

PAROISSE DE ST. MARTIN ECCLESIASTICAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St. Martin was held in the Public Hall on Thursday, the 16th May 2019 at 7pm to: -

- 1) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 24th May 2018,
- 2) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Churchwardens' Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2018 - 30 April 2019.
- 3) Elect Church Officers for 2019-2020.

In the absence of a Rector, and the Ministre Desservant having sent his apologies, the Churchwardens Graham Tuckwell and Thelma Emberson, presided over the assembly and were supported on the platform by Church Administrator and note taker Christine Willing. 21 people were present; apologies were received from the Ministre Desservant the Very Reverend Mike Keirle, Reverend Robin Dupre, Mike and Jill Clapham, Felicity and Peter Searle, Rose Harris, Peter Marett, Lester Richardson, Jean Crosby, Christine De La Haye, Doreen Ward and Muriel and Willie Renouf. The meeting opened with prayer and then the convening notice was read by Christine Willing.

Item 1: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 24th May 2018. Karen Shenton-Stone proposed that the minutes were approved; the motion was seconded by Peter Germain and agreed by all present.

Item 2: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Churchwardens' Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2018 - 30 April 2019. Graham Tuckwell thanked the Parish Secretary Helen Witts for her work in producing the Trésor accounts.

The total expenditure for the period was £51,063.71 of which £3,830 was income from the cemeteries and £47,233.71 from the Connétable on behalf of the Parish of St Martin. Graham Tuckwell drew attention to a number of expenses:

- There had been a significant expenditure on cemetery and car park maintenance. A wall had been repaired at L'Union cemetery.
- Expenditure on vehicle maintenance and fuel has dropped significantly. The sexton now has a weekly mileage sheet, time sheet and records when fuel is purchased to make it easier to track expenditure.
- The increase in salary expenditure was a "one-off" being as a result of back pay awarded when the States pay agreement came into force covering a period greater than one year coupled with an error where the salary had been underpaid for a period of time.

Fiona Sangan proposed that the accounts be approved; the proposal was seconded by Joan Richard and approved by all present.

Item 3: - Elect Church Officers for 2019-2020.

Nominations have been received for Church Officers:

Churchwarden: Thelma Emberson was proposed by Joan Richard who said that having previously been an excellent Almoner Thelma Emberson had stood down for a short period before agreeing to stand as Churchwarden in 2018. She works quietly and efficiently, often behind the scenes. She had been prepared to step up with the additional workload caused by an interregnum and then acting as the only warden when Graham Tuckwell was in Australia for three months. She has been an excellent warden for one year and would be a strong candidate to continue in the role and provide continuity for a new Rector. Thelma Emberson was seconded by Fiona Searle who had asked Doreen Silbernagl to speak on her behalf. Doreen Silbernagl agreed with all that Joan Richard had said and said Thelma Emberson would be an asset to the church. Graham Tuckwell added his thanks to Thelma Emberson for all her hard work when he was in Australia.

Churchwarden: Graham Tuckwell was proposed by Peter Searle and seconded by Jill Clapham. Both were unable to attend the meeting and sent their apologies. Their speeches were read by the Church

Administrator. Peter Searle said that it was with great pleasure he proposed Graham Tuckwell for the post of Churchwarden. Over many years Graham has been a great asset to the church both as churchwarden, a member of the church council and assisting with all financial aspects of the church. His expertise and guidance with the Keyworth Trust had been invaluable. Currently we are going through an interregnum to appoint a new Rector and Graham is needed to continue the work he has started in ensuring we have continuity during this period. Jill Clapham said that she was very sorry not to be present to second in person the nomination of Graham Tuckwell. Graham, much supported by his lovely wife Louise, has been an absolute rock for our church in the last few years in so many ways. As we all know he is highly intelligent, has great common sense and excellent communication skills: just the man to help steer us through the exciting but challenging task of appointing a new Rector by continuing as Churchwarden.

Almoner: Simon Baudains. Simon Baudains was proposed by Peter Germain who said that Simon Baudains was a devout Christian who has served his church as Almoner and a member of Council for the past 5 years. His work as a Street Pastor shows how strong his faith is. He quietly does much work for the church behind the scenes. Simon Baudains brings a very valued element of youth to the church. Peter Marett seconded the proposal. He had given his apologies to the meeting but strongly felt that Simon Baudains should continue as an Almoner.

Almoner: Helen Witts. Helen Witts was proposed by Fiona Sangan who said it was a pleasure to propose Helen Witts. She had served as a conscientious Almoner for several years; she lives in St Martin and is dedicated to the church. Gerald Le Cocq seconded the appointment of Helen Witts as Almoner and concurred with all that had been said.

The candidates were elected unopposed and the warned to be available for swearing in on Saturday June 15th at 10am in the Royal Court.

Item 4: - Update on appointment of a new Rector.

Graham Tuckwell said that the post would be advertised for the last time on Friday 17th May, with the closing date for applications being Monday 20th May. Three applications have been received so far and it is anticipated that more will come in. It is good news that there has been a lot of interest in the post. It is looking hopeful and positive. He hoped and prayed that this will result in a successful appointment. Interviews are due to take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th June. The wardens have asked the Dean to ensure that the congregation has an opportunity to meet the candidates. The interview panel would comprise the Dean or a Vice Dean plus one other from the Deanery and our two Church wardens.

Churchwarden Tuckwell thanked all attending for their support and closed the meeting at 7.20 pm with all joining together in saying the grace.