

FRIENDS OF ST WENEFREDE'S CHURCH, BICKLEY

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016 AT 7PM AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT

Mr & Mrs Herbert Ackerley, Ann Bailey, Margaret Bugh, Anthea Merrett, Mr & Mrs Fred Taylor, Geoff Willis, Dilys Willis, Geoff Willis, Pauline Williams, Ann Weaver, Elizabeth Orme, Jill Wyndham Lewis, David Wyndham Lewis

APOLOGIES

Muriel Latham, John Bailey, Rev Diggle

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2015

These were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed all those in attendance. He focused on two areas, understanding how funds could best be used in support of the Church, and Friends of St Wenefrede's Church's first major fund raising event (below). Following his attendance at a recent PCC, he and the Committee felt that Friends of St Wenefrede's Church should initially focus on the fabric rather than the aesthetic and as such have contributed £813 to cover the cost of a recently commissioned and essential electrical inspection, remedial works and certificate. Other favoured areas of financial support are the repair to the silver cross and to the white and gold altar frontal which is original to the Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a membership of 53 households. The Bank balance stands at £5698.60 with no outgoings during the audited year. The accounts have been audited by Mr Herbert Ackerley to whom the Committee extends its thanks. The accounts were presented to the AGM with no comments or questions presented.

PCC REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ann Bailey read John Bailey's report thanking the Officers of Friends of St. Wenefrede's Church for their hard work over the year, to David for his work on the website and to the charity for paying for the recent electrical works and for their continued support.

FUNDRAISING

The Chair reported good progress where the sale of greetings cards, postcards and the history of St Wenefrede are to be merged into the forthcoming Garden Trail which is to take place on 9/10 July. He thanked the households who will be opening their gardens, along with the Windsors who will host "tea with the chickens". Others from the local community have offered their help in each location, also at the Church where there will be displays, a themed tombola, and where cards, booklets, cakes, produce and plants will be on sale. The event is being widely advertised both in print and on line. Thanks were extended to Geoff Willis for offering to distribute flyers and in answer to his query, the Chair stressed that the event was being presented as a community venture and members of the local community would be on hand to engage with visitors, not only at the Church, but at each garden. The Committee agreed with the principle that Friends events should provide a platform to bring together the local community and welcome newcomers to our area.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE AND AUDITOR

- The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and PCC Representative and Trustee all indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and were elected as one. (Prop: Margaret Bugh, Sec: Dilys Willis).
- The committee recommended that the auditors of this year's accounts, Macefen Financial Services, be retained for the coming year to which Mr Herbert Ackerley agreed.

There being no other business the Chair thanked John and Ann Bailey for setting out the hall and preparing for the meeting, thanked the Sponsors for providing the food and wine which had been thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending, and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.