

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Church
On Sunday 17th June 2012

Present:

Rev. Mark Bond	Chairman
Eddie Cuthbert	Church Warden
Brian Clarke	Church Warden
Ruth White	Minute Taker

29 Member of the Church Congregation were also present.

1. **Apologies**

Robin Harris (Treasurer); Terri Bond; Alan Nutter; Audrey Nutter; John Trafford; Fiona Walker; Frank Walker,

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 12th June 2011 were approved.

Proposed by: Alan Higginbotham

Seconded by: Lallie Clarke

3. **Election of Advisory Council**

The current Church Council members, listed below, had stated their willingness to stand again and were re-elected by due process.

Jean Charles, Jane Cuthbert, Laurie Dicker, Mary Jordan, Amy Mathys, Jo Mulliner, Alan Nutter, Mike Smith, Sheila Smith, Frank Walker.

Robin Harris has agreed to stand for Treasurer again and Ruth White agreed to act as Minute Taker.

4. **Election of Sidesperson**

The following were elected as Sidespersons:

Terri Bond, Jean Charles, David Christie, Elizabeth Christie, William Church, Lallie Clarke, Chris Clement-Jones, Sue Clement-Jones, Ruth Curzon, Jane Cuthbert, Roy Fauvel, Olga Harris, Robin Harris, Ann Hughes, Daphne Hurst, Mary Jordan, Amy Mathys, Joyce McDonald, Nigel Mullane, Cindy Mulliner, Janet Parker, Sheila Smith, Mike Smith, John Trafford, Sue Vincent, Fiona Walker, Rodney Waller.

5. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**

Mary Jordan from St Brelade and Denise Waller from St Aubin would continue in their roles.

6. **REPORTS**

FINANCE - Treasurer's Report

The Chairman thanked Robin for his hard work on a very complex business. Robin had produced a report (attached) to be read out in his absence. 2011 was much better and 2011.

Roger Bignal was thanked for his work and was re-elected as Auditor.

Robin Harris was thanked for his management of the accounts, which were adopted.

Proposed by: Mike Smith

Seconded: Jane Cuthbert

MAINTENANCE – Churchwardens Report

Eddie Cuthbert reported on various work that had been carried out during the year – Concreted some of the paths around the churchyard; repair to the gates; new radiator in church and replacement grating. The Rectory has only received minimal maintenance this year, but does need a review as the windows need attention. Projects coming up are the gravel path alongside the churchyard by the sea wall as the rain water washes all the gravel away, the polycarb covers for the windows and the lighting is due to be replaced at the end of the year.

Brian Clarke reported that the legal agreement for the Arquiva mast has now been re-drawn due to additional usage.

Worship – Brian commented on how enjoyable the choir singing is during communion. Prayer ministry in church is going well, however due to noises in church it is difficult to hear. Therefore we will be investigating a sound screen to see if it helps. The Little Acorns service continues to flourish. However the difference between Little Acorns and the other Sunday services is very big and Brian is looking into a family communion service on the 2nd Sunday of the month that will bring the 2 together. It was agreed to give it a 6 month trial.

The children's area has been created and is well used. The Treasury is still to be made for the crossing area to hold all of the silverware that is currently at the bank. Brian would like to see that Lady Chapel as more of a prayer sanctuary and the prayer tree has been a very successful start, but any other ideas would be welcome.

HOSPITALITY – Sales

During 2011 the Sales contributed £10,000 towards general church funds which still left enough in the bank to keep stock turning over.

Rectory Cottages

Rent income is received from both of the cottages. The 1st cottage now has central heating which has resulted in a slight cash deficit for this year, but it is an investment in the property. The visitors who stay for free in the 2nd cottage a (eg families of La Moye Prisoners) are more than covered by those who pay to stay in the cottage.

Church Hall Tea Rooms

These are still going strong. We have a new sign at the end of the road advertising it and this and all the other replaced signs around the church and church hall have been paid for by the Tea Rooms. During 2011 we took £7,000, £3,000 of which went to 12 different charities. Then the balance was used to pay for church items such as replacement kneelers in the North Aisle; coffee machine for the church hall, materials for painting church hall, carpet for childrens area in church.

Verger

Ruth has completed her first year and is now a well-established part of the team.

OUTREACH – Supper Church

This is well attended by Sanctuary House residents, about 10 – 12 each time which makes up about half of the total numbers. They have currently been looking at parables. However with Jo going to college in September Brian is unsure of how to move forward as Jo looks after all the emails, admin and finance, and occasionally runs an evening. Brian is looking for a partner to help him in Jo's absences and would be grateful for any volunteers.

Communicare

The Day Care is now called the Friendship Club and is going well. The youth has lost cash support from the States, but the Parish have stepped in to help support the youth work instead.

Occasional Offices.

We have approx. 45 Weddings/Blessings during this year. Combined with Baptisms and Funerals they are an important part of our work.

Mission Projects

Congo still going well and is well supported by our visitors.

Sanctuary House

This has blossomed during the past year. It started off after seeing 5 male suicides in one year in Jersey. We now have 3 houses and it is very well supported.

Rector's Review

Mark commented on Sanctuary House – when we respond to what God is saying, sometimes it just takes off and runs away fast. Through Sanctuary House we have helped the poor and sick. Our current project for 2012/13 is the church lighting. This will involve closing off one side of the church at a time while it is being installed. Once all the approval has been received we will be looking at different ways of funding it, along with support from the Parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1pm.