

## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Sunday 18 May 2025 at 12:30pm

	Agenda Item	Discussion
	Present	The meeting was chaired by Matthew Foy.
1.	Opening prayer	Matthew Foy opened the meeting with a prayer.
<b>Annual Vestry Meeting</b>		
2.	Election of Churchwardens	<p>Matthew Foy thanked both churchwardens for their service, specifically highlighting Nigel Brett's 7 years of service in the role.</p> <p>Matthew Foy advised that two nominations had been received from Alison Hodgkins and Ben Masters Stevens. Both were duly appointed.</p> <p>Matthew Foy prayed for the new Churchwardens.</p>
<b>Annual Church Meeting</b>		
3.	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Rosemary Williams.
4.	Minutes of the Annual Meeting Sunday 28 April 2024	The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.
5.	Matters arising	No matters were raised.
6.	Receiving the new Electoral Roll	A new role has been prepared for 2025 with 84 names.
7.	Election of 4 representatives to the Parochial Church Council	<p>a) 1 Representative to hold office until the 2026 APCM</p> <p>b) 3 Representatives to hold office until the 2028 APCM</p> <p>Matthew Foy noted that we now need to elect one person for a 1-year term and three people for a 3-year term.</p> <p>Catherine Harvey was elected until 2026 and David Clover, Tom Morgan and Nigel Brett until 2028.</p> <p>Matthew Foy prayed for those elected to the role.</p>
8.	Reports	<p>a) Fabric Report</p> <p>A question was raised about the organ. MF explained that the PCC had obtained advice and it was likely to cost £10-12,000 as a minimum to repair. This is beyond the PCC's finances at present.</p> <p>b) PCC Report</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>

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		<p>c) Deanery Synod Report No matters were raised.</p> <p>d) Safeguarding Report No matters were raised.</p>
9.	Financial Report and Approvals of Accounts for 2023	Tom Morgan summarised the church's financial position and there was an opportunity for questions. Matthew Foy thanked Tom Morgan for his service as Treasurer.
10.	Appointment of the Independent Examiner	Tom Morgan proposed that we continue with Manningtons as our Independent Examiner. This was unanimously approved.
11	Motion to limit PCC terms to 6 years	MF presented the motion to limit PCC terms to 6 years. This was approved and will take effect at the next APCM.
12.	Looking Ahead (2025-2026)	<p>Matthew Foy gave a short presentation on the year ahead looking at the Vision, the Buildings and Staffing.</p> <p>MF referred back to the vision set out at the beginning of 2025 and how this was being implemented.</p> <p>MF set out some of the priorities for the buildings in 2025/6 including the priority of the refurbishment of the hall.</p> <p>MF explained that Nicky Adams will be finishing this summer and that we are planning for a full-time replacement to start in January 2026 (subject to funding and recruitment). We also plan to increase our administrative capacity to cover the vacancy.</p>
13.	Questions and any other business	<p>MF finally gave people the opportunity to discuss in groups his presentation and ask any questions.</p> <p>There were no further items of business.</p>
<p><b>The meeting closed at 1pm with Matthew Foy reading from Ephesians 3: 20-21 and with the saying of the Grace.</b></p>		