

St. Alban's Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 14th April 2019 at 12:30 in the church building

MINUTES

Agenda (published separately):

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Church Meeting, held on 29 April 2018
4. Minutes of the 2018 Special Church Meeting, held on 15 July 2018
5. Matters arising from those Minutes
6. 2018 Annual Report
7. Safeguarding
8. Financial Statements for 2018
9. Deanery Synod Election rules
10. Election of 8 representatives of the laity to the Chaplaincy Council
11. Appointment of Sides People
12. Appointment of Independent Auditors
13. Election of 2 Churchwardens
14. Admission of Churchwardens
15. Closing Prayer

Next Chaplaincy Council Meeting 14th April 2018 immediately following the ACM

1. Opening Prayer

Smitha started the meeting at 12:45 with a prayer

2. Apologies

Ursula Sonnewald, Peter Fitzgerald, Chris Parker, John Nicholson, Graeme Lloyd-Roberts, Bev Lloyd-Roberts, Sarah Sørensen, Helene Michaelsen, Junior Williams

3. Minutes of the 2018 ACM, held on 29th April 2018

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual Church Meeting

Proposed by: Christopher Osborn

Seconded by: Carole Rasmussen

Result: Passed with no opposition

4. Minutes of the 2018 SCM, held on 15 July 2018

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2018 Special Church Meeting

Proposed by: Rosemary Bohr

Seconded by: Nigel Rowley

Result: Passed with no opposition

5. Matters arising from those minutes

None

6. 2018 Annual Report

One spelling mistake - corrected

Philip thanked Pauleen for collecting and collating all the information in the report.

No mention of the Second Sunday Services - to be added next year

Clarification of abbreviations requested:

BAME = Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic

CME = Continuing Ministerial Education

Motion: To accept the Annual Report for 2018

Proposed by: Anna Christine Christensen

Seconded by: Frances Jacobsen

Result:

Passed with no opposition

7. Safeguarding

Smitha explained that this area of work seeks to prevent abuse to vulnerable groups in the Chaplaincy and that we need to adopt a culture of "informed vigilance" for the welfare of the vulnerable. Through liaison with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, prompt and robust action is to be taken as precautionary principles are applied in accordance with the Diocesan Safeguarding Protocol (hereby done) and fill in the Chaplaincy Safeguarding Policy (at the first council meeting)

Our Safeguarding Officers are:

Christopher Osborn

Katja Krupezki

8. Draft Financial Statements for 2018

Roger Moore (our Treasurer) explained that the 2018 accounts are complete but have not yet been audited and signed off by Price Waterhouse.

A Special Church Meeting (SCM) will be arranged, to adopt the audited accounts.

The main points in the 2018 accounts are as follows:

- a. There is a loss of about 1,5 million kroner
- b. There is less income (from investments) than the previous year but this looks as though it has improved in 2019
- c. Expenses are more or less as 2017
- d. Expenses on amenities are higher than expected
- e. Amenities are still 700k short (in 2019)

Roger explained how tax deductions work in Denmark and what the procedure is for sending him CPR-numbers. He will write a short explanation for the website, which will also be in the next magazine

Thanks to all who donated to the "40 steps" initiative - as of today we have 32 steps.

9. Deanery Synod Election rules

Until now there has been no limit on how long Deanery Synod representatives can stand but this has been changed to 6 years (i.e. 2 terms).

The Chaplain explained that this potential new rule is to bring Deanery Synod representation in line with other synods, offices and roles where elected members serve for 2 terms (ie 6 years); step down and then stand for re-election if they so wish. The new proposal would enforce change which might not otherwise occur, adds innovation, new insight and ensures succession planning.

There is a provision for Chaplaincies to vote against this proposal at the Annual Meeting since it has been difficult to find volunteers in the past,

The Chaplain reasoned that this proviso was more appropriate for rural / remote areas of the Diocese and not relevant to a metropolitan chaplaincy of 200 skilled, spiritual, experienced people hailing from the global Anglican Communion.

Therefore the following motion was put to the vote

Motion: To adopt the 6-year rule unless nobody stands, in which case the current Deanery Synod representatives can all stand again

Proposed by: Anton Kongshøj-Munch

Seconded by: Tony Wedgwood

Result: Carried unanimously

10. Election of 8 representatives of the laity to the Chaplaincy Council

There were 8 candidates:

Angela Hansen, Mathen Thomas, Anna Christine Christensen, Alex Onea, Joyce Adda, Martin Rasmussen, Samual Walton and Steven Harrod

No election was held and the 8 candidates were acclaimed

11. Appointment of Sides People

The following is a list of current sides people:

Joveeta Lobo, Pramila Fernandes, Agnes Sivertsen, Lucky Yaru, Rebecca Mathen, Alice Thomas, Mathen Thomas, Anna Christine Christensen, Alex Onea, Christopher Osborn, Faith Hatani, Frances Jacobsen, Jocelyn Hird, Joe Simon, Junior Williams, Liz Jensen, Nigel Rowley, Rosemary Bohr

Motion: To accept the current list of sides people and add new sides people as and when they volunteer to join

Proposed by: Anton Kongshøj-Munch

Seconded by: Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen

Result: Carried unanimously

12. Appointment of Independent Auditors

Motion: To continue with Price Waterhouse as independent auditors

Proposed by: Liz Jensen

Seconded by: Rosemary Bohr

Result: Carried unanimously

13. Election of 2 Churchwardens

There were 2 candidates:
Nigel Rowley
Philip Davies

No election was held and the 2 candidates were acclaimed

14. Admission of Churchwardens

The two churchwardens were duly admitted by the chaplain. Smitha first reminded them that they were foremost in representing the laity and cooperating with the Chaplain; and that through their best endeavours, by example and precept they were to encourage the Chaplaincy in the practice of true religion and promote peace and unity therein.

15. AOB

- a. Grateful thanks to all volunteers from Frances
- b. The British Embassy has Brexit information on their website and they are prepared to come to church to present this and answer questions (Rosemary)
- c. There have been problems with the landline in the vestry which is a "safeguarding problem" for the guardians.
- d. Thanks to all present (Smitha)

16. Closing prayer

The meeting was closed by saying the Grace together at 14:25

Date:.....

Signed:.....

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Smitha Prasadam, Chair

Pauleen Bang, Secretary