

Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens

Sunday 21st March 2010 at 11.30 a.m.

The Saffron Walden Annual District Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens took place in St Mary's Church on Sunday 21st March 2010.

The Rector, the Revd. David Tomlinson presided.

1. The Secretary confirmed that the proper Notice convening the Meeting had been displayed.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2009 were taken as read and confirmed.

3. Election of Churchwardens.

The following had been nominated:-

Mr. Peter Taylor

Proposed by Mrs Linda King
Seconded by Mrs Gillian Lovegrove

Mrs Bron Ferland

Proposed by Mr Peter Taylor
Seconded by Mrs Linda King

4. There being no other nominations these were approved and the Chairman declared Mr Taylor and Mrs Ferland elected.

5. Election of Deputy Churchwardens.

The following had been nominated:-

Mr. John Parsons

Proposed by Mrs Diana Hoy
Seconded by Ms Lesley Green

Mr William Rose

Proposed by Mr Peter Taylor
Seconded by Mrs Bron Ferland

There being no other nominations these were approved and the Chairman declared Messrs Parsons and Rose elected.

6. The Rector thanked the Churchwardens and the Deputy Churchwardens for their work over the past year.

Presiding Officer The Rev'd David Tomlinson, Team Rector

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Annual District Church Meeting

Sunday 21st March 2010 at 11.40pm

Present: Current DCC members: Chairman, David Tomlinson, Secretary Anna Martin, Jennifer Cottam, Elizabeth Cunliffe, Arthur Davey, Michael Dix, Bronwen Ferland, Andy Finn, Lawrence Godderham, Anne Howson, Linda King, Jenny Kirkaldy, Gillian Lovegrove, Roy Maddams, Andrew Malcolm. Robin O'Neill, Helen O'Neill, John Parsons, Steve Hasler, Judith Hasler, Noel Starr, Peter Taylor, Denis Tindley, Jenny Tomlinson, Angela Want

Others: Andrew Baxter, Kate Beare, Sue Birchall, Jim Butler, Graham Cottam, Anne Firkin, Deborah Flicos, Karen Game, Timothy Game, Mary Gardner, Gerald Gardner, Sheilah Girgis-Hanna, Lesley Green, Eunice Harris, Joe Hordern, Eddie Howson, Kathleen Huey, Martin Hugall, Tony Kirkaldy, Rosanne Kirkpatrick, Michael Lovegrove, John Reid, Marjory Reid, Anne Richings, Pam Russell, Veronica Silvester, Susan Smith, Gordon Smith, Margaret Taylor, Claire Tomlinson, Diana Tyler, Peter Tyler, Hamish Walker, Susan Walker, Mike Watts, Charles White, Clifford Want,

The Saffron Walden District Church Meeting was held in the St Mary's Church Saffron Walden on Sunday 21st March 2010 at 11.30a.m. following the Morning service. The Rector, the Reverend David Tomlinson, presided.

1. Notice of Meeting

The Secretary confirmed that the proper notice convening the meeting had been displayed in accordance with the regulations.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Saffron Walden Annual District Church Meeting held on 2nd April 2008 which had been circulated were accepted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Apologies for Absence (DCC Members only)

Apologies had been received from Rev'd. Paula Griffiths, Judith Felgate, Michael Felgate, Roy Helmore, Diana Hoy David Nash and William Rose.

5. Electoral Roll Officer's Report

The Roll Officer, Elizabeth Cunliffe, gave the figures as follows:

Saffron Walden	288		
Sewards End	39		
Little Walden	11		
Non-residents	<u>44</u>	Total	382

Judith Hasler was thanked for her help during the year.

6. Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the DCC

Copies of the Secretary's report were distributed before the meeting. The Secretary gave a brief report thanking the DCC members for their friendliness and willingness to participate in church work. The full report can be read on the St Mary's website and is available for inspection in the Parish Office.

7. Treasurer's Report on the Financial Affairs of the DCC

Copies of the Church Accounts, which are subsidiary to the Parish Accounts, were distributed to the meeting, along with explanatory Notes, by the Treasurer Michael Dix. They had been found satisfactory by independent Examiners Peters, Elworthy and Moore.

