



St Mary the Virgin, Horne

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2023 and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

held on Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 11:15am in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Horne

The Chair, Revd Nicholas Calver (Nicholas) thanked all present for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer for our Bishops Christopher and Rosemarie, our deanery of Tandridge, the Windmill United Benefice, the churches of St Mary the Virgin Horne, St Bartholomew, Burstow and St John the Baptist, Outwood and our meetings today.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMoP) 2023

1. Nicholas asked that the AMoP Minutes for 2022 be approved. Liam Harvey proposed that the Minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting, Barbara Verco seconded the proposal and those present agreed unanimously.
2. David Spruce proposed that Andrew Goudie and Susan Wates be elected as churchwardens and these proposals were seconded by Rosemary Spruce. There being no other candidates it was unanimously agreed that Andrew and Susan be elected as churchwardens, those present followed up with a round of applause.
Nicholas thanked the wardens for their work during the past year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2023

Revd Nicholas Calver chaired the meeting and 17 church members attended.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Judith Calver and Steve Robinson.
2. **The Minutes of the last meeting.** Nicholas asked that the APCM Minutes for 2022 be approved. Liam Harvey proposed that the Minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting, Barbara Verco seconded the proposal and those present agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters arising from the APCM Minutes for 2022.** There were no matters arising from the Minutes for 2022.
4. **Election of Deanery Synod members**
Nicholas informed the APCM that Barbara Verco and David Spruce, having both served the last Deanery Synod triennium as representatives, will not seek another term during the Deanery Synod Lay Representatives elections taking place in 2023.
Nicholas directed attention to information about Deanery Synod and being a Deanery Synod representative that is available in Church. He asked whether anyone present at the APCM might be interested in putting forward their name for election and as no volunteers expressed an interest, the matter will be deferred to the next PCC meeting on 9th May 2023.
5. **Election of members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**
Currently there is provision for nine elected PCC members plus the churchwardens and deanery synod representatives who are ex officio members of the PCC. Nicholas read out the names of those for whom a Nomination Form had been completed and received: Sara Gough, Liam Harvey, Michael Harvey, Peter Hill, Veronica Hill, Lauma Kazusa, Steve Robinson, David Spruce and Barbara Verco. Andrew Goudie proposed that these nine be elected, Susan Wates seconded the proposals. There being nine nominated candidates for nine seats, no election contest is required and all nominees were welcomed as members of the PCC.

The Annual Reports for 2023

Note: Statutory and non-statutory annual reports were posted electronically on the Windmill United Benefice website and available in paper form in St Mary's Church during the two weeks prior to the meeting. Additional paper copies were made available at the APCM. These reports are referred to below as having been "circulated before the APCM". Paper copies of all reports will be filed with the Minutes of this APCM.

1. Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll report circulated before the APCM states that following the annual revision there are 64 currently on the Electoral Roll. Barbara Verco proposed that we accept the Electoral Roll report, Lauma Kazusa seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

2. Annual Report

The secretary's annual report concerning what the PCC has done over the past year and the activities of the Parish generally had been circulated before the APCM. Michael Harvey proposed that we accept this as a true record, Sara Gough seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and accounts as at the year ending December 31st 2022 had been circulated before the APCM. The Treasurer explained that the accounts have been examined by Linda Whitley, independent examiner to the PCC. The Treasurer expressed her concern that during the last financial year payments have exceeded receipts by £3676 and that she had needed to transfer funds from the savings account to current account. The Treasurer suggested that more fundraising events would help to resolve this situation.

Michael Harvey proposed that we accept the accounts presented, Lauma Kazusa seconded this proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

Nicholas thanked Barbara Verco for her work as Treasurer.

4. Independent Examiner for 2023

Treasurer Barbara Verco reported that Linda Whitley is happy to continue as the independent examiner to the PCC for 2023 and proposed that Linda Whitley should be appointed. Sara Gough seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously. The Secretary to the PCC will send a letter of thanks to Linda Whitley.

5. Churchwardens' Report

The report had been circulated before the APCM. Barbara Verco proposed that the report be accepted, this was seconded by Liam Harvey and agreed unanimously.

6. Deanery Synod Report

The report had been circulated before the APCM. Barbara Verco proposed that the report be accepted, Jenny Mackay seconded this and it was agreed unanimously. Nicholas thanked Barbara Verco and David Spruce who were St Mary's deanery synod representatives for the last triennium. Nicholas gave an overview of some highlights of the report and spoke to the meeting in particular about the aspirations and values of the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith initiative that he has supported through reflection in some of his recent sermons.

7. Safeguarding Report

The report had been circulated before the APCM. Sue Wates proposed that we accept the report, this was seconded by Lauma Kazusa and agreed unanimously.

Nicholas thanked Helen Goudie and Andrew Goudie for their work as our Safeguarding Officers.

8. Benefice Music Report

Ginette Nye, Director of Music in the Windmill United Benefice reported on activities and achievements within the Benefice and the wider community. The report had been circulated before the APCM. Nicholas reflected on the significant contribution that music makes to our worship in church and in the wider community. Those present thanked Ginette wholeheartedly for her work and the joy that music brings to us all.

9. Café Church Report

The report by Liz Copeland had been circulated before the APCM. Nicholas told us about the continuing success of Café Church that is a well-supported all-age informal church gathering in a café style setting held in the Church Hall, Smallfield. Anyone can come along to enjoy refreshments, company, activities and Christian worship together at 3pm every second Sunday in the month, excluding August and the second Sunday in December when the Hall is the venue for Smallfield carol service.

10. Rector's Annual Report

The report had been circulated before the APCM. Nicholas reflected on parts of his report and in particular the final paragraph regarding his future retirement. The feelings he expressed were reciprocated by Barbara Verco who thanked Nicholas for his ministry and Liam Harvey who voiced how much we appreciate Nicholas and Judith as friends and for Nicholas' "amazing achievements"; all present echoed those sentiments enthusiastically.

11. Any other Business

No items of other business were raised. However, Sara Gough commented how very fortunate the Benefice and the wider community are to have so many activities going on and, as a Benefice, we should feel pleased by the key role that the Benefice plays in making them happen.

Nicholas closed the meeting by leading us in saying the Grace.