

## St. Mark's Church Council report- AGM 2019

The church council met 11 times since the last AGM. This included 11 meetings of the church (1905) association and 4 of the cultural (1901) association.

### Council Members:

- Geoff Sockett, Churchwarden, Chairman then Vice-Chair
- Paul Simmons, Churchwarden, Vice-Chair, Secretary
- Mark Harper, Treasurer
- Joshua Turnil, Deputy Warden St Mark's
- Sarah Thorley, Deputy Warden St Mark's
- Christina Galley, Deputy Warden St Paul's
- Peter Milner, Synod rep
- Marge Pavageau, Synod rep
- Janet Pham, Safeguarding officer
- Sarah Hartley, Diocese safeguarding contact
- Elaine Labourel, Assistant Chaplain (until August)
- Raymond Raphael, Assistant treasurer
- Annick Mortreux
- Dan Roulstone
- Catherine Fourel

### From September:

- Rev. Dale Hanson, chaplain and council chairman from September

### Others:

- Ben Johnson-Frow, Locum (Summer 2018)
- Richard Bromley, ICS

The main matter of the year was the appointment of Dale Hanson as chaplain; Dale was licensed as presbyter of St Mark's on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and has chaired the council meetings since the September meeting.

### Some issues treated by the council this past year were:

- the church associations financial management, including
  - expenses approval process
  - approval of the budget
  - examination of the accounts
  - appointment of auditors and consequential need for changes to statutes
- establishing an office presence after the departure of Kevin Bodsworth
- management of cleaning the building, finally making a contract with Chantiers Yvelines
- appointment of a safeguarding officer (Janet Pham)
- appointment of a Facebook page editor (Sarah Thorley)
- establishing an end to an expensive photocopier contract
- to begin separation of the church and house utilities
- management of GDPR regulations
- getting a new communications package for the church
- deciding on our tithed giving and other giving (Madagascar, Bishop's advent appeal)
- consideration of the Diocese requests for funding
- management of users of building
- use of "collection tokens"
- renewal of electoral roll and preparation for the AGM
- church weekend away

- various building/fabric problems:
  - cracked skylight
  - leaves on flat roof
  - water heater repair
  - crack in old chapel building
  - refixing a telephone cable
  - security lighting repair
  - water leak investigations
  - replacement of lift maintenance contract
  - replacement of service laptop computer
  - improving the sound system

The council approved a resolution supporting Vivian Sockett to test her vocation to the ordained ministry with the Diocese.

The council also met for a strategic retreat in November, kindly hosted by the Miltons.

Paul Simmons, Council secretary