

Minutes of Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Church Hall
On Tuesday 30th May 2017

Present:

Rev. Mark Bond	Chairman
Eddie Cuthbert	Church Warden
John Trafford	Church Warden

There were 10 Parishioners present

Apologies were received from the Connetable, Mr Steve Pallett who had States Business to attend to.

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 10th May 2017, in the Parish Hall.**

With a correction made to the title of the Bishop of Dover, The Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2017 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr John Trafford

Seconded by: Mr Eddie Cuthbert

2. **Tresor Accounts**

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

Income was up during year, due to more burials taking place.

Expenditure:

£2,200 was spent on the churchyard, including £700 on the soil and maintenance of the big oak tree which is dying in the middle, but has improved after a good feed. The churchyards and cemeteries are in good condition and the sextons do a good job.

Church expenses are down by £2,500 – the biggest expense was £1,700 on leak on the roof by the Bell Tower.

The Tresor account pay for cleaners in the church every Friday @ £2,200 per year, which is offset by the income of verger burial fees.

The Rectory and outbuildings expenditure was £12,500 on a new stable roof and new lighting; £1,950 for replacement Rectory Kitchen Windows; a new fuse board in the Rectory and re-

wiring of the study cost £2,700. £1,100 was for painting of the Conservatory Roof; and £1,550 for a new hot water cylinder.

Projects still to be done this year –

Re-roof the Rectory, sort out the leaking bay windows and replace the polystyrene ceiling in the Kitchen.

The gate by the Perquage path is being replaced and will hopefully be ready in the middle of June @ a cost of approx. £3,500.

Eddie stated how much he had enjoyed his time as Churchwarden over the past 10 years. Thanks were given from Terri Bond on behalf of the church and from the Procurers on behalf of the Parish.

Proposer of Tresor Accounts: Mr Alan Higginbotham; Seconder: Mr Peter Norman

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 10th June for the official swearing in.

- B) **Churchwardens.** John Trafford is willing to continue, Eddie Cuthbert is retiring. Frank Walker has agreed to take over Eddie's role. Mark said how Frank is already involved in church life together with Sanctuary House and Love Thy Neighbour and so will be a great asset. Both John Trafford and Frank Walker as elected and asked to present themselves at the Royal Court on Saturday 10th June for the official swearing in.

The Reverend Mark Bond closed the meeting by saying how the issue of safeguarding is changing in the Island. There is a current problem in that the Church of England demands a safeguarding level that is above the requirements of Jersey. Discussions are continuing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm