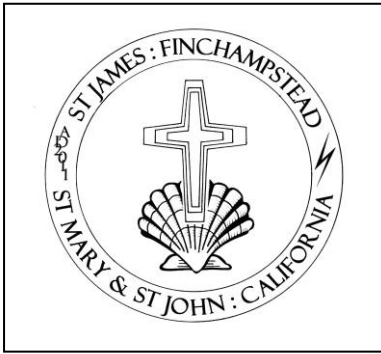


# Parish of Finchampstead and California



## Annual Vestry Meeting Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7.30pm

at St James' Church Centre

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome & Prayers

Rev Canon Julie Ramsbottom welcomed the 45 attendees who had signed the attendance sheets (as well as 4 other clergy) and opened the meeting with prayers. Canon Julie checked that everyone had signed the attendance sheets and seen the papers for the meeting which had been issued by email on 17<sup>th</sup> April, put on the church website or been available in church for those without known email for the last two Sundays.

### 2. Apologies

The secretary, Carolyn Fox, read out apologies from Janice Allen, Richard Arturi-Thomas, Angelina Arturi-Thomas, David Booth, Sarah Booth, Cecily Chislett, Janet Clements, Ian Clements, Maurice Driver, Chris Driver, Joan Duncan, Martin Hughes, Chris Ilsley, Ivy Kelly, Peter McBrien, Judy McLaren, Shirley Moore, Doreen Newton, Sarah Owen, Beth Peat, Keith Ray, Joan Ray, Marjorie Stalker, Carol Stocker, Pat Weeks, Bob Weeks.

### 3. Explanation of Vestry Meeting

Canon Julie explained that this first meeting was for the election of Churchwardens. All those on the Church Electoral Roll and anyone on the civil electoral roll because of residence in the parish were entitled to vote.

### 4. Agreement of Minutes of 2015 Vestry Meeting

Canon Julie referred to the minutes of the 2015 Vestry Meeting which were in the Information Packs. Richard Peat proposed and Hugh Dempster seconded that they should be accepted as a true record. This was unanimously agreed.

### 5. Election of 4 Churchwardens, two for each worship centre

Canon Julie advised that the notices about the election had been in the two worship centres for the required period. The elected churchwardens, two for each worship centre, would have responsibility for the whole parish; they would be ex officio members of the PCC and Charity Trustees. She referred to the extensive list in the 'Duties & Responsibilities of churchwardens' document. Nominations had to be in writing before the meeting and she was pleased to announce that she had received four such nominations:

For St James' -

Joanne Myall, proposed by Carolyn Fox and seconded by Richard Peat;  
Ed Sampson, proposed by Richard Peat and seconded by Carolyn Fox;

For St Mary & St John's -

Sharon White, proposed by Louise Goldring and seconded by David Moore;  
Marjorie Stalker, proposed by Sandy Godfrey and seconded by Pamela Smith.

She therefore declared these four people duly elected.

**6. Thanks.**

Canon Julie expressed thanks to the four churchwardens (Marjorie, Sharon, Joanne and Ed) who have worked so hard over the past year. The meeting showed its appreciation with applause. The churchwardens were invited to join Canon Julie at the front.

**As there were no questions, Canon Julie declared this Vestry Meeting closed.**

**Approval**

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