

PARISHIONERS MEETING 2014
Held in St Barnabas Church, 2nd April

The meeting opened with prayers

Minutes of the Parishioners Meetings held on 17th March 2013 were agreed.

Election of Churchwardens

Completed nomination forms having been received, Richard Cunningham and Graham Davey were unanimously elected to serve as Churchwardens for 2013/14.

Robin Kent had stepped down after seven years as Churchwarden and he was warmly thanked by the meeting for the exceptional contribution he had made to the life of St Barnabas Church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies. Apologies had been received from five church members.

Present. Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and 28 Church members.

Minutes of the Previous APCM. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2013 were agreed.

4. Electoral Roll. The updated Roll, containing 136 names (134 in 2013), was presented and received. Richard Gash was thanked for his work as Electoral Roll Officer.

5. Annual Report. Derek introduced the Annual Report.

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

(ii) Gillian Wilson would be standing down as a Deanery Synod representative, and Derek expressed his appreciation of the work she had put in.

(iii) The Reports were accepted, thanks expressed to the many people whose efforts were recorded in them, and appreciation was expressed to Jon Barclay for all that he does as Hall Manager.

6. Annual Accounts. The Accounts and Examiners Report for the year ended 31st December 2013 were presented and accepted. The overall financial situation remained sound, and the Hall finances were particularly good. Des Long was thanked for his efforts in what is a demanding role. Two Assistant Treasurers – Ann Mace and Lynn Drew - had been appointed during the year to take responsibility for some tasks. Des thanked them for their work.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Andrea Jones who had acted as Examiner. She was willing to be reappointed for 2014.

8. Inventory. The Inventory, which had been updated at March 2014, was tabled and accepted.

9. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Three representatives are to be elected for the period to 2017. Mark Burton and May Smith were willing to stand again and were re-elected. It will be possible to fill the vacancy if a volunteer comes forward.

9. Election of PCC members.

(i) Bill Harper, Des Long and Alison Wood were retiring at the end of their period in office. Bill and Des were willing to stand for re-election. Alison was thanked for her contributions to the work of the PCC.

(ii) Under the formula for determining numbers of PCC members St Barnabas should now have four members elected each year to serve for a term of three years. Bill Harper, Des Long and Sandra Rice had been proposed and seconded and were duly elected.

The membership of the PCC for 2014/15 would be:

Ex-Officio

Derek Chandler
Liz Gash
Richard Cunningham
Graham Davey

Deanery Synod Representatives

(For the period 2014 to 2017)

Mark Burton
May Smith

Elected

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Members

Felicity Chapman
Sue Harper
Wendy Howell
Susie Downer
Bill Harper
Des Long
Sandra Rice

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(Note Jean Rae was co-opted at the May 2014 PCC meeting.)

10. Election of Sidemen and Sideswomen. The current list of Sidespeople was received. The re-election of those on this list was agreed

11. Any Other Business.

(i) Derek reported the retirements of Margaret Dimmick and Paula Andrews, and thanked them for all the support they had given to St Barnabas over many years. He then outlined the steps being taken in reviewing the future of Caversham Park Church.

(ii) Attention was drawn to the “Imagining Faith” initiatives to take place in September.

(iii) It was suggested that more information could be given on the benefits of Church members taking roles in local groups and activities.

Presentation.

Bill described the aims of the Mission Action Plan (MAP) exercise and the discussion process that would be taking place over the coming months. A first draft of the MAP document was made available after the meeting. Reactions and ways forward would be considered at a special Parish Day event on 5th July.

The meeting closed with The Grace.