



## 1 Opening with prayers

The Chaplain led the meeting in prayers and welcomed everybody to the AGM.

## 2 Apologies for absence

The following people were unable to be present:

Mona Maka-Cockerell, Justine Cox, Ivo Kalle

## 3 The electoral roll

There are currently 30 people on the electoral roll.

18 members of the electoral roll were present at the meeting

## 4 Minutes of the last meeting

These were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 5 Reports

*The meeting noted that all the reports would be uploaded to the CCL website shortly.*

### • Chaplain's report

The Chaplain's report is attached, but in summary, she spoke of:

- What it means to be "church"
- Moving from reactive to proactive
- Sustainable growth
- Helping one another

The chaplain also gave thanks for the work of the church council, the churchwardens, the evening service team, those preaching and leading worship, the admin support and the treasurer and accounts examiner. Their work was invaluable.

### • Finance report

#### Accounts for 2020

**Charts** showing the income and expenditure were shown to the meeting.

The accounts had been examined by the official Independent Examiner, Tony Banton, and approved by the PCC.

**Income** was higher in 2020 than in 2019, mainly due to a generous hardship grant from the Diocese although naturally the collections in church were much reduced. Total income: €63 286

**Expenditure** was much lower because of the restrictions during lockdowns but gas and electric bills were much higher: we had not been properly informed about cutting off the boiler during the week and there was also one radiator which could not be turned off. Both of these elements have now been resolved.

The chaplain's costs remained similar, but overdue pension payments had been made. Total expenditure €61 820

**Overall** the year ended with a **positive balance of €1 466.**

The accounts were accepted by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer was unanimously agreed, and a vote of thanks was also offered to the Accounts Examiner.

#### Budget for 2021

Following a most unusual year, 2021 still presents budgeting difficulties because of the pandemic. The Treasurer was obliged to present a negative budget of **income (€53 950)** against **expenditure (€62 850)** which predicted a shortfall of **-€8 900.**

Those present accepted the budget and thanked the Treasurer warmly for her work. Thanks were also offered to the Accounts Examiner.

The Treasurer ended by pointing out that savings and reserves are decreasing every year and without the hardship grant, reserves would have been less than half of what they were in December 2018.

- **Fabric report**

D Bolton presented the fabric report which is attached. In summary:

- Building works next door to the church are being monitored
- We are, as ever, grateful for all the work done by the town hall, including renovating the stained glass windows, but there is more to be done
- Thanks are due to all the volunteers, whether this is working on the old carpet, or behind the scenes with checks, cleaning and meeting suppliers.
- A building check is due this summer on the chaplaincy house, which we have now owned for five years.

## **6 Safeguarding**

- No incidents were reported in 2020.
- The Diocesan safeguarding team has made the administration system easier to use
- Basic levels of training are now all online
- We are seeking to replace our current safeguarding officers – Veronica Ramos and her deputy Pam Deegan – who are standing down in September.

## **7 Elections and Appointments**

- **Churchwardens (elected annually)**

Two candidates had been nominated and David Bolton and Calvin Devanesan were duly appointed.

- **Church Council members**

Marie-Christine Bouillet is standing down from the council so there is one vacancy; however, no candidates had come forward.

- **Appointment of the Independent Accounts Examiner**

Tony Banton had expressed his willingness to continue to serve in this capacity. This offer was accepted with grateful thanks.

## **8 Future plans**

Those present were shown slides of the different Christ Church Lille activities:

- Outreach (La Solidarité Anglicane de Lille)
- Ladies' Bible Study continues online for now
- Men's Group
- Sunday Club will restart in the autumn
- The communications team is looking at equipping the church for a sustainable future
- Our quick survey showed interest in our video offerings; we are now offering podcasts too.
- Mosaic evening service is offering talks on video every week and will start again in September
- Eco church covers all aspects of church life; it is on our agenda and we are already working to reduce our energy consumption

*There being no other business, the meeting closed with prayers.*

Rosemary Ulyett, 27 April 2021