

# **ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, SOUTHWOLD**

## **Minutes of the meeting to elect Churchwardens 12.30pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in St Edmund's Church**

Present: Revd Russ Gant and 24 parishioners.

Revd Russ Gant opened the meeting with prayer.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Mrs. Judy Butter, Sarah & Andrew Wallington Smith, Hugh & Jay Williamson

### **2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved and signed.

### **3. Election of Churchwardens:**

Thanks were expressed to the retiring Churchwardens, Jill Horne and Jonathan Sutton, and particularly for their hard work during the vacancy.

There were two nominations -

- Andrew Hirst, proposed by Fred Butter, seconded Jenny Whines
- Marcus Knight, proposed by Rev Philip Tarris, seconded Halcyon Meldrum

Both nominations were unanimously approved. Thanks were expressed to Andrew and Marcus for taking on this role.

### **4. Deputy Churchwardens:**

Fred Butter was happy to continue as Deputy for a further year, which was accepted with thanks. Sue Thomas also kindly agreed to serve as a Deputy.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

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### **Minutes of the Southwold Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in St Edmund's Church following the meeting to elect Churchwardens.**

**1. Apologies for absence:**

These were the same as for the meeting to elect Churchwardens.

**2. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved and duly signed.

**3. Electoral Roll:**

The Church Electoral Roll Officer reported of the 106 names on the 2023 roll, 3 had died. Twelve new names had been added and the total now stood at 115 (67 Resident and 48 Non Resident).

**4. Annual Review:**

The Revd Russ Gant expressed thanks for the ministry of Revd Simon Pitcher for almost 12 Years. Thanks were also given to the Revd Alan Perry, retired clergy and other officers who had worked so hard during the interregnum.

He was encouraged to see the range of services over the eight churches in the team, and pleased to be given the opportunity to speak at the Team Service and was looking to grow in the five areas he had mentioned: Welcoming, Praying, Worshipping, Serving and Giving.

**5. Annual Accounts:**

Jill Horne, Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2023. There were no questions and Jill went on to express her thanks to Ann Pooley and Liz Tarris who assisted with the counting. She continued by thanking those who give regularly to the church and asked people consider giving through the Parish Giving Scheme.

Thanks were given to Jill for her hard work in looking after the accounts; this was greatly appreciated. It was unanimously agreed the accounts be approved and accepted.

**6. Appointment of Examiner:**

The Treasurer recommended the re-appointment of Ensors and the appointment of Ensors was agreed unanimously.

**7. Southwold Church in action – activity reports**

Thanks were given for the on-going work of:

- a) Sarah Wallington Smith and the Lay Elders
- b) Philip Tarris and the ECO Team
- c) Halcyon Meldrum and other helpers for work with the children
- d) Liz Benson with the Mother & Toddler Group. This was a good way of making contact with local families.
- e) Stewards/Welcomers
- f) Open the Book Team – a great way of keeping contact with the Primary School.
- g) The Mothers' Union
- h) Jay Williamson for her hard work running the shop. She was now stepping down from this role and currently we are looking for someone to follow on.
- i) Marcus Knight for the web site.

- j) Safeguarding – we have now appointed a new officer
- k) Andrew Wallington Smith who keeps our burial records up to date
- l) Pam Martin, a very faithful polisher of the pews

plus all of those who work quietly in the background preparing for services and keeping the church clean and tidy

#### **8. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of St Edmund's Parish Church:**

The written report of the Fabric Officer, Ian Johnson, was accepted. Thanks were expressed to Ian for his work. We were particularly pleased to have John Bennett as our Architect and thanks were expressed for the work of our previous Architect, Alan Greening.

#### **9. PCC Members:**

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

*'That with effect from this APCM, elected PCC members can hold office for two successive three-year terms after which they should stand down for one year before being eligible for re-election.'*

All of those present were happy to accept this resolution.

The following were elected to the PCC

Joan Goldsmith	Sue Thomas
Matt Hunt	Daisy Williamson
Grant Masom	

#### **10. Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod**

Jenny Whines indicated she was willing to continue for a further year.

This left 2 vacancies. Fred Butter and Jenny Gant offered to be our representatives for the following year.

#### **11. Safeguarding:**

There had been no safeguarding issues. Thanks were given to Carolyn Kerr for the enormous amount of work she had put into this role before retiring. Deborah Young had now been appointed as Safeguarding Officer.

#### **12. Any Other Business:**

- Vic Redington requested that hymn numbers be displayed at services. It was not always possible to hear the numbers when announced. She was assured that this would be given attention.

Thanks were expressed to Revd Russ Gant for his ministry.

There being no further business the meeting was closed in prayer.