

A MEETING OF MINDS

25 March, 2017



Dr Amanda Haste took the Chair and called the meeting to order.

On 19 March, after worship, most of our congregation remained to move from worship to administration; from pondering God to considering mammon.

For 45 minutes, Amanda Haste, one of our Church Wardens led us through our chaplaincy's Annual General Meeting. First she ensured enough of us were gathered to form a quorum. The strong numbers from both All Saints Marseille and from the Aix community meant that the question of meeting a quorum was obvious.

Dr Haste then drew our attention to the photo filled interesting series of reports that had been available in church over a month ago and distributed to every member online as a pdf.

Reports had been provided by our chaplain, our wardens, our Honorary Assisting Clergy and Readers, our theological students, our musicians, and by our Treasurer.

Scattered amongst the reports were many photos of our members in active ministry both within the church and within the community. Highlighting Education was the report on the Parish Away Day arranged by Readers Christine Portman and Jane Quarmby in September. Our social Christian fellowship peaked with the well-attended Queen's 90th birthday reception in June. And though many worship occasions were featured, the amazing early September Reception into the Anglican Communion Holy Eucharist led by our Archdeacon and featuring the recognition of 50 years each of ordained ministry by Fathers David Pickering and Patrick Cassidy was exceptionally noteworthy.



Those attending were given time to review last year's minutes and our prepared Reports.

Half of the meeting was taken up by our Treasurer reviewing the 2016 sources of Income and where we spent our resources. Though finances may seem tedious, they actually identify where we put our resources into action. Our expenses revealed that we fund an Anglican sacramental presence in Provence via our priest-in-charge, and how we pay to insure, heat, and clean our worshipping space for those seeking a grounded community in Marseille. Our Treasurer advised us that our minister, our applied ministry, and our place of sanctuary use 99% of all our funds and nothing is wasted.



Treasurer Michael Hilton presented last year's and this year's budgets.

When it came to our elections, there were ready volunteers for our Parochial Church Council and for our two Wardens positions. Christine Portman picked up the Safeguarding Officer reigns, and Roxana Teana Teleman and Michael Hilton volunteered to be reappointed as Secretary and Treasurer.

Our meeting opened and closed in prayer and following the gathering all were invited to regather at a restaurant at the



Après meeting fellowship lunch.

Old Port for a fellowship lunch.