

THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiological Society was held at the St Anne's Church Centre, Soho, London, on Thursday 29 June 2006. Mr Trevor Cooper was in the Chair.

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00 p.m. by welcoming members; about sixty members and guests had been present for the preceding lecture, and some 34 remained for the AGM. The following members of Council presented their apologies: Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, John Elliott, John Henman, Kenneth Murta, and Christopher Webster. Apologies for absence had been received from a number of members: Jennifer Beazley, Jane Henson, Susan Hoyle, David Lermon, Kenneth Richardson and George Skuse.
- 2 The Chairman alluded to the untimely death earlier in the year of Dr James Johnston, of which members had previously been informed. Trevor Cooper spoke warmly about James and his work for the Society, and his loss both as a valued member of Council and as a friend. The fine address given by Roger Evans at his memorial service was being published in the next issue of *Ecclesiology Today*.
- 3 The Chairman explained the background to the recent intermittent and delayed publication of *Ecclesiology Today*. As membership had grown, so had the size of the journal, and the consequent scale of the task involved in producing each issue. Furthermore, until recently the Hon. Editor had typeset the journal, a significant job; this was now done by the printer, but this had introduced delays into the process for which we had not fully allowed. The Council had decided to move to two issues a year, and a Publications Subcommittee had been set up to help organise this change and provide assistance to the Editor.
- 4 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2005 at the St Anne's Church Centre, Soho, London were approved without dissent, after the correction of a typographical error, on the proposal of Dr Thomas Cocke seconded by Paul Velluet. Under matters arising, it was reported that the Charity Commission had now approved our new laws.
- 5 The Chairman apologised for the fact that the accounts for 2005 were still in course of preparation. It was intended to hold a short EGM, probably at the annual conference, at which they could be presented and approved.
- 6 The Annual Report for 2005 was received without dissent on the proposal of George McHardy seconded by Roger Evans.
- 7 The President for the ensuing year, as nominated on the Agenda, was proposed by Paul Velluet and seconded by Dr Thomas Cocke and was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid compliment to the continued interest that Dr. Buttress showed in the work of the Society.

- 8 The Chairman invited those members present to express their appreciation of the contribution to ecclesiology made by the Vice-Presidents of the Society in a formal motion, and this motion (formally proposed by Dr Thomas Cocke, seconded by Rosemary Honey) met with the unreserved approval of those present.
- 9 The Hon. Officers and members of Council were elected as nominated, without dissent, on the proposal of Mike Wilson, seconded by Anthony Gilmour. They were: *Treasurer*: Dr Suzanna Branfoot; *Editor of 'Ecclesiology Today'*: Dr John Elliott; *Director of Publicity and Publications (Acting)*: Trevor Cooper; *Membership Secretary*: John Henman; *Director of Visits*: Christopher Webster; *Members of Council*: Dr Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, Keith Lovell, Professor Kenneth Murta, Paul Velluet.
- 10 On the proposal of Paul Velluet seconded by Dr Suzanna Branfoot, Mark Ockelton, MA, BD was proposed as Hon. Auditor (the Society's traditional title for the 'independent examiner' of its accounts). He was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid tribute to the active and helpful way this role had been pursued by Mark Ockelton in previous years.
- 11 Trevor Cooper emphasised the help given to the Society by Mrs Ruth Cooke, Anne Willis, Dr Brigid Ockelton, and Mrs Doreen Spurr. He went on to thank his colleagues on the Society's Council for all their work, carried out voluntarily in the midst of many other pressing activities. Those present showed their gratitude. Paul Velluet then led those present in warmly thanking the Chairman of Council for his work during the year.