

Minutes of the Annual Joint Meeting of the Parishioners of St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks held in the Undercroft of St Nicholas Church at 8pm on Thursday 27th April 2017

Present: The Rector and about 83 parishioners.

The meeting was opened by the Rector, Revd Angus MacLeay who welcomed all present.

Song "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Reading Acts 11: 19-26 (Read by Cara Smith)

Prayers Led by Andrea Trevenna

Song "O great God of highest heaven"

1. **Nomination of the Minute Clerk**

Katie David was unanimously elected to record the Minutes, having been proposed by Beryl Marcello and seconded by Justin Greig.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

The Attendance sign-up sheets were passed around and apologies for absence were received.

3. **Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Parishioners held on 19th April 2016**

The minutes of the previous year's meeting had been duly on display at the back of Church and were unanimously approved and signed by the Rector. This was proposed by Christine Ervine and seconded by Sue Stimson.

4. **Appointment of Churchwardens**

The Rector thanked Ian and Hilary Nash and Chris and Katy Webb for their faithful service in the previous year and confirmed that both Ian and Chris were willing to stand as Churchwardens again. Ian Nash was nominated for re-election by Gordon McKechnie and seconded by Vicki McIlroy and Chris Webb was nominated for re-election by Rod Smith and seconded by Justin Greig. They were both unanimously re-elected.

The Rector reminded the Meeting that as Ian's son was Rev Tom Nash a conflict of interest protocol had been previously drawn up and it was made available on the screen.

Conflict of Interest Protocol

If the St. Nicholas Annual Meeting elects Ian Nash as Church Warden, it does so recognising that there is a potential conflict of interest, given that his son, the Revd. Tom Nash is Associate Rector with responsibility for Grace Church and 4 o'clock Church. If a situation arises where there is a potential conflict of interest it would be expected that Ian Nash would withdraw from being involved in the relevant decision. In particular, in circumstances where two or more of the Wardens, Rector,

Tom, the Operations Director, Gavin McGrath or the Archdeacon consider that there is a conflict of interest, and that it would be appropriate for Ian Nash to withdraw from being involved in a decision then Ian Nash would be asked to withdraw. If Ian Nash withdraws from being involved in a decision then insofar as his functions are capable of being fulfilled by anyone else under the constitutional framework governing St Nicholas' church then one of the senior lay leaders at Grace Church or 4 o'clock Church who serve on the Consultation Group (currently Paul Williams and Iain Taylor) should be invited to act in his place on that issue.

Approval of the wording of the Conflict of Interest Protocol was proposed by Peter Scott, seconded by Ian Dobbie and passed unanimously.

Pause for Prayer

This concluded the business and the Annual Parochial Meeting followed.