

# St. Alban's Annual Church Meeting

Sunday, 7th May 2017 at 12:15 in the church building

## MINUTES

### **Agenda (published separately):**

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual Church Meeting, held on 24 April 2016
4. Minutes of the 2016 Special Church Meeting, held on 20 November 2016
5. Matters arising from minutes
6. 2016 Annual Report
7. Financial Statements for 2016
8. Election of Five representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod
9. Election of Seven representatives of the laity to the Chaplaincy Council
10. Appointment of Sides People
11. Appointment of Independent Auditors
12. Election of 2 Churchwardens
13. Admission of Churchwardens
14. Closing prayer

Next Church Council Meeting: 7 May 2017 immediately following the ACM

1. **Opening prayer**

Darren started the meeting at 12:30 with a prayer

2. **Apologies**

Apologies has been received from:

John Nicholson

Maria Kvan Mortensen

3. **Minutes of the 2016 Annual Church Meeting, held on 24 April 2016**

There were no comments on these minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2016 Annual Church Meeting

Proposed by: Anne-Marie Sweeney

Seconded by: Carole Rasmussen

Votes For: Not counted

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: Not counted

Result: Passed with no opposition

4. **Minutes of the 2016 Special Church Meeting, held on 20 November 2016**

There were no comments on these minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2016 Special Church Meeting

Proposed by: Chris Parker

Seconded by: Anne-Marie Sweeney

Votes For: Not counted

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: Not counted

Result: Passed with no opposition

5. **Matters arising from these minutes**

On page 3 the question of raising a motion to the Diocesan Synod (by Nigel Rowley as Diocesan Synod Representative) regarding the balance between elected members and ex-officio members was re-aired. Nigel was asked to speak to the Diocesan Secretary about these concerns.

Action: Nigel (added to council minutes)

6. **2016 Annual Report**

Darren introduced the report as follows:

I'd like, if I may, to say a few words by way of introduction to this Annual Report.

This beautiful document – and “thank you”, by the way to our printers JespersenTryk and to the anonymous donor who have covered the cost of this publication – this beautiful document – like this Chaplaincy – is an extraordinary collaborative effort. The 20 or so reports in here – written by many different members of our community – outline the amazing voluntary effort put in by so many to keep Saint Alban’s not just ticking over but thriving and growing.

So, I’d like to thank those – if you’ll bear with me for a moment – thank those who wrote or contributed to the the individual sections:

‘Thank you,’ Graeme (our former Secretary) and Pauleen (our current Secretary) for the summary of Council meetings in 2016 – indeed thanks to those who are stepping down from the Council today or who stepped down during the year – Anne-Marie Sweeney, Beverly Lloyd-Roberts, Junior Williams, Jean Gram-Anderson, Zubin Kurian and Judy Fitzgerald.

Thank you Deacon Christophe for his contribution to the Ministry in Jutland section, Pauleen (again) for the Electoral Roll report, Chris and Claire for their Churchwarden’s Piece, Kate for the Registrar’s Report, Carole for the Altar Guild and Dorothy for the Mothers’ Union Report.

Thanks too to Mie for her piece on Music and the Choir, Janet and Simon for the Coffee Team, Anne-Marie for the detailed report on Ecumenical Activities, Rosemary and Philip for the run-down on the Summer Fête, and Rosemary again for the Guardians.

Thanks also to Irene for the Sunday School report and to Ursula for the report on Franciscans at Saint Alban’s. Thanks to those on the Communications Team – Claire, Pauleen, John, Bev, Michael and Sumeta for their parts in that report. And finally, to our Representatives to the wider Church – Victoria, Maria, Pauleen, John and Nigel for the Deanery Synod and Nigel for the Diocesan Synod Report. Thank you all.

I know that many of those folks are here today – so when we have some time for open discussion in a few minutes, they’ll be able to elaborate if they wish on their sections and, of course, respond to any questions or queries you may have.

I should also say that behind each of those 20 individual reports in here there is a huge number of other people who give their time, their talents, their resources and their skills to Saint Alban’s. Today is the day when we thank God for all those people and thank God for all they have contributed to building-up the Body of Christ in this place.

