huge difference between those who have Faith and those who do not. She thinks her role is to find ways to relate to those people without faith. She commends the St James "Pop up café" which has enabled encounters with young people (aged around 12 to 13) and the opportunity to provide them with encouragement. More volunteers are needed to help with this, which also gives the opportunity for people from different parts of the Mission Community to get to know one another.

She reported a meeting with Adam, a youth co-ordinator who works in Dawlish. He says that for the first time in generation schools are becoming interested in people coming in to the school to talk to pupils and interpret theology. We have the opportunity to employ a youth worker for one day a week to provide outreach to the schools in our local areas. This would cost around £4000 a year to be shared among our parishes. She is hoping to further the relationship between St Peter's and Shaldon school.

8. **Annual Report (including Fabric Report):**

The Annual Report and associated reports had all been made available on the website before the meeting.

The adoption of these reports was proposed by Malcolm Watson, seconded by Lesley Bill and agreed unanimously.

9. Financial Statement:

The Chairman said that the Financial Statement and Accounts had been approved by the PCC for presentation to the meeting. Frances Commander drew attention to the figures on page 2 of the report and said that we clearly cannot keep using monies from savings etc. We need to increase our income and one way of doing this would be to proceed with the Stewardship campaign discussed earlier in the year.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Chris Morris, seconded by Leon Winston and agreed unanimously.

10. Deanery Synod Report.

Keith Robinson said he had nothing to add to his paragraph in the Annual Report.

11. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

Chris Morris said that the Church Electoral Roll was updated on 6th May 2023. At the date of revision there were 53 Members on the Electoral Roll, two fewer than in 2022. Of these, 39 people were resident in the parish and 14 people were non-resident.

Two persons have left the roll through death or moving away.

12. Planned Giving Report

Frances Commander said this was reflected in the Financial Statement

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 12.40 pm by saying the Grace together.

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