

DRAFT for approval at APCM 2010

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, EYNSFORD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday March 6th 2011 at 10.30 a.m.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. **The Minutes** of the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on April 25th 2010 were approved, being proposed by Norman Hamblyn and seconded by Mike Hill and all voted in favour. They were signed by Rev Gary Owen.
2. **Churchwardens** – Frank Rogers had previously indicated that he would not be standing for re-election after 8 years. Ruth Peet referred to the Churchwardens Report to be presented in the APCM in thanking Frank for his work. By the time of the meeting no candidate to replace him has been found.
Linda Gwyther proposed and Moira Edwards seconded that Ruth Peet be elected as Churchwarden for the following year, which was agreed unanimously.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(held immediately after the Vestry Meeting)

1. **Attendance** - 34 members were present, and apologies for absence were received from Chris and Valerie France.
2. **The Minutes** of the last A.P.C.M were accepted as a correct record, proposed by Alan Gillott, Seconded by Norman Hamblyn and approved unanimously and signed by Gary.
3. **Electoral Roll.** Matthew Weaver reported that the Electoral Roll now stands at 94. 2 members have died during the past year and 8 new members have been added. A vote of thanks to Matthew was proposed by Morag Gorrings, seconded by Alan Cremer, and was approved by all.
4. **Annual Financial Report and Accounts for 2010.** Norman Hamblyn presented the Financial Report and Accounts to 31st December, 2010.
Frank Rogers proposed the adoption of the accounts. This was seconded by Matthew Weaver and approved by all.
Gary proposed a vote of thanks to Norman for the accounts and his financial work during the year. This was agreed unanimously.
5. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner.** Lorraine Smith was re-appointed as our Independent Examiner, proposed by Norman Hamblyn and seconded by Linda Gwyther.
6. **Churchwardens' Report.** Frank presented the Churchwardens annual report for 2010, and this was unanimously adopted.
7. **Deanery Synod Representative.** Gillian Hill proposed and Linda Gwyther seconded that Margery Robinson be appointed our Deanery Synod representative, which was agreed unanimously

8. **Election of Parochial Church Council.**

Nominations were received from Moira Edwards, Linda Gwyther, Norman Hamblyn, Mike Hill, Gillian Hill, Blanche Griffen and Matthew Weaver. Alan Cremer proposed and Margery seconded that they all be elected, and this was approved unanimously.

9. **Election of Sides-men and -women.** The list of sides-people to serve for the following year is:

8.00 a.m. Harold Baldwin, Geoff Hatton and John Hood.

10.00 a.m. Mike & Gillian Hill, Patsy Jorgensen, Lynda Gwyther, Jo Williment. Yvonne Sanson, Morag Gorringer and Debbie Roberts.

6.30 p.m. Chris France, Margaret Newbold, Trevor Sim and Frank Rogers.

This proposal was made by Matthew Weaver, and seconded by Peter Davies, and agreed by all.

10. **Response from Stewardship campaign.** Norman Hamblyn announced that the result of the recent Stewardship Campaign was very successful, with 130 forms issued and 71 returned, a 55% response. 23 existing planned givers pledged to increase their gifts, 13 pledged to continue at their current rate. There was no response from 19 existing givers but there were also 19 new planned givers. The total planned giving was £7,446 plus a gift aid of £1,736, totalling £9,182 or 35%. There were 4 one-off donations.

Mike Hill announced that 47 people pledged their time and talents. He thanked the collectors for their efforts, and 100% at the briefing meetings. The good result is very much due to them. The list of time and talents had been split into those areas which relate specifically to St. Martin's and those that were common to all 3 Churches. Specifically he highlighted those who were willing to act as Sides-people. These were subsequently added to the list. In certain areas there was a nil response. Those who have shown interest or pledged their help will be contacted by the person responsible for that area of church life.

11. **Revised Constitution for Benefice Council.** Gary reported that after three years the Constitution of the Benefice Council was being revised into one simple document. The changes are that the 5 members from each PCC must include at least one Churchwarden. This allows the monthly meeting of the Rector with the churchwardens to also be the Standing Committee of the Benefice Council. It was proposed by Moira Edwards, seconded by Margery Robinson, and approved by 34 members unanimously.

12. Any other reports.
None

13. Any Other Business

Ruth proposed a vote of thanks to Gary. His hard work and interaction with the community during his first year with us, have already begun to make a significant difference, and we are very glad that he is with us.

14. **Date of next Annual Church Meeting.** It was agreed to leave this to be set by the PCC when Benefice Council dates are known.

15. The meeting closed at 11.15 am.