

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CARDIFF

Minutes of the twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting
held 22nd September 2019 at St John's Church Cardiff.

The meeting was opened at 11.45am and 22 members were present.

The President began by welcoming the members. He extended a welcome to our new vicar, Revd. Sarah Jones, who had taken office since the last Annual Meeting of the Friends. He congratulated her on her forthcoming appointment as a canon of Llandaff Cathedral, and becoming chaplain to the Livery Guild. He then recalled to memory those members lost through death, Revd. Canon Malcolm Ellis, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Wilkins and Mrs. Audrey Williams. He called the meeting to stand in their memory.

The minutes of the twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting were read and approved by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

The Hon. Treasurer Mr. Paul Davies presented the annual accounts for 2018. Income for the year had been £973, which included generous donations by members. Three grants had been paid, for disabled access facilities, and repairs to notice boards, totalling £311. At the year-end the funds stood at £7,288. Membership remained steady, but efforts should be made to increase it. There were no questions and the accounts were approved and adopted.

The Hon. Secretary Mr Richard Hall then presented the Annual Report, referring to his written report in it. He remarked on the departure in 2018 of Canon Sarah Rowland-Jones, and the arrival later in the same year of Revd. Sarah Jones, who by now had settled into the post. He also remarked on the essential building works to the tower, now covered with scaffolding, to keep it in good condition. He thanked the members of the executive committee for all their work, and thanked the members for their continuing support.

The report was then adopted by the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary then introduced the election of officers to the executive committee. The following were due to retire by rotation, and were willing to continue; Mrs V. Hall, Mrs. G Hearne, Mr. R Rennie. All were re-elected. The position of Vice-Chairman was vacant. Mr Evan Chapman was currently on the committee ex-officio as Churchwarden, and was due to retire from that office at the next Easter Vestry. It was proposed and approved that he be elected Vice-Chairman, and thus would remain on the committee after he stood down as Churchwarden. No other nominations were received.

The meeting then proposed the re-appointment of Capt. Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards to continue in office as President, which position he was glad to accept.

There was no longer a need for a charity with an income under £10,000 per year, to appoint an independent examiner. It was agreed to continue the arrangement agreed at last year's meeting, that the accounts be scrutinised by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R Hall.

Under Any Other Business, members were reminded of the Autumn Lunch, to be held at the New House Hotel on 17th November. Booking details would be available soon.

There was no other business, so the Chairman declared the meeting closed.