



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 of St Martin on Thursday 29th May at 7pm.

The Rector, Reverend Peter Stone, presided over the Assembly and the Minutes were taken by the Church Administrator, Christine Willing. 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 19 persons were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Peter Germain, Jill and Mike Clapham, Anne Stone, Amanda Sutton, Jane Jones, 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 Church Administrator.

Item 1

Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of held on 23rd May 2024.

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 Public Hall. The Minutes were proposed by Procureur du Bien Public, William Sutton and seconded by Fiona Sangan, 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 2024 to 30th April 2025.

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. He also thanked the Parish Land Team John and Alan, Paul and John Harvey.

Procureur du Bien Public, William Sutton presented the accounts. The total expenditure in 2024/5 was £37893.12 and income for the same period was £7467.38. The Parish Secretary, Charles Alluto had renegotiated the Church Insurance with Ecclesiastical which sees a reduction in the annual premium. The Rectory insurance, which had been previously taken from Parish funds, is now taken from the Tresor account. The amount shown in the accounts is for a 6 month period so will show an increase next year.

The Church Feasibility Plan is the plan for the next three years to rectify things identified in the Quinquennial Inspection. Urgent work has already been completed over the past two years.

It should be noted that the Parish does not charge the Tresor account for the work done by the Lands team, which would previously have been carried out by the Sexton.

Plans are in place to increase the income from the sale of plots in the cemetery and the erection of headstones. This will be agreed and published in the near future.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Peter Searle 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 received a nomination for Thelma Emberson. The proposer was Peter Searle. Mr Searle stated that Thelma has now been a Churchwarden for 7 years. The qualities he had listed last year are extant. He wished to draw attention to her role as Church safeguarding officer. This is an important role which has become increasingly important and demanding. Thelma was seconded by Peter Marett who stated that Thelma is utterly reliable, and we are fortunate to benefit from her attention to detail and gentle reminders regarding financial matters and safeguarding. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all in the church, but we are most appreciative of Thelma's conscientious approach to leading us on this. I hope we can continue to support Thelma in her role as churchwarden. A show of hands approved this nomination by all present.

The second Churchwarden nomination was received for Jackie Edwards. The proposer was Fiona Sangan. Fiona stated that Jackie had been a Churchwarden since 2020. She is always busy, has organised a successful Parish Prayer Walk, Novena Prayer stations, and works tirelessly in our work with children: initially with a holiday club and then with S'Marteenies which is popular and well run. Alan Le Bihan seconded Jackie Edwards stating that she does excellent work with S'Marteenies, she has a strong faith and is a cornerstone of St Martin's Church. A show of hands approved this nomination.

Rev Stone thanked Jackie and Thelma for all their work in the Church and providing encouragement to him.

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

Rev Stone ordered the two Churchwardens to attend the Ecclesiastical Court at the Royal Court on Saturday 7th 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 one nomination for Joan Richard, MBE. The proposer was Jean Crosby. Joan has been an Almoner for 5 years. She is a valuable asset, full of enthusiasm and she is efficient, organising social events and Lent lunches, she deserves our grateful thanks that this

commitment will continue. Paulette De La Haye seconded this proposal. She said that Joan is a terrific organiser and is dedicated to St Martin's Church. The Rector added that he was grateful that Joan is prepared to offer her open and honest opinions. A show of hands approved this nomination.

The second nomination for Church Almoner was received for Fiona Sangar. Peter Marett proposed Fiona. He said that Fiona is a great advocate for the committed 8am service congregation and he believed that it is crucial that it is valuable to have members of the council team who represent different sectors of the church family. Fiona leads our community to ensure that the church is always beautifully and appropriately decorated. Fiona has represented the Church on the Deanery Synod. This has been challenging since there has been so much legal and financial material to work through. Fiona's expertise in design means that she brings a different, and important, skill to the council team. We are fortunate that Fiona is called to serve what I think is a fifth term as almoner and I hope you can support this proposal. Paulette De La Haye seconded this proposal. She said that Fiona was a huge asset who looks after the flower team and who is totally dedicated to the church and is the 8am congregation representative. A show of hands approved this nomination.

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

Rev Stone warned the two Almoners to attend the Ecclesiastical Court at the Royal Court on Saturday 7th 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 wished William Sutton a Happy Birthday. Rev Stone closed the meeting at 7.32 pm with a closing prayer and all present said the Grace together.