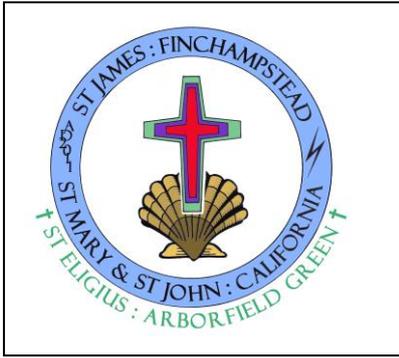


Parish of Finchampstead and California



Annual Vestry Meeting Mon 23rd April 2018 7.30pm

at St James' Church Centre

Minutes

1. Welcome & Prayers

Rev Canon Julie Ramsbottom welcomed the 50 attendees who had signed the attendance sheets (as well as 2 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 to those with known email, 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 Paul Arscott, Janice Devine, Joan Duncan, Sandy Godfrey, Becky Head, Chris Ilsley, James Lawbuary, Judy McLaren, Kate Meads, Bev Mitchell, Shirley Moore, Sarah Owen, Elizabeth Peat, Andrew Powell, Carol Stocker, Paula Vicary.

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 2017 Vestry Meeting

Canon Julie referred to the minutes of the 2017 Vestry Meeting which were in the Information Packs. It is not our practice to read them out. Martin Hughes proposed and Sharon White seconded that they should be accepted as a true record. This was unanimously agreed and the minutes were signed.

5. Election of 6 Churchwardens, two for each worship centre

The secretary explained that the very recent inclusion of St Eligius' Church into the Church of England parochial system meant that not all the conditions for acceptance as nominees could be met by the St Eligius' candidates. She proposed that the meeting considered the conditions for those candidates as being met. This was agreed.

Canon Julie advised that the notices about the election had been in the three 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 six such nominations:

For St James' -

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

Robert Alder, proposed by Carolyn Fox and seconded by Maurice Driver;

For St Mary & St John's -

David Moore, proposed by Sharon White and seconded by Marjorie Stalker;

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For St Eligius

Maurice (Larry) Le Var, proposed by Richard Arturi-Thomas and seconded by Angelina Arturi-Thomas
Lucia Golding, proposed by Maurice Le Var and seconded by June Warr.

She therefore declared these six people duly elected. They will take their places on the PCC immediately although new churchwardens would not be official till admitted to office by the Archdeacon on 17 April. Ed Sampson would remain as churchwarden till then.

6. Thanks.

Canon Julie expressed thanks to the churchwardens (Marjorie, David, Joanne and Ed) and those who had fulfilled the equivalent role at St Eligius' for their hard work over the past year and also to the newly elected churchwardens. She also proposed appointing a deputy churchwarden at St James' (Martin Hembra seconded by Robert Alder) and a Churchwarden Emeritus (Ed Sampson, seconded by Jo Myall) and particularly thanked Ed who is now standing down as churchwarden. The meeting showed its agreement and appreciation with applause.

The newly elected churchwardens and Ed and Martin were invited to join Canon Julie at the front.

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

Approval
