



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 11 May 2023 at 7pm to: -

- 1) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 26th May 2022.
- 2) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Church Tresor Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023.
- 3) To elect two Churchwardens for one term of office.
- 4) To elect two Almoners for one term of office.

The Rector, Reverend Pete Stone, presided over the assembly and was supported on the platform by Church Administrator and note taker Christine Willing. 28 people were present; apologies were received from Mike and Gerry Baudains, Christine Le Marquand, Deborah Marett and Janine Milner. The Rector opened the meeting by thanking all in the Parish Administration and church community who had performed so many tasks during the interregnum. He said that he hoped all would continue to work together in a spirit of close collaboration. He then opened the meeting with prayer and the convening notice was read by Christine Willing.

Item 1: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 26th May 2022. Karen Shenton Stone proposed that the minutes were approved; the motion was seconded by Joan Richard and agreed by all present.

Item 2: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Tresor Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2021 to 30th April 2022.

The Rector thanked William Sutton and Janine Milner for their great diligence in preparing the accounts.

The Rector presented the budget. The total expenditure in 2022/3 was £26,013.96 and income for the same period was £23,599.84. There was an under spend of £16,400.16. There are a number of reasons for this under spend: Tresor is no longer paying contractors for looking after the cemetery as this work is carried out by the Parish Foreman and Assistant Foreman and also that there was no Rector in post to oversee and advance projects.

William Sutton proposed that the accounts approved; the motion was seconded by Peter Searle and agreed by all present.

Peter Germain requested that in future years these accounts be made available in advance so that people can look at them in detail.

Item 3: - Elect two Churchwardens for one term of office.

Peter Germain proposed Thelma Emberson for the post of Churchwarden. Thelma has been resident in Jersey for 59 years, 34 years of which she was a Civil Servant. Before joining the congregation at St Martin she worshipped at Gouray Church. She first became Churchwarden in 2018 and has also held the posts of Church safeguarding officer, Parish Safeguarding officer, Trustee on the Mary Keyworth Trust, Disclosure and barring officer, and is part of the Sacristan team. Thelma has a keen interest in Island and Parish life and is a great supporter of church activities. She has served as a member of the League of Friends and as a Nightingale at the Hospital. Thelma was seconded by Paulette De La Haye. Who added that Thelma was an approachable person who is kind, compassionate and is a respected member of the Church team. She keeps a close eye on Church finances and banks the collections taken regularly. With a show of hands Thelma was elected unanimously.

Peter Marett proposed Jackie Edwards as Churchwarden. He said that Jackie's service is clear to see and we have been particularly blessed with her commitment, together with that of other officers, during our interregnum. This is how Jackie describes the role in her own words: 'With the love and grace of God, I strive to be an active Christian, a doer of the word and it is both a humbling experience and a privilege, to be asked to serve as a churchwarden at St Martin's Parish Church. Jackie is active in so many areas of our church, she plans and leads the work of the S'Marteenies team. In the 10 years she has been worshipping at St Martin's, she has volunteered as our administrator, led the prayer group and also helped with S'Mart After School. She has ensured that we keep in touch with parishioners who can no longer attend church and been part of the service planning group. Having already completed two terms of office, Jackie has a good grasp of what is required in the role of a churchwarden and it will be enormously valuable for our Rector, Pete, to be supported by a Jackie as he settles into our Parish. I therefore wholeheartedly recommend that you support me in proposing Jackie as churchwarden. Felicity Searle seconded Jackie Edwards saying that in the time she has known Jackie she has found her to be helpful and sincere in all that she does: in the areas of administration, children's work and with the prayer group serving with love and patience. With a show of hands Jackie was elected unanimously.

The Rector warned the two Church wardens to attend the Ecclesiastical Court on Saturday 10th June to take the Oath of Office.

Item 4: - Elect two Almoners for one term of office.

Linda Cooper proposed Joan Richard for the position of Almoner. Sam and Linda Cooper came to live in St Martin in 1971 and first met Joan when they formed a babysitting circle together. Joan is a person who gets things done with no hesitation. Her organisational skills are second to none. Joan has a great love for our church and Parish. She is respected Island wide. Jane Jones seconded Joan Richard adding that she has known Joan for many years and she is a great example of "ask a busy person if you want to get things done". With a show of hands Joan was elected unanimously.

Peter Marett proposed Fiona Sangan for the role of Almoner. In a recent visit the Dean joked about not being sure what an almoner does. Whilst the role might not be tightly defined, there is no doubting Fiona's contribution to the work of St Martin's Church. Fiona is a great representative and supporter of the committed 8.00am service congregation and, in itself, that's most important. She

represents us on the Deanery Synod and ensures that our church floral displays are fit for all occasions. She leads our team of floral decorators and they appreciate her organisation and support. Fiona's contribution to our church council is enormously valuable, she brings common sense and advice on anything aesthetically important. We are fortunate that Fiona is called to serve a fourth term as almoner and I hope you can support this proposal. She was seconded by Deborah Marett and, after a show of hands, was elected unanimously.

The Rector warned the two Almoners to attend the Ecclesiastical Court on Saturday 10th June to take the Oath of Office.

At the end of the meeting it was clarified that, by law, only business which was on the convening order may be discussed at an Ecclesiastical meeting. No other business can be discussed or conducted.

The Rector thanked all attending for their support saying that he was looking forward to all that 2023 holds in store and that all may seek to bless one another to serve God in this beautiful place. Reverend Stone closed the meeting at 7.30 pm with all joining together in saying the grace.