

The Congregation of All Saints Vendée

Minutes of AGM held on 1st April 2017 at 2.30pm in Les Essarts

1. Welcome. Opening prayers were lead by Rev. Hazel Door; she asked that as we were gathered together for Guidance and Strength, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the coming year. We pray for the Church and all who spread the good news and for trhe Christians around the world who are suffering and burdened in their everyday lives. We all joined in with “Merciful Father accept...” Amen

2.a. Apologies were received from:-Maureen Willis, Jan Gordon, John & Margaret Dory,Peggy Pitcher, Jean Mylod, Fiona & Iain McGregor, David & Pat Martin and Jim & June West.

2b. Present were:-Barbara Kenyon, John and Barbara Matthews, Doug & Chris Green, Richard & Marian Rackham, Margaret Calton, Geoff & Margaret Kent, Chris & Tonie Chandler, Suzanne Patterson, Polly Ward, Ginnie Crompton, Christine Mannington, Joan Stewart, Peter Somerville, Sally Mills, Keith & Anthea Fowler, Colin & Hester Grimshaw, Jo Collinson, David & Sally Pearson, Mike Mylod, Anne Condie, Jenny Wilkinson, Stuart & Jacqui Stainton-James, Martyn Crompton, Hazel Door, Malcolm Butcher.

3. Minutes of AGM held on 9th April 2016. The minutes were read in full by the secretary.

4. Matters Arising. Doug asked if the information regarding the dates and times for the extra Home Group meetings in the West had been published. Keith said that as numbers were quite large it would be impractical for some homes to open up to everyone and so had not publicised their meetings. Marian asked if the **Sunday Club children** were still in contact with their “pen Friends”. Barbara said that they were, mainly by e-mail but no visits had yet taken place.

5,6,7.Reports. These were circulated before the AGM and were also displayed on the screen for all to see.

There were a few changes and matters arising.

Wardens report, Doug didn't resign but had come to the end of his term and chose not to continue.

As there wasn't a report for the **Association Caricatif,** Richard would ask **John Dory** for one and circulate asap.

Treasurer's Report, The reason we were in debt at the end of the year was because we had paid the **Common Fund** from our € a/c and not from the UK/Sterling a/c.

A vote of thanks was given to **Jacqui** for the continued excellence with the **Grapevine and Web pages.**

Electoral Roll, Chris asked that we be vigilant in notifying her or the secretary of any changes to emails or tel.numbers.

Ministry Team, John asked that we remember the life of **Robin** and give thanks for all the work he did over the years.

Pastoral Care, some people didn't receive this report so **David** read it out in full. **Marian** asked about the publication of Prayer list names and why this seemed to be missing? She asked that it be raised for the **Forum** meeting afterwards, if people would be staying for this. **All agreed.**

Ladies Circle, Joan said that there were tickets available for the Quilt for Restos de Coeur.

Safeguarding Report, Anne having taken over the task from **Jo,** **Marian** asked that we give **thanks to Jo** for her work. **Anne** asked that all the congregation try to complete the on line **Safeguarding instruction/training.** There was some difficulty over **passwords and username.** **Tonie** reminded us that it had been minuted back in June. **Richard to circulate the relevant information.**

Synod Report. Mike asked if there was a **Bishop's letter explaining the General Synod** views of recent discussions. He would appreciate this rather than having to trawl the net for news. **Hazel** will check for the Bishops letter and circulate.

Communications, Keith said that we now had an extra link from **Connexion** to our web pages.

Web Site, Jacqui asked if we could consider increase our payments for the work the Web-Master does and as **Doug** informed us we had only been paying for the licence and not the extras that we were getting. **This will be on the next Council Agenda.**

Sunday Club, Barbara and Jenny were pleased all round and **William** was now on the **Readers list**. They felt very lucky.

Doug asked that all the people behind the scenes should be thanked. **All agreed.**

8. Election of Wardens. Polly and Keith completed their induction to be our **Wardens**. Thanks to **Hazel** for officiating.

9. Election of Council Members. There were 5 vacancies and 5 nominations, **Jo Collinson, Suzanne Patterson, Richard Rackham, Barbara Kenyon and Doug Green. All were elected**

10. Election of Independent Examiner. David Martin was prepared to stand, subject to the proviso that they don't sell their house. **He was duly elected.**

AOB. Mike announced that he was standing down from **the Planned Giving** position, but he would see out the present Tax period. Hopefully we can find someone the work with him and learn the task.

The AGM closed for a 15min break, coffee and cakes etc.