

Annual General Meeting

Date: 21st May 2022

Location: St Thomas' Newcastle

Time: 12:30pm

Chair: Revd. Master Ben Doolan

Ben welcomes the church family to the AGM and explains the order of events.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Margaret Proud proposes to approve the minutes; Helen Cooke seconds.

Minutes from AGM 2022 are approved by all in attendance.

Approval of Electoral Roll

Electoral Roll has been available online for the previous two weeks.

Ben invites the church family to join the electoral roll for the coming year.

Dom Llewellyn proposes to approve the electoral roll, Ian Dobson seconds.

Electoral Roll is approved by all in attendance.

Approval of Accounts and External Examiner

Accounts have been available online for the previous three weeks.

Ben runs through the accounts to explain the finances to the church family.

Ben took several questions regarding the accounts, all of which were answered to the satisfaction of those in attendance.

Ben introduced Margaret to discuss the old St Thomas' accounts and to introduce the external examiner.

Gordon Wanless has been recommended to do the 2023 accounts - nominated by Frances Harding and seconded by Thomas Jones - and is approved by the congregation.

Accounts from 2022 are approved.

Appointment of an External Examiner of the 2023 accounts:

Appointing of Officers

Ben explains the new church council and how governance might work moving forward.

Ben elects Margaret Proud as the Master's Warden.

Joel Barwick is already in place as one of the two deanery synod reps.

Ben thanks John Pearson for his service as church warden.

To be elected:

- 1 Church Warden
- 3 Church Council Members
- 1 Deanery Synod Representative

Nominations:

Church Warden

- Ian Dobson

Church Council Members

- Nick Lewis-Barned
- Helen Cooke
- Chris Hargreaves

Deanery Synod Representative

- Dominic Llewellyn

There were 43 voters, and all of the above nominees were elected to their relative positions.

Reports

Reports are on the AGM website and will be attached to the minutes.

Ben ran through some significant points from the reports, including:

- The building project
- New Christians
- Challenges

Ben thanks Dan for the way he served as safeguarding officer, and gave a safeguarding report.

Ben thanks the following members of the staff team for their devoted and voluntary service:

- Nic Barnsley
- Phil Harding
- Frances Harding

Margaret thanks Ben for his leadership and the way he loves and honours Jesus, and Ellie for who she is and for her faithfulness to Ben's call.

The Year Ahead

- Church Planting
- Welcoming students in September
- Youth group is growing
- Regional transformation

Rev. Master Ben Doolan closes the AGM in prayer.