

All Saints, Hérault

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at The Temple, St Pargoire at 12 noon on Sunday 17 March 2024

The Reverend Roger Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Apologies were received from Jane and John Griffin, Barry and Barbara Marsh, Julie Johnson, Ian Thomas and Juliette Triozon.

- 1 **Chairman of the Meeting** It was agreed that Roger Smith should chair the meeting. Proposed Patricia Bigot, seconded John Gifford.
- 2 **Minute-taker** John Gifford proposed and Alison Kane seconded Delia Smith. Agreed.
- 3 **Appointment of Presiding Officer** It was agreed that Roger Smith be Presiding Officer.
- 4 **Minutes of last Annual Meeting** Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2023 were approved.
- 5 **Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting** held on 4 June 2023 were approved.
- 6 **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 Sue Robinson seconded that the six-year rule be waived. Agreed.
- 7 **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 their work over the year.
- 8 **Election of three Chaplaincy Council members** Graham Gardner, Trevor Jones and Edwige Wilson had been nominated and were declared elected.
- 9 **Annual Report and Accounts 2023** The report and accounts had been made available prior to the meeting and was accepted with thanks to Nigel for compiling it. Proposed Phyl Mallett, seconded Trevor Jones.
- 10 **Appointment of Independent Examiner** Robert Wilson was re-appointed. Proposed John Gifford, seconded Phyl Mallett.
- 11 **Discharge of liability** Proposed John Gifford, seconded Tim Newitt that the outgoing council be discharged from financial and/or civil liability for their conduct of chaplaincy affairs during 2023. Agreed.
- 12 **Chaplain's Report** The report had been made available prior to the meeting and was noted.
- 13 **Community of Chaplaincies Project** A summary of the project written by Ian Thomas had been circulated before the meeting, indicating that, subject to his meeting with Bishop Robert, the chaplain chosen to serve All Saints, St Michael's and St George's should be able to take up post on 1 July. This news was welcomed by those present.

John Gifford queried the jurisdiction under which the chaplain would serve, he being American. Roger replied "The Church of England". Tim Newitt asked how an American had known of the post and was told that he had read the advertisement in The Church Times.

Roger Smith closed the meeting with prayer at 12.17 pm.