



PAROISSE DE ST. MARTIN ECCLESIASTICAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St. Martin was held in the Parish Church of St Martin on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7pm.

The Rector, Reverend Peter Stone, presided over the Assembly and the Minutes were taken by the Parish Secretary, Janine Milner. Rev Stone welcomed all present and reminded the Assembly that they could sign the Attendance Book at the end of the meeting if they so wished. It was noted that 22 persons were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Peter Germain, Christine Willing, Alan Phillips and Jackie Edwards.

Rev Stone thanked the Parish Administration and church community for all the support and work commitments this last year in the maintenance and running of the church. The Assembly was then opened by Rev Stone with a prayer and the convening notice was read by the Parish Secretary.

Item 1

Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 21st November 2023.

Rev Stone stated that the Minutes had been available in the Public Hall office, Parish website and that copies were also on the seats in the Church. It was noted that the start time of the Assembly was incorrect – it was amended to 7.40pm accordingly. The Minutes were proposed by Procureur du Bien Public, William Sutton and seconded by Constable Karen Shenton Stone, and approved by those present. Rev Stone duly signed the Minutes.

Item 2

Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Tresor Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024.

Rev Stone thanked Constable Karen Shenton Stone, Procureurs du Bien Public Lester Richardson and William Sutton, Parish Accountant Emily Vautier and the Church Wardens Thelma Emberson and Jackie Edwards for all their work over the year in closely monitoring the actual spend of the budget and also thanked Constable Shenton Stone for the funds received from the Parish.

Rev Stone presented the budget. The total expenditure in 2023/4 was £31,208.29 and income for the same period was £3,747.06. There was an under spend of £3,538.77. Rev Stone stated that this year the Quinquennial Inspection Report was received which listed a number of maintenance tasks required in the Church. These tasks have been prioritised in a time frame and have now begun in line with budget parameters. Anthony Gibb was thanked for his work with this report and the written time frame.

A question was asked if the heating costs were lower this year due to the boiler malfunctioning for a period of time. Rev Stone stated that this was minimal due to a change of provider for oil giving a

better rate but higher maintenance required for the leaking boiler and additional heating required to keep the dampness of the building at a minimum.

It was noted that the insurance costs were a lot higher. Procureur William Sutton stated this was due to the Rectory insurance not being included in the budget in previous years but now it was included.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Procureur William Sutton and seconded by Joan Richard, MBE. A show of hands approved the accounts.

Item 3

To elect two Churchwardens for one term of office.

Rev Stone stated that he had received one nomination for Thelma Emberson. The proposer was Peter Searle. Mr Searle stated that Thelma had now been a Churchwarden for 6 years and she considers the role to be an honour. She is committed to supporting Rev Stone and is very approachable, giving her time generously to the role. She is a Trustee on the Mary Keyworth Trust and is committed to her work with the Tresor and Church accounts, banking church collections and is also the Church safeguarding officer. Thelma was seconded by Gerald Le Cocq who stated that Thelma was a great person to have in the Church team. A show of hands approved the nomination.

The second Churchwarden nomination to be received was for Jackie Edwards. The proposer was Peter Marett. Mr Marett stated that Jackie had been a Churchwarden since 2020 and that he admired the work of the church officers who had led the congregation through the interregnum and thereafter the successful appointment and installation of the Rector, Pete Stone. Rev Stone stated that whilst a lot of Jackie's service was clear to see, there was a lot of her work which goes unseen – including attendance at meetings, paperwork, and phone calls. Jackie's leadership of the prayer team is appreciated along with the dedication to the S'Marteenies. Jackie had previously stated that 'sharing God's word with the very young and their carers, and sometimes sharing the ups and downs of parenthood, was an absolute joy.' Jackie believes prayer and the understanding of God's word are central to her role. She describes serving as a Sacristan as 'truly humbling'.

Felicity Searle seconded Jackie Edwards stating that she performs an admirable job in her role as Churchwarden. A show of hands approved the nomination.

Rev Stone thanked Jackie and Thelma for all their work in the Church and making him feel so welcome and supportive. Rev Stone stated that they both do an amazing job looking after the Church building and the Rector and in representing the people of the Church.

There being no other nominations, the Rev Stone declared Thelma Emberson and Jackie Edwards duly elected.

Rev Stone warned the two Churchwardens to attend the Ecclesiastical Court at the Royal Court on Saturday 8th June at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

Item 4

To elect two Almoners for one term of office.

Rev Stone stated that he had received a nomination for Fiona Sangan. The proposer was Peter Marett. Mr Marett stated that Fiona had been in the congregation for 10 years and leads and supports the flower team, organising rotas. Every festival is marked with a wonderful church display. Fiona provides an important link between 8am and 10am worshippers and offers a different perspective at church council meetings that is most valuable. A willing volunteer of time and expertise, her creativity is an asset and her advice always considered. Fiona was seconded by Paulette de la Haye who stated Fiona is a huge asset to the Church and we are very blessed to have her in the Church team. A show of hands approved this nomination.

The second nomination for Church Almoner was received for Joan Richard, MBE. Joan was nominated by Alan Le Bihan. Mr Le Bihan stated that Joan was first elected as an Almoner in 2020 and had been a dedicated member of the congregation ever since. She possesses excellent organisational skills with the lent lunches and refreshments after church. Joan was seconded by Jean Crosby stating that Joan had a 'can do' attitude to her role and was very involved in the church community. A show of hands approved this nomination.

There being no other nominations, Rev Stone declared Fiona Sangan and Joan Richard, MBE duly elected.

Rev Stone warned the two Almoners to attend the Ecclesiastical Court at the Royal Court on Saturday 8th June at 10am to take their Oath of Office.

The Rector thanked all the church officers and the Parish administration team for their support over the year and stated that the Parish of St Martin is truly a wonderful Parish to work and Minister in.

Rev Stone closed the meeting at 7.24 pm with a closing prayer.

Signed: 

Rector de St Martin Le Vieux

Date: 29/5/2025

