

## **St. Martin's Church**

### Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

*15<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

In attendance:

Rev'd Helen Scanlan, Rev'd Steve James, Barabara Pearson, Frank Palmer, Eileen Palmer, Elizabeth Rowbottom, Renee Gibson, Andy Cochran, Bo Cochran, Alfie Henshall, Rita Taylor, Alan Bligh, Ros Slater, Bill Slater, Alison Harvey, Reuben Roy, Riya Roy, David Brewin, Fran Brewin, Edna Corden, Vera Perkins, Hildegard McCormack, Will Rubie, Rachael Rubie, Maynard Case, James Barrow, Amy Barrow, Timothy Bull, Jo Bull, Lucy Davidson, Will Holmes, Gary Blackwell, Fiona Blackwell, Wendy Walker.

#### Welcome and elections

The meeting opened with a prayer at 12.30pm.

- Rev'd Helen Scanlan apologised that she would have to leave early owing to a funeral visit.
- Reuben Roy was appointed as minutes secretary.
- 2 nominations were received for Church Wardens: Frank Palmer and Timothy Bull, both were approved.
- The minutes from the 2017 APCM were approved without correction.
- It was decided that the positions of Treasurer, PCC secretary, Electoral Roll officer, Health and Safety officer and Safeguarding officer would be decided at the next PCC meeting (rather than at the APCM).
- Alison Harvey and Eileen Palmer were elected to the PCC.
- Barbara Pearson was approved as a sidesperson.
- Barrie Stanton unfortunately is no longer able to act as an Independent Examiner for St. Martin's Church. A new examiner will be required in 2019.

#### Annual Report 2017

The Annual Report from 2017 was reviewed and contributors were invited to speak.

Our safeguarding officer, Wendy Walker, spoke about safeguarding in the Diocese.

- An independent review of safeguarding within the Diocese was conducted over three days in 2017. Comments were favourable overall. The report can be found on the Church of England website. Wendy is happy to provide a summary for those who are interested.
- A former social worker is employed by the Diocese as full time safeguarding officer, ideally they would like assistance such as clerical support.
- The Church of England website has a safeguarding link which, once opened, should direct those working with children (with a valid DBS certificate) to an online training course lasting around one hour.
- A vote of thanks was offered to Wendy for all her help.

David Brewin, our Treasurer, spoke next with regards to St. Martin's finances. Income has come down over the last 12 months, as has expenditure. Expenditure has fallen less than was expected. It was agreed that £50 would be offered to Barrie Stanton as a token of our thanks and appreciation for his help.

### Planned revitalisation - Holy Trinity Platt

Steve James and Will Rubie from Holy Trinity Platt Church then spoke about the forthcoming church plant.

Steve James reported that it was a pleasure to be in St. Martin's and that Holy Trinity Platt wished to work alongside St. Martin's. Holy Trinity had the desire to help revitalise a church in 2015 but little movement occurred until 2017, when a member of their church saw a notice related to the potential closure of St. Martin's.

The Bishop of Manchester, Helen Scanlan, Marcus Maxwell and Steve James (plus others) then worked together to facilitate the church revitalisation. Steve James felt that we are on a collective journey together.

Holy Trinity have members who are looking to move into the Heaton's in addition to members who already live in the area.

The style and timing of the new services are yet to be decided. Will Rubie is yet to be ordained, periodically an ordained priest will attend St. Martin's to help conduct Holy Communion.

Will thanked everyone for their warmth, generosity and feeling welcome in St. Martin's. Will spoke a little about his background: hailing from South of London, being married to Rachael (who hails from Doncaster) with two children, Emily and Thomas. The Rubie family have lived in Manchester for six years and were in the North East of England for six years prior to moving to Manchester. Will studied at a Bible College in North London for three years prior to their move to the North East.

Will joins St. Martin's in September 2018 and should become a Deacon in June 2019 and an ordained priest in June 2020.

Will's hopes for St. Martin's are that around 40 people from Holy Trinity will join the congregation of St. Martin's. He hopes that we will build relationships with one another and that together we can spread the love of Christ in a changing world around us (making reference to Helen's sermon earlier in the day). In this sense the world could start with Heaton Norris, spreading to the other Heaton's and then the rest of Stockport and Greater Manchester. Will hopes that we would love each other and so love those around us and so demonstrate our love for God.

We were asked to pray that Will and Rachael find a new home in which to live locally. Will thanked Helen for her generosity and hoped that in moving forward with Christ we would overcome our differences.

In time Helen will slowly phase out here involvement with St. Martin's while Will gradually increases his involvement.

### Closure and future meetings

The date of the next PCC meeting was agreed for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The date of the next APCM was provisionally agreed for 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12.30pm.

Special thanks were offered to Ros and Bill Slater and Alison Harvey for all their help in Church, in particular to Ros for her help as Churchwarden.

Gary Blackwell from Stockport Foodbank thanked St. Martin's for all their help since December 2016. 13,000 food parcels have been distributed from St. Martin's since this time. In particular Gary thanked Alison, Helen and Ros.

The meeting ended with a prayer led by Will Rubie at 1.30pm.