

**St Chad's Church, Ladybarn.
Minutes of the Vestry and Annual General Meetings
Sunday 27 April 2015.**

The Vestry Meeting.

The Revd Elizabeth Davies opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from Beryl Bray, Jean Matthews, Kathleen Mulligan, Barbara Purvis and Irene Wardley.

Recorder: It was proposed by Jenny Black and seconded by Muriel Hargreaves that Leslie Fletcher should act as recorder for the meetings.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Muriel Hargreaves proposed that the minutes of the 2014 Vestry Meeting be accepted, Jean Nixon seconded. Carried unanimously.

Churchwardens: Jenny Black and Judy Fletcher were elected unanimously.

This concluded the meeting.

The 92nd Annual General Meeting,

The Revd Elizabeth Davies chaired the meeting.

Attendance: 26.

1. **Minutes of the previous AGM held on 1 April 2014.** Jean Nixon proposed and Leslie Bell seconded that these should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
3. **Reports**
 1. **Electoral Roll:** Leslie Fletcher reported that there were 72 names on the new Electoral Roll of whom 23 live outside the parish;
 2. **Proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally over the year:** Copies of the PCC Annual Report had been made available prior to the meeting;
 3. **Parish finances, including the independently examined accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2014:** The accounts had been examined by an appropriate independent examiner and had been confirmed by him as a true and fair view of the financial position of the church. During discussion it was noted with gratitude that Gift Aided income had increased and that significant donations towards the replacement boilers had been received.
 4. **Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church:** Report available prior to the meeting. It was noted in discussion that the Quinquennial Inspection was due so would take place in the months following the meeting.
 5. **Proceedings of the Deanery Synod:** Report available prior to the meeting;
 6. **Parish safeguarding officer:** Report available prior to the meeting.
4. **Elections and appointments**
 1. **Deanery Synod Representatives** The choice of two further Deanery Synod representatives was left for the PCC to make.
 2. **Election of PCC Members:** The following were elected as new PCC members: Sheila Newbery, Barbara Purvis, Opal Walsh, Margaret Harrop and Peter Knight.
 3. **Appointment of Sidespersons:** The following were appointed: Jean Nixon, Kathleen Mulligan, Pam Race, Joyce Murphy, Muriel Hargreaves, Freda Evans

and Diane Wynn.

4. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** It was agreed to approach Edward Moss, FCA Chartered Accountant, to act as Independent Examiner for a further year.
5. **Showing of the film “In His Footsteps”.** The Diocese of Manchester has produced a short film called ‘In His footsteps’, showcasing the variety of work that goes on across the diocese and illustrating how parish share money is spent. ‘In His footsteps’ gives an overview of the incredible range of work that clergy and parishes do every day as they strive to follow Jesus’ teachings – work that is supported by money contributed through parish share. Following the showing of the film there was a brief discussion of the importance of paying the Parish Share in full each year.
6. **Rector's closing remarks:** The Rector thanked Judith Fletcher, the churchwarden, Leslie Fletcher PCC Secretary and Muriel Hargreaves the treasurer for all their hard work and support; also John Milner and Helen Reid the Readers and Opal Walsh as Accredited Lay Minister. The Rev'd Colin Powell and Canon Albert Radcliffe were also thanked for their contribution to the life and ministry of St Chad's. Thanks were then expressed for all who help maintain St Chad's as a place of worship and a Christian presence in the community.
7. **Any other business:** The Rector reminded PCC members and sidespersons of the forthcoming Archdeacon's Visitation at Emmanuel Church Didsbury. The first meeting of the new PCC would be a short meeting on Sunday 10 May to elect the vice-chair, secretary and treasurer.
8. **Date of next meeting:** To be fixed by the PCC in due course. Following the view expressed at the 2014 Annual Meeting, the date and time chosen would be a Sunday following the Parish Communion.
9. The meeting ended with the saying of the Grace at 12.35pm.