

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Church of St Luke, Victoria Docks held during the Morning Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 started at 10.30am**

The Revd Emeka said that we would be having our Annual Parochial Church Meeting as part of our morning service and would be reflecting back over 2018 with a number of reports about various aspects and activities of the church.

### **1. Minutes of APCM held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Revd Emeka read through the minutes of the last APCM and these were accepted as an accurate record.

### **2. Appointment of PCC Councillors**

Revd Emeka advised that the following church members had agreed to serve on the PCC for the following year and the roles would be confirmed at the next PCC meeting:

Revd Emeka Ejinkonye, and Carole Davison (Child Safety) are ex-officio members of the PCC, together with the Churchwardens, Liz Farrell and Manford Koya, and the Deanery Synod Representatives - Gill Holt (Electoral Roll) and Geofery Addy (Parish Evangelist).

In addition the following had agreed to act as PCC councillors:

Susan Cox	- Treasurer
Marvis Cudjoe	- Webmaster
Joe Farrell	- Sidesman
Chris Hall	
Stella Jones	
Ann-Marie Kargbo	
Theresa Lartey	
Aderenle Oloafe	
Esther Sotubo	
Geraldine Abbey	- PCC Secretary

### **3. Sunday School Report – Gill Holt**

Gill said that the Sunday School is aimed towards children in reception to Year 5. We currently have 44 children on the register and welcome an average weekly attendance of 18.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday except Active Church, Youth Services and All age services. Two adults and a server are usually present for the classes and the children enjoyed the Christmas decoration tasks.

Gill thanked all the leaders for their help and support.

### **4. Electoral Roll Report – Gill Holt**

Gill explained that every six years we are required to do the electoral roll. There are 69 people on the Electoral Roll, 42 living in the parish and 27 living outside.

Gill thanked everyone for completing the application for St. Luke's Victoria Docks.

### **5. Youth Work – Esther Sotubo**

Esther said that Youth Group meet after church on Sundays and Wednesday Evening after school. They welcome young people aged 11 - 18 (Year 6 to Year 13). The Youth Group meet after church and had become a real asset as part of the church family.

Last year, the youth led 2 church services and 5 members were registered to attend a Christian week away - Soul Survivor - last year. The Group continued to be part of the

Jack Petchey Award scheme whereby 3 members a year can be nominated for an award and receive a grant towards an activity of their choice for the group.

Esther mentioned that Amy departed St. Luke's in 2018 and handed over to Esther and Geraldine. Esther thanked the congregation for their prayers, encouragement and continual support. Esther said that if anyone wanted to help and be a leader or support the Youth in any way to please reach out to Esther or Geraldine.

#### **6. Evangelism Report – Geofery Addy**

Geofery thanked the church for their prayers. He clarified that the evangelism team consists of himself, Comfort and Manford. He expressed that they did not do a great job in 2018. And that tasks such as the door to door visit should be considered for resumption.

Easter festivities and other events at the church should be publicised to people outside the church and invite them in. We need to make more of an effort to welcome in more ethnicities into the church.

#### **7. Child Protection Report – Carole Davison**

Carole explained that Nicky Wade did all the work in 2018 and that she inherited the role from Nicky in March 2019. Nicky did regular work to ensure that everyone working with people under 18 can do so without cause of concerns. This is specifically for Sunday School and Youth Group.

The Church continued to follow the Diocese Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policies and various individuals had attended required safeguarding trainings. Four members of the church went through the online processes for DBS checks. And all came back clear.

#### **8. Active Church Report – Carole Davison**

Carole said that Active Church is more of a Layman's Service where we try to make it different and interactive in ways we don't usually have in the service. This took place three times last year and continued to develop as a service accessible to everyone.

Last service we saw three generations of a family talk about their experiences. Other themes explored include Jesus light up the world and celebration of the Earth. Carole thanked Sarah, Gill, Anil, Craig and Michael who helped in planning and preparation. She thanked Stella for organising the food and providing so generously.

#### **9. PCC Report – Geraldine Abbey**

Geraldine explained that she had inherited the role of PCC secretary from Nicky Wade in March 2019. St Luke's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent (then Rev'd Fr Dave) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and liaising with the school.

The PCC met 4 times in 2018 with an average attendance of 60%.

Things that occurred in 2018, aside from the other reports included: Amy was ordained and moved onto Ascension Church, Geofery's locally deployed self supporting ministry, Lent courses, GDPR changes (where forms such as electoral roll, youth group and Sunday School would need a statement acknowledging the details of other purposes), Sharon and Geofery began to explore ordination and the Newham Music Academy started using the school hall on Saturdays for their classes.

The role of the PCC is to discuss issues and make decisions affecting the life of the church. Esther and Geraldine were co-opted as PCC members in June 2018. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and if anyone

felt that God was calling them to be a member, please speak to our church wardens, Rev'd Emeka or Carole for more information.

#### **10. Treasurer's Report - Susan Cox**

Susan said that the accounts were for the year ended 31 December 2018 and that a copy was included in the Annual Report which had been handed out at the start of the service. Susan said that the accounts had been reviewed by our Independent Examiner who checked that the entries and supporting documentation are in order and approved by the PCC.

Susan read through the accounts of 2018 and compared it with 2017 analysis.

Susan mentioned that the income from collections was slightly lower than for 2017 and that the Gift Aid tax reclaim for 2017/18 needed to be submitted. This meant that the actual deficit for 2018 was in the region of £3,000 to £4,000.

Susan said that she was happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

#### **11. Annual Vestry Meeting/Churchwarden's Reports**

Revd Emeka said that Liz Farrell and Manford Koya had agreed to act as Churchwardens and also thanked Geofery Addy for his support in the roles during the past year.

Liz shared that the challenge of Fr Dave leaving has been followed with triumph. She thanked Revd Emeka for stepping into the role seamlessly. She thanked Carole for her support. Liz thanked the PCC for their prayers and support, prays that we continue to follow the example that Revd Fr Dave has given us.

Manny asked the congregation if they are happy for Liz and himself to continue their roles as churchwardens. The church agreed and this was accepted.

The meeting part of the service closed at 11.28 a.m.