



Loving God, Seeking transformation

**St Paul's AGM and APCM meeting
7th April 2019**

AGM

1. James Hughesdon opened the meeting.
2. Election of church wardens. Neil Gilbert and Fiona Lowther have been church wardens for the last year, and James expressed his gratitude for their service and dedication.

Two nominations were received. Fiona was proposed by Joan Fullbrook, and seconded by Lorraine Beer. Neil was proposed by Gerry Spiteri, and seconded by Joy Redman. Neil and Fiona were elected.

3. James closed the AGM.

APCM

1. James opened the APCM. A number of reports were presented in the printed Annual Report.
2. Youth work report. A video presentation was shown about the youth work, and James thanked Dan, Jessica and all those who volunteer and pray for the youth work.
3. Fiona presented the church wardens' report, and expressed particular thanks to Karen, Tracey and the whole staff team.
4. Mike Zakiewicz presented the financial report for 2018. There was a small surplus even after increasing our common fund contribution, increasing staff salaries in line with the London living wage and replacing some of our lighting with more environmentally friendly LED lights. Next year we are planning for a deficit, as we meet the costs of developing St Columba. Mike thanked everyone involved in the finances.

Mike proposed that the congregation accept the 2018 accounts. Macey Murray seconded, and this was accepted unanimously. Mike proposed that we reappoint Appleby and Wood as our auditors, this was seconded by Gerry Spiteri and accepted unanimously.

5. Deanery synod. James expressed thanks to Shola and Steve. Steve Beer is stepping down after one year and one nomination was received. Tracey Yewman was proposed by Pauline Hadley, and seconded by Maxine Morgan. Tracey was elected for the remaining 2 year term.

6. PCC elections. Two spaces are available and two nominations were received. Mike Zakiewicz was proposed by Nathaniel Gilmour and seconded by Steve Beer. Matthew McKay was proposed by Jennifer Redman-Hubley, seconded by Steve Beer. Mike and Matthew were elected for the term of three years.

7. James presented the Vicars Report including an update on St Columba, and thanked in particular the staff team.

8. Questions

Josh asked about reserves, which are currently around £200,000. We aim to protect three months' running costs (£90,000) plus a little extra for emergency expenses. We expect to start using some the remaining reserves over the next few years as we develop St Columba.

Josh also asked about the common fund. The full common fund allowance, which meets the cost of clergy and training, is over £80,000 per parish. We are increasing our contribution this year to £52,500 and over the long term we are aiming to meet our contribution.

Jean Robinson asked about Nshimiyimana, a boy who used to be sponsored by the Sunday school. The PCC felt that we had a commitment to him and therefore the church is still funding his education, but will reassess this after he finishes his schooling.

Roy asked if we fund any charities. We currently support the Children's society, ELHAP and ALMA in Mozambique.

9. The minutes from the 2018 AGM and APCM were accepted without correction

10. James closed the APCM

Rachel Moll (minutes)