

**THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004**

The Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiological Society was held at the St Anne's Church Centre, Soho, London, on Tuesday 27 July 2004. Mr Paul Velluet was in the Chair.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.55 p.m. by welcoming members; 35 members were present. Apologies for absence had been received from Sue Branfoot, Kenneth Richardson (recovering from illness), Dr James Johnston, Mr Peter Pickering, David Kenrick, Jennifer Beazley, and Mark Ockelton.
2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2003 at the Art Workers' Guild were approved without dissent, on the proposal of William Parker seconded by John Henman
3. The Chairman introduced the annual accounts for 2003, which were in draft form. They had not yet been approved by the independent examiner. Members were invited to approve them subject to subsequent approval by the independent examiner, and subject to formal approval at an EGM or the next AGM. There were no questions and the draft accounts were received without dissent on the proposal of Roger Cline seconded by Alan Taylor.
4. The Chairman presented the Report of the Council for the year 2003. He highlighted a number of successful church visits, and the Conference and Dykes Bower lecture, as well as the Society's publications, which had been well received. Fifty-six new members had been elected in 1993, and the roll of members stood at 851 at the end of the year. The Annual Report was received without dissent on the proposal of John Henman seconded by Alan Taylor
6. The President for the ensuing year, as nominated on the Agenda, was proposed by Mr. Velluet and seconded by Keith Lovell and was elected without dissent. The Chairman paid compliment to the personal interest which Dr. Buttress showed in the work of the Society.
7. The Chairman invited those members present expressed their appreciation of the contribution to ecclesiology made by the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and this proposal met with the unreserved approval of those present.
8. The Hon. Officers and members of Council were elected as nominated, without dissent, on the proposal of William Parker, seconded by Christopher Butler. The Chairman paid tribute to Kenneth Richardson, who was not seeking re-election, and thanked him for all that he had done for the Society.
9. On the proposal of Roger Cline seconded by John Henman 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, speaking on behalf of the Hon. Secretary who was unavoidably absent, explained that the amended Laws agreed at the last AGM had been sent to the Charity Commission for their records. It turned out that the copy of the Laws on their files dated to 1944, and the Hon. Secretary was informing them of the changes which had been approved at AGMs since then.
11. The Chairman thanked the honorary officers of the Society for their support during the year and, on behalf of the membership as a whole, led those present in warmly applauding the Chairman of Council for his work during the year.
12. Trevor Cooper thanked his colleagues on the Society's Council for all their work, and those such as Doreen Spurr, Dr Brigid Ockelton, Ruth Cooke, and Catherine Haines, who were also vital to the smooth running of the Society. The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Churchwardens and PCC of St Anne's Church, which was warmly received.