

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY AUGUST 18th

The meeting was held on Sunday August 18th after the morning service. Around 30 congregation members attended. It was chaired by the Revd. Christine Downey. She asked the Secretary to the Vestry, Denis King, to talk the meeting through the proposed amendments. These were explained as :

At the Congregational Meeting held on June 23rd one of the items approved was the addition of the following statement to Section 12d of St Mary's Constitution.

"Any member of our congregation elected to the General Synod or to a Diocesan Committee shall be during their term of office an ex-officio member of the Vestry"

As per the process this proposed change had to be sent to the Diocesan Registrar for ratification before getting sign off from Bishop John.

The Registrar was happy with the proposed change. However he did also suggest some other minor changes to simplify the wording in the document. These changes are what we are asking to be approved today. They are :

In Section 2 the wording :

(A charitable purpose is one of those listed in section 7 (2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended or superseded from time to time ("the 2005 Act") which is also regarded as a charitable purpose in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts in force from time to time.)

Is to replace :

(The expression "charitable purposes" shall mean charitable purposes as defined in section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 as amended from time to time ("the 2005 Act") which is also regarded as charitable purposes in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts from time to time in force.)

This wording was supplied by the Registrar.

In Section 12b the sentence :

Further declaring that on the cessation of the Rector's Warden's term of office, as above stated, he/she shall not be eligible for re-appointment to the post of Rector's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement, ex officio.

The words in red will be removed and it will now read :

On the cessation of the Rector's Warden's term of office, as above stated, he/she shall not be eligible for re-appointment to the post of Rector's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement, ex officio.

In Section 12c the sentence :

Declaring that on the cessation of the People's Warden's term of office, as stated above, he/she shall not be eligible for re-election to the post of People's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement. ex officio

The words in red will be removed and it will now read :

On the cessation of the People's Warden's term of office, as stated above, he/she shall not be eligible for re-election to the post of People's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement.

In Section 12d the sentence :

Declaring that on the cessation of the People's Warden's term of office, as stated above, he/she shall not be eligible for re-election to the post of People's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement. ex officio

The words in red will be removed and it will now read :

On the cessation of the People's Warden's term of office, as stated above, he/she shall not be eligible for re-election to the post of People's Warden or election to the Vestry for a period of one year or until the next Annual Meeting following retirement.

It was explained that removing the words ex officio from sections 12c and 12d was because these were roles that were elected by the congregation in contrast to the Rector's Warden role which was by direct appointment by the Rector.

There were no questions. Denis King then proposed that the changes, and amended constitution, were adopted. This was seconded by Geoff Angell. The meeting approved this unanimously.