A major factor in the achievement of a surplus in 2009 had been the very generous response to the stewardship campaign to raise money for a youth worker that Spring. The church had financed a youth worker since September 2009 and would have to finance a full year's salary in 2010. The youth worker had been of benefit to all the community.

On a proposal by the Treasurer, seconded by Arthur Davey, the Accounts were adopted unanimously by the meeting, subject to formal confirmation by the Independent Examiners in their Report on the Parish Accounts (of which these form part).

The Treasurer gave thanks to the Lord for meeting the needs of the church. He also thanked the team, particularly those who had helped to computerize the accounts, particularly Jennifer Cottam and Judith Hasler. The Rector expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Treasurer for his work over the year.

8. Appointment of Independent Examiners

It was agreed that the Accountants Peters, Elworthy and Moore be appointed as Independent Examiners for the ensuing year.

9. Election of One Representative on the Parochial Church Council

It was agreed that Noel Starr continue in this role for a further year.

10. Election of Six Lay Members of the DCC for three years

Jack Golding wished to stand down and six members were retiring in rotation: Philip Tarris stood down and Roy Helmore would not stand again but would continue in his role as a Diocesan Synod Representative.

The other four were eligible and willing to continue: Anthony Whitney Armon-Jones, proposed by Lawrence Gooderham and seconded by Robin O'Neill, Jennifer Cottam, proposed by Judith Hasler and seconded by Peter Taylor, Elizabeth Cunliffe, proposed by Lawrence Gooderham and seconded by Robin O'Neill, and Gillian Lovegrove, proposed by Margaret Helmore and seconded by Anna Martin

Three new nominees were proposed: Andrew Baxter, proposed by Anna Martin and seconded by Elizabeth Cunliffe, Martin Hugall, proposed by Philip Tarris and seconded by

Jennifer Cottam and Denis K. Tindsley, proposed by Peter Taylor and seconded by William Rose. There was one further vacancy, carried over from last year. All seven were elected for the period 2010-2013.

11. Election of Sidesmen

A list of 38 names was presented to the meeting by Roy Maddams and elected en bloc. Roy Maddams explained that he was grateful that many had responded to a recruitment drive.

12. Reports

Brief versions of the following reports were given by the persons named below (unless a verbal report is specified.) Full copies of the reports can be consulted in the Parish Office and on the Church Website.

(1) Goods and Ornaments of the Parish Church

Peter Taylor gave a verbal report that the small cross on top of the ciborium lid had been mended but has broken again. The crucifer's cross has become bent. Both need attention

(2) Deanery Synod (Robin O'Neill)

(3) Property Committee (Bronwen Ferland)

(4) Youth Committee (Steve Hasler) (Including Youth Worker's report: Andy Finn)

(5) Worship Committee (David Tomlinson) (including Church Music report: Andrew Malcolm)

(6) Social Committee (Gillian Lovegrove)

(7) Education Committee (a verbal report by Peter Taylor) The Education Committee had not met but Peter education in the church has continued, including a study group meeting from September. Questions asked led to an "ask the clergy" evening.

(8) Finance Committee (Arthur Davey)

(9) Communications Committee (Anna Martin for Paula Griffiths)

(10) Parish Rooms Committee (Anna Martin gave a verbal report for Mike Felgate) The Parish rooms continued to be used well.

(11) St Mary's Tinies (formerly the pram service.) (Margaret Taylor)

(12) Women's Own

Margaret Taylor gave a report from the Women's Own and thanked Judith Felgate for her work.

(13) Mens work (including Men's Breakfasts) (Mike Watts)

(14) Prayer Committee (Margaret Taylor)

(15) Jimmy's Charity (Kathleen Huey)

(16) Mission Committee (Jenny Kirkaldy)

(17) Report from Swards End (Steve Hasler)

(18) Report from Little Walden (Kate Beare for Dave Nash)

13) Chairman's Report

The Rector, David Tomlinson, gave the Chairman's report.

14) The meeting closed with prayer