

ALL SAINTS, BATH, WESTON
Church, Wednesday 25th April 2018

Present: Mark Searle (Rector) – Chair, with 60+ people. Mark began the meeting with a time of worship and prayer. Readings from John 14v5 – and Matthew 28v 16 - introduced the theme of the evening.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Thanks were given to Ben Stokes who stepped down as Church Warden after seven years. He was presented with a small gift. Pippa Page received a gift too in gratitude for her service and leadership. She was re-elected as Church Warden. Ben Wynne was newly elected and will be licensed as Church Warden on May 17th.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from 14 people.
2. **The minutes of the APCM** 5th April 2017 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising** – none.
4. **Electoral Roll Officer's Report:** Kathleen Paley read Jeremy Tinkler's report on the electoral roll: There has been an increase of 6 over the last 12 months. The number on the roll now stands at 327. The Roll has been moved to the ChurchSuite software installed in the Church Office, making it easier to manage – particularly with respect to the new GDPR regulations.
5. **Receipt of the written reports:** The Trustees Report, PCC Report, Financial Statement, Fabric-Buildings Report and Deanery Synod Report were available to read on the Church website prior to the meeting and some printed copies of the latter reports were available at the meeting. All present agreed these reports. Mark Searle invited questions regarding the Financial Statement, remarking that any other questions could be brought later in the meeting. None were forthcoming.
6. **The appointment of tellers** proved unnecessary.
7. **Election of lay members of the Parochial Church Council:** Nominations were received from Kevin Hurley, Jo Lewis and Mike Everson. They were each invited to say something about themselves. Members of the meeting indicated their support for these people to be elected by a show of hands. Hannah Pearson also wished to be nominated but she is not currently on the Electoral Roll. She may be co-opted in due course.
8. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:** No nominations were received.
9. **Appointment of Auditors:** James proposed that we use the organisation 'Stewardship' again next year. The majority of those present agreed by a show of hands.

The legal part of the meeting was completed at 8:05pm.

10. **Rectors Report and Look Forward:** Mark began by thanking, and giving cards to, several people: Chris Carrick (ex Treasurer), for his service and the way in which he sought to do the will of God; Ian Paley (ex Assistant Treasurer) for all the work done in the background; Pauline Weber (ex Gift Aid Secretary) who carried out this work for many years, reclaiming tens of thousands of pounds for the church; Nigel Rawlinson (Associate Minister) for helping to lead the church through the inter-regnum alongside his appointment of Chaplain to the University. Simon Brand and Kate Brankin who stepped down from the PCC during the year.

There was then a Powerpoint presentation as Mark explained his thinking for the future. The first slide highlighted all the 'stuff' that goes on within the church. The analogy of a camera was used, inviting us to think of a **focus** using a **lens**. Could that lens be love, worship or Jesus? Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We need to look at all the things that All Saints does and ask how they help bring people closer to Jesus. The 'stuff' was split into categories:

Discipleship – things that intentionally help to bring people closer to Jesus

Worship and Prayer

Mission or Co-Mission – co-labouring with God the Father here and abroad

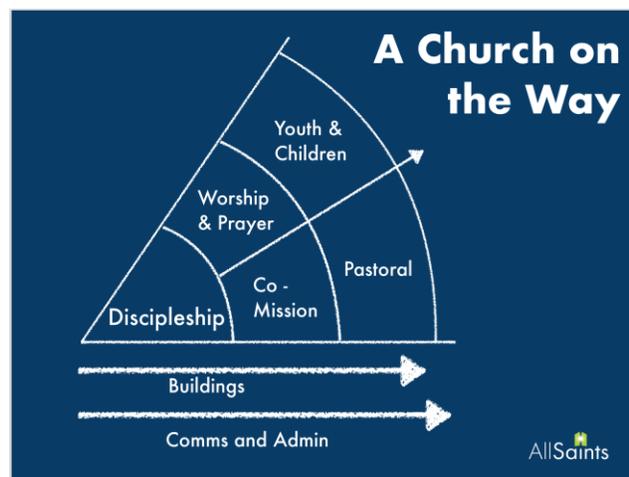
Youth and Childrens work – a phenomenal number of activities

Pastoral Care

Buildings – necessary to meet in

Communication and Administration (PCC/£) – helps everything else to run smoothly

The **lens** is Discipleship with Jesus as the **focus**. Discipleship was Jesus' commission to us.



Buildings, Communication and Administration take an extraordinary amount of work to get them to work but this is OK because they support all that God is growing us into.

Mark believes that if we can shape ourselves like this we could become 'A Church on the Way' with people walking in Jesus' steps.

There followed an opportunity to look more closely at the activities associated with each category, using posters placed around the church. Members were encouraged to chat to each other and note down any prayers and/or questions relating to the presentation.

Before answering questions, Mark asked all members of the staff team, paid or voluntary, to be upstanding. He thanked them for their faithful service. He asked everyone present to look after these people and hold them in prayer. Likewise, Mark thanked everyone else present for all that they do. The staff team showed their appreciation with applause.

Answers were given to questions about acronyms, gift aid, Alpha, measuring the effectiveness of activities in relation to Discipleship, growing closer to Langridge and North Stoke churches, the birthday slot, encouraging each other and keeping focus within the busy-ness, marriage preparation. Prayers were read hoping that all the things go well, blessing all members of the church, requesting of God more students and more volunteers, hoping that the Tuesday communion service grows and attracts non-Christians.

Mark encouraged us to continue asking questions beyond the meeting which closed at 8:58pm with prayer.