

**DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS
PARISH OF ST. ANDREW, BIGGLESWADE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
HELD IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ON
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024**

Rev'd Liz Oglesby-Elong chaired the meeting.

54 parishioners were recorded as having attended the meeting, including 11 via Zoom.

1. Prayers

Rev'd Liz opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard Blackford, Jenny Blackford, Alice Blackford, Rosemary Bentley, Sue Cleghorn, David Pilgrim, Emma Pallett, Nicola Woodward.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2023 Meeting of Parishioners

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting:

Proposed: Vaughan Johnson; seconded; Judith Thatcher. All approved.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Election of Churchwardens

Rev'd Liz noted that Rob Butcher would not be standing for re-election. She thanked him for his service in the role of churchwarden for the past four years and gave thanks for Rob and Rosemary Bentley's work as churchwardens during the interregnum and on her appointment as Vicar. She added that Rob had served in many ways, working behind the scenes and had contributed much over the last few years. She mentioned Rob's role as Musical Director and organist and said that there were many roles he would continue to do, including being a member of the Safeguarding Team and Buildings & Grounds team. Rev'd Liz noted that Rob will remain in his role until the new wardens are sworn in at the Admission Service being held on 2nd July. She referred to the good news that Rob had received following his recent surgery and said he would be missed but recognised that it was time for him to step back. As a token of thanks, Rev'd Liz presented Rob with a gift and wished him well. The meeting applauded. Rob thanked Rev'd Liz and said it had been a joy to serve over the last four years and to share this with Rosemary. He added that it had been a challenge, especially during Covid. He thanked Rev'd Liz and everyone for their support and prayers over the last few months and years. The meeting applauded.

Turning to the nomination for 2024, two had been received: -

Chris Parker: **Proposed: Vivienne Gayfer; Seconded: Paul Daniels. All approved.**

Nettie van de Weerd: **Proposed Ruth Marshall-Jones; Seconded: Rosemary Jopson. All approved.** There being no other nominations, Revd. Liz declared Chris and Nettie duly elected and congratulated them on their election.

There being no other business, Rev'd Liz closed the meeting.

(Chair)

(Date)