Today, I think, is also an appropriate time to pause for a moment and remember those who have died since our last Annual Church Meeting. In the past twelve months we have lost some really wonderful people – people who gave so much to St Alban’s. So, today we remember Claire Jespersen, Nils Mortensen, Kathleen Årup-Hansen and Barbara Søndergaard – may they – and all those whom we love but see no longer – rest in peace and rise in glory.

Folks, I’m very proud to be Chaplain of Saint Alban’s. We have a long history here –

coming up to 130 years in this building – and we are also determined to have an equally fruitful future here. As you know, we launched a very ambitious Mission Action Plan for the next few years back in January 2016. And as this Report shows we are well on our way to reaching many of the targets set out in that Plan.

So, thank you one and all.

As we say in Ireland, “Bail O Dhia ar an obair” – May God continue to bless the work. Amen.

If you’d like to speak to any part of the Report, or maybe ask for some point of clarification, we have some time now for contributions from the floor.

The following comments/questions were then aired:

Pauleen asked for help with social media, since it is now a job for more than one person. A team of four to cover Facebook and Twitter would be ideal. Please contact Pauleen if you feel you could help.

Anne-Marie asked that we show our thanks for the music ministry of Mie and Michael and the choir.. The response was applause.

Claire expressed her appreciation for the printed Annual Report and other printed materials produced during the year.

Phil Clarke suggested that we mobilise extra people to avoid burn-out in those who have the heaviest burdens

Rosemary Bohr thanked all the new Guardians and those who help with the Fete.

## 7. **Financial Statements for 2016**

Roger gave a short introduction to the Financial Statements and was open for questions or comments. The following questions and comments were noted.

It is good that we now have a paid treasurer (Phil Clarke)

Is it correct that the plate has doubled (Peter Fitzgerald)? Yes, probably because of MobilePay.

Why is the Lindholm Fund zero (Chris Osborn)? Because of a delay in payment, which will be received any day now.

What does the account "Diocese in Europe" cover (Frances Jacobsen)? Our contribution to the Diocese is based on the number on the Electoral Roll, which has increased significantly in the last couple of years.

What does the Wendy Vigild fund cover (Frances Jacobsen)? Training of Readers.

Why has the cost of candles increased (Linda Jensen)? More visitors and therefore more candles used.

Why is the value of St. Alban's House so low (Phil Clarke)? Because this is the "official value" rather than the "estimated value".

Shouldn't our Outside Giving be based on one tenth of our income (Phil Clarke)? Yes, it already is, but one tenth of our general income (not including trust funds etc.).

Claire explained also that the Outside Giving for 2015 and 2016 was a little "skewed"

because payments were not always made in the correct year.

The Financial Statements for 2016, already approved by the council, were officially received at the ACM

**8. Election of Five representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod**

The four current representatives (John Mills, Maria Kvan Mortensen, Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen and Pauleen Bang) had all been proposed and seconded before the meeting. At the meeting Anne-Marie Sweeney was proposed (by Pauleen Bang) and seconded (by Phil Clarke). She agreed to stand.

Therefore these Five representatives were duly elected.

**9. Election of Seven representatives of the laity to the Chaplaincy Council**

Peter Fitzgerald had already been proposed and seconded before the meeting. At the meeting Frances Jacobsen was proposed (by Anne-Marie Sweeney) and seconded (by Chris Parker).

Therefore these Two representatives were duly elected.

**10. Appointment of Sides People**

As last year, those already listed are re-confirmed, but new Sides People can be added as and when willing candidates appear.

**11. Appointment of Independent Auditors**

PWC do this pro bono, for which we are very grateful

Motion:	To accept PWC as independent auditors for St. Alban's
Proposed by:	Chris Parker
Seconded by:	John Mills
Votes For:	Not counted
Votes Against:	0
Abstentions:	Not counted
Result:	Passed with no opposition

**12. Election of 2 Churchwardens**

Thanks were expressed for Claire Clausen, outgoing Churchwarden after 6 years. Chris Parker made a moving speech and presented her with flowers and a gift from himself. Claire responded with some well chosen words.

There were two candidates, Nigel Rowley and Chris Parker. They were duly appointed.

**13. Admission of Churchwardens**

The two Churchwardens, Chris Parker and Nigel Rowley were duly sworn in.

**14. Closing Prayer**

We said the Grace together at 13:30

Date:.....

Signed:.....  
Reverend Darren McCallig, Chair

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Pauleen Bang, Secretary