

**Minutes of Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly**  
**Of St Brelade's Parish Church**  
**Held in St Brelade's Church Hall**  
**On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present:**

Rev. Mark Bond	Chairman
Eddie Cuthbert	Church Warden
John Trafford	Church Warden
Steve Pallett	Connetable

There were 35 Parishioners present

Apologies were received from Brian Clarke; Arthur Morley and Nigel Mullane.

Rev Mark Bond welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Convening Notice.

1. **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in the Church Hall.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2017 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr Eddie Cuthbert                      Seconded by: Mr Frank Walker

2. **Tresor Accounts**

The Tresor account was allocated £31,000 from the Parish, which is for the general upkeep of the churchyard/church and rectory.

Only £12,000 has been drawn down so far, with the Parish spending another £5,000 on Tresor's behalf. However, three projects are in the pipeline which cost approx. £10,000 so an accrual for this amount was made in the accounts. The three projects are: Replacement gates for the New Cemetery; Replacement benches around the Church Hall; Repairs to the party wall between the church and the neighbouring property.

During the year, the Rectory had a new kitchen which was paid for out of the Parish Property Reserve fund, however some unexpected remedial electrical and plumbing work was paid for out of the Tresor Account.

The Remembrance Plaque area has been refurbished to have the plaques set in stone chippings rather than in grass. The Rose Garden has had some work done on the trees to try to lighten the area, and some roses have been planted in tubs.

The Church and the Churchyard are all in good condition. Frank expressed his thanks to the Sextons and the Verger for their hard work.

The Tresor account closed the year with £10,648 in the bank.

Proposer of Tresor Accounts: Mr John Trafford;      Seconded:      Mrs Terri Bond

### 3. **Election of Church Officers.**

- A) **Almoners.** Rev Mark Bond said how blessed we are to have two very good Almoners who spend every Tuesday morning counting and banking all the cash. Both Almoners have agreed to stand again, so Mr Alan Higginbotham and Mr Peter Le Sueur were re-elected and asked to present themselves at the Royal Court on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June for the official swearing in.
- B) **Churchwardens.** Frank Walker is new to the post of Tresor Churchwarden and is willing to continue. As Rector, Rev Mark Bond can choose one churchwarden, so he appointed Frank Walker to continue in his new role. Two people stood for the remaining post of churchwarden - John Trafford is willing to continue, and Eddie Cuthbert was also proposed to stand. Mark read out a section from the Jersey Church Cannons on the role of Churchwardens:
- 4. The churchwardens when admitted are officers of the Dean as commissary of the Bishop. They shall discharge such duties as are by law and custom assigned to them. They shall be foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent; and shall use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them. It shall be their duty to maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service; and to keep the accounts of the church and each year present to a Congregational Meeting of the parish a set of accounts for the preceding calendar year signed by them and by the incumbent, and audited by such third party as shall have been nominated by the relevant Congregational Meeting for such purpose.*

A vote by ballot paper was taken for the role, and John Trafford was re-elected as churchwarden by 17 votes to 14.

Therefore both John Trafford and Frank Walker were elected and asked to present themselves at the Royal Court on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June for the official swearing in.

### 4. **Connetable's Address.**

The Rev'd Mark Bond thanked Mr Steve Pallett for building a strong relationship with the church during his time as Connetable, especially for the Liberation Day Service at Noirmont and he thanked him for all he has done for the church.

Steve said how the church and the churchyards are in excellent condition and our unique heritage is well looked after by all the staff involved; however, the church is not about buildings but the people and St Brelade's people have been extremely supportive during his time as Connetable. Steve believes he has had the best church and the best rector and Mark has been very supportive and has an understanding of, and sympathy for, people. There is a strong community in St Brelade and the church must remain at the centre of parish life.

He expressed his thanks to everyone for their support over the last 6 years and hopes that support will continue for Mike Jackson.

The meeting closed at 8pm