

# All Saints, Hérault

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at The Temple, St Pargoire at 11.45 am on Sunday 19 March 2023

The Reverend Roger Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

Members named on the electoral roll signed in. The meeting was quorate.

- 1 **Chairman of the Meeting** It was agreed that Roger Smith should chair the meeting. Proposed Trevor Jones, seconded Sue Robinson.
- 2 **Minute-taker** Nigel Summersall proposed and Julie Johnson seconded Delia Smith. Agreed.
- 3 **Appointment of Presiding Officer** Alison Kane proposed and Phyl Mallett seconded Roger Smith. Agreed.
- 4 **Minutes of last Annual Meeting** Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2022 were approved.
- 5 **Term of Office of Churchwardens**  
Roger reminded the meeting that it had previously been decided that the Church Representation rule that churchwardens could only serve a maximum of six years should not apply to this chaplaincy. However, the current wardens preferred that successive annual meetings vote on this measure. Trevor Jones proposed and John Gifford seconded that the six-year rule be waived. Agreed.
- 6 **Election of two Churchwardens** Patricia Bigot and Nigel Summersall had been nominated. In the absence of further nominations, the chairman declared them re-elected. They were thanked for all they have done since the start of the chaplaincy.
- 7 **Election of two Archdeaconry Synod representatives** Julie Johnson and Jim Mallett had been nominated. In the absence of further nominations, the chairman declared them re-elected.
- 8 **Election of three Chaplaincy Council members** Sue Robinson, Phyl Mallett and John Gifford had been nominated. In the absence of further nominations, the chairman declared them re-elected and thanked them and the synod representatives for their work on the council.
- 9 **Annual Report and Accounts 2022** The report and accounts had been made available prior to the meeting and was accepted with thanks to Nigel for his work on compiling it. Proposed by Trevor Jones, seconded by John Gifford.
- 10 **Appointment of Independent Examiner** Robert Wilson was thanked for examining the 2022 accounts and was re-appointed. Proposed by Ian Thomas, seconded by Sue Robinson.
- 11 **Discharge of liability** Proposed by Nigel Summersall seconded by Ingrid Summersall, it was agreed that the outgoing council be discharged from financial and/or civil liability for their conduct of chaplaincy affairs during 2022.
- 12 **Chaplain's Report** The report had been made available prior to the meeting and was noted. Roger highlighted the Methodists' Covenant and the newly-written All Saints Handbook.

## 13 Discussion

- 13.1 **Community of Chaplaincies Project** Questions were asked and clarification provided. Members approved moving ahead with this project.
- 13.2 **Clergy resources** Roger reminded members that Gwilym Richards, Kevin Conroy and Jane Griffin were all licenced to minister in the chaplaincy.
- 13.3 **Succession Planning** Roger urged members to read the handbook and offer to take on some of the tasks listed, especially the ones he would not be doing following his retirement.
- 13.4 Gwilym Richards commented that he and Sharon love being part of our community, which they find exciting.
- 13.5 **Madagascar** Carol Gardner said the Lent Group members had allocated half of their Lent lunch donations for school resources for children in our twin parish. However, following the recent tornado, she felt there was a great and immediate need to send money for food and to re-build homes and livelihoods. She was finding out how best to do this. She would be making marmalade to raise funds. John Gifford said money donated for wine at the shared lunch would be designated for Fenoarivo. Roger suggested sending the remaining half of the council's Discretionary Fund; he would email the council about this.
- 13.6 **Safeguarding** Steven Hopkins, Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer, reminded council members, by name, that several still needed to do the Domestic Abuse training and that significant records of one member were outstanding.

Roger Smith closed the meeting with prayer.