

**ST MARY'S CHURCH YATE**  
**ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

Joanne Hodge opened the meeting with a reading and prayer

**Present:** John Cornforth (Chair), Revd David Harrex and 22 members of the congregation (see attached list).

**VESTRY MEETING TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS**

**1. Nominations for Churchwardens**

The nominations received were for Alan Bulley and Louisa Dent both wished to continue the role for a further year. There being no other nominations both were duly appointed.

**2. Election**

No election was necessary.

**ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Lyn Bulley, Stephen Lord and Gus Smith

**2. Minutes of previous ADCM held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

Agreed and signed as a correct record, no matters arising.

**3. Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer**

Heather Smith reported that at present there were 130 names on the electoral roll. A report from the Electoral Role Officer is attached to the minutes of this meeting. Heather Smith agreed to stand for a further year as

Electoral Roll Officer and as there were no further nominations was duly appointed.

#### **4. Accounts for 2008 and Budget for 2009**

The Finance Report as at 30 March 2009, Statement of Financial Activity to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and Budget 2009 are attached to these minutes.

#### **5. Churchwardens' Report**

Copy attached to the minutes of this meeting. John Cornforth thanked Joanne Hodge for her work as warden and thanked Alan Bulley and Louisa Dent for standing for a further year.

#### **6. Church Group Reports**

Reports were held for the following groups:

Choir  
Mothers' Union  
Tuesday Refresh Group  
Lunch @ 1

These are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Walking Group – A full programme of walks was held in 2008 and only one was cancelled.

Tuesday Growth Group – The group still has the members as when Rev Viv Ashworth left and new members are always welcome.

Prayer Group – The group has continued to pray for world and local issues. It was thought the time may have needed to be changed but with new people coming it has been decided to leave the time as it is for the time being. A prayer board has been introduced at the back of the church.

Friday Growth Group – This grew out of last year's Lent group. New people are always welcome.

Needlework Group – This meets 10am – 12 noon each Wednesday. The workshops have proved very successful and the group is to continue as a craft group all are welcome and during this time the church will be open to all.

Churchyard Group – This is continuing to go well and the churchyard is looking in good order.

## **7. Team Rector's Report (for St Mary's) 'Releasing the Energy'**

Report attached to the minutes of this meeting. John Cornforth thanked Revd David Harrex on behalf of the congregation for his work at St Mary's since Revd Tim and Revd Viv Ashworth left. Thanks we given to all present and past churchwardens at St Mary's.

## **8. Elections**

PCC – 3 representatives (including the Finance Officer)

Nominations: Heather Smith Finance Officer  
Ann Crabbe  
Penelope Thomas

There being no further nominations the three above were duly elected.

DCC – 9 members

Nominations: John Cornforth  
Karen Attwood  
Mary Parker  
Jim Bradshaw  
Chris Farrell  
Jacky Fredrickson  
Peter Wells  
Terry Carter

There being 8 nominations all were duly elected.

ECC – The number of representatives is dependant on the number of people on the Electoral Roll. At present we require five members.

Nominations: No nominations

St Mary's will therefore have no representatives on the ECC.

Deanery Synod Representative – Wulstan Perks term continues for a further year.

Sidespersons

The full list of sidespersons is now:

Communion – Stuart England, Stan Chapman and Frank Spittle.

10.45 Communion

Kathleen Anderson, Gus Smith and Terry Dykes (1st Sunday of each month)

Mavis Lawton, Lorraine Pellow and Linda Berry (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)  
John Gardner, Shirley Gardner and Jim Bradshaw (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)  
Steve Wilson, Lisa Wilson and Ian Crabbe (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)  
Heather Smith, Penny Thomas, Terry Carter and Jenny Carter (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)  
Jacky Fredrickson, Terry Carter and Jenny Carter – Reserves

Daybreak and Earlybird

Kathleen Anderson, Gillian McKane, Gus Smith, Karen Attwood and Penny Thomas.

Steve Wilson has not been present recently and it was agreed to ask Lisa Wilson if he wished to continue.

## **9. Questions and Resolutions**

- i) Susan Wells asked for an explanation of the ECC which Revd David Harrex did.
- ii) Christine Dolton asked if the congregation could be told of the future of the Parish. Revd David Harrex explained how the process of appointing a new vicar would work. He advised that the position would be for a vicar for the Parish. Revd Derek Chedzey will be helping the Parish with the appointment and will be meeting with the churchwardens, a representative from each of the churches and the ministry team including the lay ministers to draw up a person specification and an advertisement. The final appointment will be with Revd David Harrex. Revd Iain Macfarlane has indicated that he will be prepared to undertake more of a Parish role than at present.
- iii) Penny Thomas asked concerning the future of the Daybreak service. Joanne Hodge explained that they wished to continue with a service in that time slot but were looking at different forms.
- iv) Jim Bradshaw thanked John Cornforth and Ann Crabbe for their continued work for the DCC.

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Date