

**THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, SHALDON**

**St PETER'S AND St NICHOLAS' CHURCHES**

**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS  
28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

The Rev'd Carol Green in the chair.

Present: Chairman and 23 members.

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

**ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

The Chairman began by thanking Lesley Bill and Malcolm Watson for all their hard work in carrying out their roles over the past year, for their considered and imaginative approach and for always being here to tackle their duties. This was greeted by a round of applause.

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

Firstly, Lesley Bill had been proposed by Chris Morris and seconded by Sue Morris.

Secondly, Malcolm Watson had been proposed by Nia Pearson and seconded by Gill Willis. 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 continue to support our Churchwardens.

Signed.....

Date.....

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF  
ST NICHOLAS, SHALDON, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

**St PETER'S AND St NICHOLAS' CHURCHES**

1. **Apologies:** No apologies were received.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023:**  
It was proposed by Malcolm Watson and seconded by Lesley Bill 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 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 Anne Brixton (proposed by Malcolm Watson and seconded by Anne Mears), for Frances Commander (proposed by Anne Mears and seconded by Keith Robinson) and for Ann Yates (proposed by Keith Robinson and seconded by Chris Morris) and the Chairman proposed that these persons be duly elected. This was agreed unanimously and they were declared duly elected.
5. **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 Marian Gilpin. He was therefore duly appointed by the meeting.
6. **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 Frances Commander, seconded by Lesley Bill and agreed unanimously.  
Keith Robinson said he thought it would be helpful in the future to record some of the other uses of our church buildings including use as a polling station and vaccination centre.
7. **Financial Statement:**  
The Chairman said that the Financial Statement and Accounts had been approved by the PCC for presentation to the meeting. She wished to thank all those who were involved in the Stewardship campaign and also all those who responded.  
Frances Commander said that last year we ran at a loss. Our expenditure has exceeded our income. Our contribution to the Diocese is high and we make a large contribution for our share of the administrative costs. As a church we are good at fundraising for charities but we need also to raise money for ourselves. We are expecting in the near future to have to pay out for new lighting and a new boiler.  
Frances concluded by saying that she and Helen are willing to continue to look after the accounts for this financial year but it will be necessary to find someone to take over after that. The Chairman said that our parish share is linked to our electoral roll and attendance numbers. Our church has grown so we have to pay more.  
Nia Pearson said that she had noticed a large increase in the administrative costs and questioned whether such increases will continue. It was explained the 2023 figure included arrears from the previous year which gave a misleading picture and future costs will appear more reasonable. Lesley Bill suggested that a more detailed breakdown would be helpful and the Chairman asked Frances to produce this for consideration by a future team wide meeting. The adoption of the report was proposed by Keith Robinson and seconded by Anne Mears and agreed unanimously.

**8. Deanery Synod Report:**

Keith Robinson said he had nothing to add to his paragraph in the Annual Report. He was encouraged by a recent meeting at which representatives listed what they were doing in their individual churches and this resulted in a huge list across the Deanery.

**9. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer:**

Chris Morris said that the Church Electoral Roll was updated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. At the date of revision there were 54 Members on the Electoral Roll, one more than in 2023. Of these, 39 people were resident in the parish and 15 people were non-resident. Two persons have left the roll through death or moving away and three names have been added. The Chairman said that next year there will be a full revision if the Roll.

**10. Planned Giving Report:**

Keith Robinson said this was reflected in the Financial Statement

**11.. Chairman’s Report:**

The Rev’d Carol Green said that she had a great feeling about the way our churches are going, and are changing to a can-do approach. People’s abilities and enthusiasm can help us move forward. Discussion generates healthy attitudes and we need to find ways to deal with friction. The Rev’d Dave Wilkie is looking across the whole team to see potential for his work. Rev’d Dave continued by greeting the meeting and saying that he has moved happily into Bishopsteignton and his children have settled into their new schools and toddler group. He has already got to know so many people. He is learning new things with a listening ear and critical eye. He asked “What can we do for younger people?” Research shows that 80% of people come to faith before they reach age 18 and these are the people we must target. Children must be made to feel welcome, even if they are noisy and run around. His role feels both exciting and impossible and the clergy team will need a lot of help from everyone. He thinks St Peter’s church building is so adaptable and has such good resources it could provide a venue for services children can take part in. Rev’d Carol said she agrees with Rev’d Dave, but we must also be aware of people getting older and can no longer do all the things they used to do. But we can all pray. She mentioned the pastoral group which covers the whole Mission Community including nine care homes. It is planned to create a prayer diary so that people can join in at home. Lesley Bill stressed the importance of the Churchwardens being kept informed of planned activities and events. Rev’d Carol agreed that communication was vitally important. Carla Field commented that not everyone is comfortable with modern technology.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 12.40 pm by the Chairman giving the Blessing.

Signed.....

Date.....