

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Church
On Sunday 29th May 2015

Present:

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

There were 20 other members of the congregation present.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Treasurer; one churchwarden and three other members of the congregation.

2. **Election of Churchwardens and Almoners**

At the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 24th May 2016, Eddie Cuthbert and John Trafford were re-elected as Churchwardens; and Alan Higginbotham and Peter Le Sueur were re-elected as Almoners. All were thanked for their hard work during the past year.

All the above officers were elected un-opposed.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 31st May 2015 were approved.

Proposed by: Alan Higginbotham

Seconded by: Mary Jordan

3. **Election of Sidesperson**

The following were elected as Sidespersons:

Terri Bond, Jean Charles, David Christie, William Church, Lallie Clarke, Chris Clement-Jones, Sue Clement-Jones, Ruth Curzon, Jane Cuthbert, Olga Harris, Robin Harris, Mary Jordan, Amy Mathys, Joyce McDonald, Nigel Mullane, Janet Parker, Sheila Smith, John Trafford, Fiona Walker, Frank Walker, Joy Diggle, Norman Moss.

A request was made for more volunteers to read the lessons and take the Intercessions. Training can be provided for both of these roles.

4. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**

Our Synod reps are currently: Mary Jordan, Brian Clarke and Denise Waller (from St Aubin's Church).

5. **REPORTS**

FINANCE - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Robin Harris, is away on holiday and had produced a report to go with the accounts which was distributed to the congregation.

Overall a good year, we are in the fortunate position of being quite a wealthy church. Mark expressed his gratitude to Robin and the Almoners for all their hard work during the year.

In response to a question raised, Mark confirmed that the Parish Share is just for the Parish Church, in addition St Aubin's Church pay approximately £15,000.

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

Proposed by: Eddie Cuthbert

Seconded by: Peter Le Sueur

WORSHIP

Mark said that he is always looking for ways to include our many visitors to the church, and after having several French visitors at a recent 8am service, he decided to re-design the service booklets to include photos and other illustrations to help the worshiper to follow the service even if English isn't their first language. Mark is in the process of re-designing all the service booklets. He had also changed the notice sheet/readings into a booklet form to make it more flexible.

He is hoping that later on this year, the church will be ready to stream weddings and funerals online to anyone unable to attend a service.

Rectory Cottages

Donation income during the past year was higher than the previous year. However expenditure was also higher due to redecoration and refurbishment of the Retreat Cottage.

The cottages donated £5,000 to the Church, £5,000 to Christian Aid and £500 to Guatemala plus some other smaller donations.

MAINTENANCE – Churchwardens Report

Eddie Cuthbert reported that this is definitely his last year! He has stayed on for this extra year in order to see Phase Two of the church hall completed, which should be happening at the end of this summer. This should cost in the region of £80,000. The snagging on Phase One of the Hall is still to be completed.

During the past year the Tresor account spent £23,500 on the Rectory – it had an architectural survey, a new bathroom, a new electrical fuseboard and the windows were re-decorated.

Still to be done is the painting of the greenhouse roof and the stable roof which requires the use of old Jersey Pantiles. The survey also said that the Rectory Roof needed re-doing, however it looks ok for now.

During last year all the external doors on the Church and Church Hall were re-painted.

Eddie was thanked for all his hard work.

HOSPITALITY – Sales

Ruth produced a brief set of accounts for the bookstall, showing a total income over the year of £17,026 (including Wednesday Welcome); expenditure on stock and other items of £8,092, contributions towards general church funds of £7,636. (including Wednesday Welcome), Cash in bank at end of year was £8,645

Love Thy Neighbour is run by Trustees from our Church and is for men in long term care. John Trafford oversees this. Any further development on this work is on hold after Colin Taylor's death and will be reviewed in a few months. Colin's British Empire Medal is for the whole church community and it was Colin's wish that it be displayed in our Treasury Cabinet.

6. RECTOR'S REVIEW

Mark said how sad it was to have lost key people during the past year.

Mark also pointed out how currently the clergy team consist of himself; with help from Bill Matthews and Maureen Turner when they are available. We have had as many as six lay readers in the past and are now down to 3. Anyone can be trained to take on the Deaconal role during Sunday services, it doesn't have to be a lay reader, so Mark asked for people to think about who might be appropriate for this.

Vicki Valois is now helping Mark with the services at Silver Springs and Maison St Brelade. As a church we have become used to having lots of other people around to do the work, which is no longer the case, so Mark asked for anyone with thoughts or ideas on how to get involved to talk to him.

Any Other Business

Terri thanked Judy Dingle for taking on the role of assistant verger, when Ruth is on holiday; Mary Jordan thanked Mark for all his hard work during the year; Mark thanked Ruth White (and Chris) for their work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm.