

**THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003**

The Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiological Society was held at the Art Workers' Guild, Queen Square, London, on Wednesday 2 July 2003.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 p.m. by welcoming members; 27 members were present. Apologies for absence had been received from Sir Patrick Cormack, Professor Kenneth Murta, Dr. John Elliott, Christopher Webster, Dr James Johnston, Kenneth Richardson, William Parker, Philip Lankaster, and J. St Brioc Hooper.
2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 30 May 2002 were approved, on the proposal of Mr. Henman, seconded by Mr. Velluet.
3. The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Branfoot, introduced the annual accounts for 2002, which had been approved by the independent examiner, and drew attention to the significant features. The Society continues to be in good shape financially. Our expenditure was greater than our income this year by £4423, as would be expected, given our printing costs on two books. The previous year we did not print any books, we made a surplus and put spare money away. This year we printed two books, and made a loss which we covered using the money we had put aside. On the expenditure side, the Council have a deliberate policy of expanding and improving our periodical, *Ecclesiology Today*, which has increased our print costs. Our stock of past publications is being moved to a new home, after which a stocktake will be carried out. The draft accounts were received on the proposal of Dr. Brandwood, seconded by Mr. Watt.
4. The Chairman presented the Report of the Council for the year 2002. The Society's tally of members continued to rise and was now growing steadily towards 900; new enquiries, often resulting in membership, were steadily coming in. The year had been an active one, though the Council were giving careful thought to the nature of the visits programme, which was not always as well attended as might be hoped. One member commented positively on the quality of the Journal, and another on the website. The Annual Report was received on the proposal of Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Henman.
5. The Chairman proposed a number of changes to the Laws. There was little discussion, one member commenting that the very full explanation which had been received in advance had been most helpful. The Chairman pointed out that the Laws would have to be submitted to the Charity Commission for approval. On the proposal of Ms Brown, seconded by Mr. Henman, the proposed changes were passed *nem con*, thus more than achieving the required two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
6. The President for the ensuing year, as nominated on the Agenda, was proposed by Mr. Velluet and seconded by Dr. Brandwood and was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid compliment to the personal interest which Dr. Buttress showed in the work of the Society.
7. On the proposal of Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Velluet, the members present expressed their appreciation of the contribution to ecclesiology made by the Vice-Presidents of the Society.
8. On the proposal of Mr. Henman, seconded by Dr. Brandwood, Mark Ockelton, MA, BD was proposed as Hon. Auditor (the Society's traditional title for the 'independent examiner' of its accounts).
9. There being no other business, the meeting closed. The Chairman thanked the honorary officers of the Society for their support during the year and, on behalf of the membership as a whole, Mr. Watt led those present in warmly applauding the Chairman for his work during the year.