

PARISHIONERS MEETING 2012
Held in St Barnabas Church, 18th April

The meeting opened with prayers

Minutes of the Parishioners Meetings held on 10th April 2011 were agreed.

The appropriate nomination form having been duly completed, Robin Kent was unanimously elected as churchwarden for the coming year. Jim Dunkley had not offered himself for re-election. Both he and Robin were thanked for all their hard work during the year.

No other nomination had been received, so the vacancy for the second churchwarden position necessarily remained unfilled. Robin indicated that he would be prepared to serve for two more years, after which he would have completed the normal maximum period of service. The Church will need to plan for succession to fill these important positions.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies. Apologies had been received from five parishioners.

2. Present. Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and 22 Church members.

3. Minutes of the Previous APCM. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2011 were agreed.

4. Electoral Roll. The updated Roll, containing 107 names (106 in 2011), was presented and received. Richard Gash was thanked for his work as Electoral Roll Officer.

5. Annual Report. Derek introduced the Annual Report. He thanked in particular the other members of the Ministry Team, and also those who had put so much effort into the successful Alpha Course.

(ii) Attention was drawn to the Child Protection policy which was appended to the agenda papers.

(iii) The Reports were accepted and thanks expressed to the many people whose efforts were recorded in them.

6. Annual Accounts. The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2011 were presented. The overall financial situation remained sound.

(i) A question has been raised on the need to continue the Embroidery Fund and Vicar's Discretionary Fund in view of the lack of transactions. It was agreed that the Discretionary Fund should be retained because of the opportunity it provided to use money in ways that may not appropriate from general funds. It was agreed, however, that the Embroidery Fund could be closed and its balance transferred to the general fund

(v) The Accounts and Examiner's Report – having been proposed and seconded – were adopted.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Andrea Jones who had acted as Examiner. She was willing to be reappointed for 2012.

8. Inventory. The Inventory, which had been updated at April 2012, was tabled and accepted. The PCC will be asked to consider a number of items which it was felt could be disposed of.

9. Election of PCC members.

(i) Provision exists for three Deanery Synod representatives to be elected to serve for the period 2011 to 2014. They will be ex-officio members of the PCC. Mark Burton had been elected in 2011, a vacancy had remained at the 2011 APCM, and another vacancy had arisen because of the death of Owen Jewiss. May Smith offered to stand and was duly elected. (*Note.* At the next PCC meeting after the APCM Gillian Wilson offered to fill the

remaining vacant position and was appointed by the PCC. This left a vacancy for an elected PCC member to serve for the period to 2013.)

(ii) Sue Harper, Bill Harper and Wendy Howell were retiring at the end of their period in office. All three had offered themselves for re-election, and Felicity Chapman had also stood for election. Having been formally proposed and seconded all four were unanimously elected.

The membership of the PCC for 2012/13 would be:

Ex-Officio

Derek Chandler
Liz Gash
Robin Kent

Deanery Synod Representatives

(For the period 2011 to 2014)

Mark Burton

May Smith

(Gillian Wilson subsequently appointed)

Elected

2011

2012

Members

Richard Cunningham

2010

Oliver Kent

2010

Gillian Wilson

2010

Des Long

2011

Alison Wood

2011

Felicity Chapman

2012

Bill Harper (to serve for two years)

2012

Sue Harper

2012

Wendy Howell

2012

10. Election of Sidemen and Sideswomen. Robin Kent referred to the current list of Sidespeople. The re-election of those on this list was agreed. It was pointed out that the vacancy for a churchwarden would mean that Sidespeople need to take more responsibility for the duties to be carried out and to fulfil their commitment to attend.

11. Any Other Business.

(i) Information was given on the re-discovery by St Peter's Church of a number of records relating to the construction of the current St Barnabas church building. They were being reviewed prior to being deposited at the Berkshire Record Office (with other St Barnabas material). These records are available for public inspection.

(ii) Summary information was given on the Anglican Communion Covenant.

Presentation. Derek made a presentation on Participation in Worship, which was followed by a full discussion. Separate records have been produced on the presentation and the issues and outcomes of the discussion.

The meeting closed with The Grace.