

Bishop Ridley Church

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
To be held at Bishop Ridley Church, The Green, Welling
on Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 7.30 pm**

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Worship

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Apologies for absence and register of attendance
2. Election of Churchwardens
3. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (for those on the Electoral Roll)

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on 3 May 2023
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. The Electoral Roll
4. To receive the Audited Accounts and Financial Reports (Neil Jost)
5. Appointment of Independent Examiners (Auditors)
6. Elections:
 - a) 1 x Deanery Synod Representatives
 - b) 3 x PCC Representatives for 3 years
 - c) 1 x PCC Representative for 2 years
 - d) 3 x PCC Representatives for 1 year

REFRESHMENTS

7. Results of Elections (if required)
8. Reports
10. Terrier and Inventory
11. Comments and Question Time

Closing worship and prayer

There will be a short PCC meeting (for PCC members only) immediately following the APCM to choose the officers for 2024-2025 – ie Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-chairman

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BISHOP RIDLEY CHURCH

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)
Held Bishop Ridley Church, The Green, Welling
On Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Mark opened the meeting by reading from Luke 3 then led singing 'Before the Throne of God'.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Apologies for absence and register of attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Bartlett, Debbie Haughton, Brenda Hudson, Colin Hudson, Jeanne McCormick, Tracy Snow, Andrew Tither, Natalie Tither and John Waters.

There were 18 members of the congregation in attendance, these were:

Mark Tariq, Chair	Derek Sears
Karen Freeman, Secretary	David Snow
Letitia Ashcroft	Tom Snow
Kim Charlwood	Jean Tither
Adrian Haughton	Stan Tither
Jean Jost	Pat Waters
Neil Jost	Fred Woodley
Margaret Robinson	Grace Woodley
Peter Robinson	Haruna 'Harry' Yaroson

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Mark began by thanking Derek for his service over the last six years and presented him with a gift.

There were two nominations for Churchwardens:

Stan Tither: Proposed by Pamela White and seconded by Gwenda Culmer.

Pat Waters: Proposed by Jeanne McCormick and seconded by Pam White.

There being no other nominations, Stan and Pat were duly elected. Mark prayed for the Churchwardens and thanked Pat and Stan for their commitment to the church.

3. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens

There was one nomination for Deputy Churchwarden:

Letitia Ashcroft: Proposed by Pat Waters and seconded by Sheila Powell.

There being no other nominations, Letitia was duly elected. Letitia was thanked for standing again and for her service to the church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(for those on the Electoral Roll)

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on 27 April 2022

The minutes were agreed and signed.

2. Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been updated. The church membership stands at 88, down from 98 last year. It was noted that there were new members of the church who will probably join the electoral roll later in the year.

4. To receive the Audited Accounts and Financial Reports (Neil Jost)

These were presented by Neil Jost (copy attached). They have not yet been audited by Headley Dunk and given a clean bill of health.

Neil confirmed that our accounts are still in the black, however, our expenditure is higher than our income (approximately a £10,000 difference) and therefore our reserves are falling but remain in a healthy position. If the situation does not change, we will be reporting a deficit budget in two years. Our income has fallen following the deaths and the moving away of parishioners and regular givers over the past few years. We will be using some of Joan's legacy for the upgrading of the PA system. Heating costs have not been impacted by the recent increases in fuel bills as we are in a three-year contract for our gas supply until November. We are currently out of contract for our electricity supply but will negotiate once prices fall again. We received a grant of £1,500 towards our energy costs from the Church of England. Energy costs have risen by about £75 per month.

Neil proposed the acceptance of the Accounts and Financial reports as presented to the meeting, seconded by Kim Charlwood and accepted by the meeting.

Thanks were extended to Neil for his ongoing care of the church finances in very difficult circumstances.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiners (Auditors)

Neil proposed the Independent Examiners to be "Hedley Dunk & Co. Chartered Accountants" in Dartford, seconded by Peter Robinson and unanimously agreed by all present.

6. Elections

(a) **2 x Deanery Synod Representatives for 3 years**

Neil Jost: Proposed by Jean Jost and seconded by Letitia Ashcroft.

There being no other nominations Neil was duly elected.

The importance of having two representatives at Deanery Synod was emphasised.

(b) 3 x PCC Representatives for 3 years

Letitia Ashcroft: Proposed by Pat Waters and seconded by Anita Meadows.

Haruna 'Harry' Yaroson: Proposed by Letitia Ashcroft and seconded by Gwenda Culmer.

There being no other nominations Letitia and Harry were duly elected. Mark prayed for their service on the PCC. There are many changes coming to the Church of England which will require wisdom.

(c) 3 x PCC Representative for 2 years

There were no nominations.

(d) 2 x PCC Representatives for 1 year

There were no nominations.

7. Results of Elections

As there were no other nominations no vote was required and therefore those nominated were duly elected.

8. Reports

The "Annual Reports of 2022 for APCM 2023" had been made available to church members prior to the meeting as hard copies and via email and the website and were taken as read. Mark thanked everyone for their reports. There were no questions on the reports.

9. Terrier and Inventory:

Derek reported that the inventory of church property and goods has been completed and can be viewed by arrangement with Pat or Stan. There were no substantial changes to report.

10. Comments and Question Time

Investigations into the roof are continuing.

11. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the singing of 'I Have Decided to Follow Jesus'.

Mark thanked everyone for coming. The meeting ended with prayer and The Grace at 8.30 pm.

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

Rev Mark Tariq

Date:

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