

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Annual Parochial Church (APCM) Meeting at St Luke's, Ramsgate held in the Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 12:30pm

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### Present: (30 members of the congregation attended with one observer)

Rev Paul Worledge	Claire Coleman	Pauline Emptage	Alison Hawthorn
Colin Gale	Joanne Gale	George Leonard	Peter Dewhurst
Fiona Worledge	Nicky Galer	Christine Miller	Willow Whybrow
Audrey Tucker	Janet Murphy	Andrew McMillan	Margaret Wisdom
Pamela Elmes	June Warren	Barbara Kail	Delphine Hellings
Jean Hann	Ced Hann	Gerry Stanton	Mike Turner
Tonya Curry	James Patterson	Elizabeth Patterson	Laura Probert
David Perkins	Peter Weichelsbaum - Barlow		

David Williams (observer)

Rev Paul Worledge welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting in prayer. The agenda included the bible verse of the year Psalm 27:4: 'One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.'

### Reports

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Kate Neden, John Neden, Chris Bisset, Vanessa Shingles, Brenda Waters-Erlam, Peter Erlam.

#### 2. Appointment of person to take minutes

Claire Coleman was officially approved to take minutes of this year's APCM

#### 3. Minutes of the APCM of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the Annual Parochial Meeting.

#### 4. Matters arising

There were none.

#### 5. Annual Reports (official reports)

The Annual Report document was made available to members beforehand through hardcopy and digital means. At the meeting, the content of the report was taken as read. Each section was as follows and opportunities for questions given.

##### i Report from the vicar (section 1)

No questions raised

##### ii Report from the PCC (section 2)

No questions raised

**iii Fabric report (section 2.3.5)**

A number of works have been completed as outlined in the report. No questions were raised

**iv Independent examiners Report (Section 3)**

A new independent examiner has been appointed for this year: Alex Finlow from Folkestone. Accounts are in order and nothing is amiss.

**v Statement of financial activities (Section 4)**

Paul Worledge reports that financially we are in a good position.

No questions were raised.

The annual accounts were approved unanimously.

Proposed: Alison Hawthorn

Seconded: Pam Elmes

**vi Deanery Synod report (verbal report)**

Paul explained the function and structures of Deanery Synod. Alison Hawthorn and Mike Turner are our Deanery Reps and clergy also attend. There is a deanery plan that guides our ministry across the deanery. Paul explained about the new plans in Margate, where a grant has been given to revitalise the churches there. A new vicar will be in post in Holy Trinity in the Summer, and interim posts for St. Paul's and for St. John's with All Saints are in process.

No questions were raised.

**vii Electoral Roll report 2024 (verbal report)**

Prepared by James Patterson (Electoral Roll Officer) and read by Rev Paul Worledge.

In 2024 we removed 8 names from the electoral roll (people who had moved away or changed churches) and added 11 new names of those who had applied to join the electoral roll this year. The new roll has thus increased from 100 to 103. Of the 103 on the 2024 electoral roll 34 live in the parish, up from 33 last year.

Paul commented that this was the highest the electoral has ever been in his tenure.

**General Questions (asked through SLIDO and in person)**

*When will discernment end?*

At the end of 2024. The hope is that we will have a vision and plan in place by the end of the year, after further consultation, prayer and reflection through the summer. It was explained that there would be a questionnaire released in the couple of months distributed to those outside and within our congregations.

*Will we aim to extend our Youth provision for next 12 months? Such as YI or similar.*

Yes, Tonya Curry and a team are looking to set up an after-school club at St. Luke's in September.

**Prayers of thanksgiving for 2023** – open time of prayer was enjoyed.

## **Elections and appointments**

“Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.” (1 Corinthians 12:14)

### **6. The Elections and appointments**

#### **i PCC Members (x5 or x8)**

Paul explained that because the electoral roll is now over 100 we can have up to 8 members elected in this years appointments. However, as it is likely to drop next year when the electoral roll undergoes its overhaul it was suggested and agreed to fill 5 places. Nomination forms received from the five candidates below.

##### **New members**

Chris Bissett  
George Leonard  
Tonya Curry

##### **Proposed**

Brenda Erlam-Waters  
Andrew McMillan  
Andrew McMillan

##### **Seconded**

Andrew McMillan  
Mike Turner  
Pam Elmes

##### **Restanding**

Pauline Emptage  
Audrey Tucker

John Galer  
Willow Whybrow

Lucy Weichelsbaum-Barlow  
Margaret Wisdom

All were unanimously accepted and duly elected to the PCC.

#### **ii Independent Examiner**

It was agreed that if willing Alex Finlow FCA would be appointed as independent examiner of this years accounts.

Proposed: Pauline Emptage

Seconded: James Patterson

#### **iii Gift for Independent examiner**

All unanimously agreed and duly appointed Alex Finlow as Independent examiner.

It was also suggested that Alex Finlow be gifted £100

Proposed: Pam Elmes

Seconded: James Patterson

### **APCM ended**

### **Annual Parish meeting**

Paul explained that the election of wardens take place in the Parish meeting.

<b>Church Warden nominations</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Andrew McMillan	Brenda Erlam-Waters	Nicky Galer
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No other candidates came forward. Andrew and Brenda were unanimously voted for and duly appointed.

Paul explained that the rolls of Treasurer and PCC Secretary are appointed at the first PCC meeting of the year. An appeal was made for PCC secretary.

Paul ended the meeting in prayer.