



## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Meeting

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – 10.30am (in main service)

### Annual Parish Meeting

#### Opening Prayer & Reflection

1. Revd Graham Hunter (GH) explained the outline of the meeting in the context of the service.
2. Reflection on Vision: gospel vision, big vision, local vision, seasonal vision.

*Gospel vision* is the same in all times and in all places. Ministry of reconciliation. Expressed in London Diocese 2030 Vision Strategy “For every Londoner to encounter the love of God in Jesus Christ”

*Big vision*: our place in the Church of England. Things look pretty bad for CoE – just 2% of population attend CoE. Of course, there are other churches too. CoE has special vocation to be present in every neighbourhood in the land and to work for the common good for all, whatever their faith. What is the consequence if 3/4s of churches close in next 50/60 years? Who will run the foodbanks, refugee support programmes etc. Want people to be saved, but also for CoE to be doing this work. At SJH we're training ordinands, sending ordinands, exploring mission partnerships & church plants, working together with other churches nearby.

*Local vision*: what we are passionate about here in Hoxton. Worship God, make disciples, share Jesus, transform Hoxton. Worship God comes first. Discipleship has to be worked at. Our culture is great at making us disciples of consumerism, capitalism, self-defined identity etc. We have to work at being made disciples in the way of Jesus.

*Seasonal vision*: ‘Dry Bones Live’. Dorothy Thurtle was Hoxton resident who did important work in birth control and abortion. Do we suffer in Hoxton from a spiritual contraception that prevents us from multiplying? The dry bones of our culture will parade as life. We need to first acknowledge the death around us, linger there and do not move on too fast. We might face shame sometimes as Christians by naming somethings as death. Bring the reality before God. Be an agent of change. Ezekiel prophesied before he saw anything change, in obedience to God's command.

Wait patiently for God to act in his timing. God does things in stages.

Disaster relief plans: relief (make sure basic needs met); recovery (waiting to see what needs are emerging); development (rebuilding, restoring). Recovery phase is essential.

What do you think God is saying to us in this season?

#### Election of Churchwardens

1. “We have two nominations for the positions of Churchwardens, namely, Ann-Marie Nye and Larre Olajide. I propose that they be duly appointed by our consent through show of hands”  
After brief commendation from GH (godly, willing to take risks, prayerful, working alongside GH), they were unanimously elected by show of hands.





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2. The meeting closed.

## **Annual Parochial Meeting**

### Minutes of Last Meeting

1. GH explains difference between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parochial Meeting,
2. Minutes of last meeting were approved & signed

### Vicar's Introduction

3. Mission Action Plan (MAP): New MAP to be published Sept 2021 – June 2026 (SJH 200 years old!). May - Hoxton Listens survey; June – evaluate former MAP, prayer meetings, review survey, commissioning business plan (how to we steward our resources); July – PCC & staff away day, stakeholder engagement (primary school, Ivy St, Bishop etc); August – draft MAP; Sept – PCC will review, approve and launch MAP.

Please feed in things you think God is saying we should be focussing on

4. #LoveHoxton: Conserving fabric of building; Creating new spaces for mission & ministry; Contributing genuine affordable housing and sports facilities to community.

In last 6 months have had more positive response from key authorities (Historic England, DAC etc)

New Quinquennial Inspector appointed

Further stonemasonry works been carried out.

Next steps: Develop plans to RIBA Stage 1 (and possibly stage 2)

Commissioning full condition survey on the building

5. The Beacon Project: how do we pull together all our social transformation work into one coherent programme.

### Celebration

6. The Annual Report & Financial Statements had been circulated digitally, along with other papers for the meeting.

- a. Electoral roll grown to 180 over last year
- b. Briefly spoke to general report highlights – some large grants have been received to improve security, toilets etc around church
- c. Finance – God been very gracious. Increased congregational giving, successful grant applications, and steady rental income mean finances have actually been OK.
- d. There were no questions of comments.

7. Bosede led thanks for teams & volunteers. Despite a tough year, God has been good.

Connect Group leaders - Increase in people in Connect Groups

Covid 19 care team – thank you for calling members of church

Kids, Diddy Disciples & Youth team – despite staff being on furlough, these ministries continued.

Organising for Growth teams and team leaders

Worship & Production teams





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Clergy team

We have many reasons to thank God!

### Action

8. Stephen Millar & Vera Kesewah continue as Deanery Synod representatives.
9. The list of nominees for appointment to serve as elected members of the PCC were as follows: Lorraine Flack, Olivette Thompson, Barizoge Neenwi, Daniel Pratt, Joshua Kalejaiye. These were duly appointed by show of hands. (Proposed & seconded by Stephen Wastling and Anita Masih)
10. Remaining vacancies (one Deanery Synod representative and PCC members) may be filled as the year proceeds if suitable candidates come forwards.
11. Aaron Rodewald was appointed as 'Co-Opted' Treasurer (non-voting) by show of hands.
12. Our Independent Examiner, Chris Goodhead FCS of KnightGoodhead Accountants was re-appointed.

### Listening

13. Time for mini 1-2-1s with those around us  
What one thing should we do to continue to be a beacon of Hope in Hoxton?

### Prayer and Intercession

14. GH – thank you for being my church family.
15. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bosede Owa.

