

All Saints, Hérault

The English Church at Saint Pargoire

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at L'Eglise Protestante Unie, St Pargoire, at 12 noon on Sunday 24 March 2019

The Reverend Roger Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

Members whose names were on the electoral roll completed the “sign-in” sheet (attached). The meeting was quorate.

The Chairman of the Chaplaincy Council, Revd Roger Smith, proposed Nigel Summersall, seconded Julie Johnson, was appointed as Chairman to the meeting. The Minutes Secretary to the Council, Delia Smith, proposed Andy Marshall, seconded Sheila Chesterton, was appointed as Minutes Secretary to the meeting.

- 1 **Appointment of Presiding Officers** The meeting approved Sheila Chesterton, proposed Eleanor Grant, seconded Mike Langley-Girardet, and Ingrid Summersall, proposed Richard Crockett, seconded Alison Kane, as Presiding Officers.
- 2 **Minutes of last Annual Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2018 were approved, proposed Sue Jones, seconded Andy Marshall, and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Sheila Chesterton pointed out that the 2018 Minutes had been distributed without the Priest-in-Charge’s 2017 report, which was mentioned therein.
- 3 **Election of two Churchwardens** Patricia Bigot and Nigel Summersall had been validly nominated. In the absence of further nominations, the chairman declared them elected, with thanks for all their work.
- 4 **Election of two Chaplaincy Council members** Trish Armson, John Gifford, Andy Marshall and Jac Phillips had been validly nominated and the meeting proceeded to a vote resulting in the election of Andy Marshall and Jac Phillips by very narrow margins.
- 5 **Annual Report and Accounts 2018** The report and accounts had been made available prior to the meeting and were accepted, with thanks from the chair to Nigel for all his work in preparing the document. Proposed Trish Armson, seconded Eleanor Grant.
- 6 **Appointment of Auditor** John Holmes was willing to continue and it was agreed to renew his appointment. Proposed Nigel Summersall, seconded Trevor Jones.
- 7 **Discharge of liability** Trish Armson proposed and Graham Gardner seconded that the outgoing council be discharged from financial and/or civil liability for their conduct of chaplaincy affairs during 2018. This was agreed.
- 8 **Chaplain’s Report** The Revd Roger Smith's read his report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was accepted, proposed Alison Kane, seconded Trish Armson. Roger pointed out that attendance had increased by 10% from 2017 and the electoral roll at the end of 2018 numbered 71, the highest since the chaplaincy began. He reported that the new roll was 68 but this was expected to increase as the year progressed.
- 9 **Discussion**
 - 9.1 **Fontès Carol Service** Roger Armson asked if plans for the 2019 service were underway. The answer was “not yet”.

- 9.2 **Welcome** Judy Newitt said, as a newcomer from America, she had found All Saints, Hérault, the friendliest church ever!
- 9.3 **Communion Setting** Eleanor asked to discuss the new music. Alison Kane, for the Music Group, asked that such a discussion wait until after Easter, when the full setting would again be used. Roger said there would then be a discussion after a service.

The meeting closed with all saying the grace together.