

THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiological Society was held at the St Alban's Centre on Saturday, 3 October 2009. Mr Trevor Cooper was in the Chair.

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 5.45 p.m. by welcoming members; about 89 members and guests had been present for the immediately preceding Annual Conference, and some 25 remained for the AGM. The President of the Society, Dr Donald Buttress presented his apologies, as did the following members of Council: Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, Andrew Derrick, John Elliott, Kenneth Murta, and Christopher Webster. Apologies for absence had also been received from J St Brioc Hooper, Mark Ockelton and Patrick Cormack.
- 2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 June 2008 at the Art Workers' Guild, London were approved without dissent, on the proposal of Josh Schwieso seconded by Dr Lynne Broughton. There were no matters arising.
- 3 The draft accounts for 2008 were presented. The accounts were ready for inspection by the Independent Examiner. The Chairman proposed that the meeting accept the accounts with any amendments requested by the Independent Examiner, on the basis that if such amendments were material they would be explicitly brought to the attention of the next AGM. On the proposal of Anthony Gilmour seconded by Dr Valerie Hitchman this motion was passed without dissent.
- 4 The Chairman introduced the Annual Report for 2008. On the proposal of Dr A Gray seconded by Melvyn Jeremiah the Annual Report was accepted without dissent.
- 5 The President for the ensuing year, as nominated on the Agenda, was proposed by Trevor Cooper and seconded by Paul Velluet and was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid compliment to the continued interest that Dr. Buttress showed in the work of the Society.
- 6 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 (proposed by Josh Schwieso seconded by Peter Pickering met with the unreserved approval of those present.
- 7 The Chairman spoke warmly of the long service given to the Society by John Henman, who had retired as Membership Secretary in Summer 2008. On the Chairman's proposal, seconded by Paul Velluet a vote of thanks was passed unanimously, which the Chairman will forward to Mr Henman.
- 8 The Hon. Officers and members of Council were elected as nominated, without dissent, on the proposal of Anne Willis seconded by Andrew Gray They were *Treasurer*: Dr Suzanna Branfoot; *Director of Publicity*: Trevor Cooper; *Membership Secretary*: Dr Valerie Hitchman; *Minutes Secretary*: Robert Pettigrew; *Editor of 'Ecclesiology Today'*:

The Revd Dr Lynne Broughton; *Reviews Editor*: Christopher Webster; *Members of Council*: Dr Paul Barnwell, Sarah Brown, Dr John Elliott, Keith Lovell, Professor Kenneth Murta, Paul Velluet.

- 9 On the proposal of Josh Schwieso seconded by Dr Valerie Hitchman, 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.
- 10 Trevor Cooper thanked his colleagues on the Society's Council for all their work; he particularly appreciated their willingness to engage in vigorous debate, as evidenced, for example, by various discussions of pews which had taken place in recent meetings. A vote of thanks to members of Council was proposed from the Chair, hand carried without dissent. Paul Velluet then led those present in warmly thanking the Chairman of Council for his work during the year.