

**THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

The meeting was held at the St Alban's Centre, Baldwins Gardens, London EC1N 7AB, on 14 April 2016, and was chaired by Trevor Cooper.

1. The meeting opened at 7.40pm following a lecture by C.B. Newham and Ellie Pridgeon entitled 'Post-Reformation Wall Paintings in English Parish Churches'. The Chairman welcomed attendees (having before the lecture introduced the members of Council who were present).

2. **Apologies:** Michael Atkinson, P.S. Barnwell, John Beal, Richard Halsey, Jude Jones, Ruth Knight, Mark Ockelton, Michael Thomas.

3. The **minutes of the AGM** on 9 April 2015 at the St Alban's Centre were approved unanimously (proposed by Valerie Hitchman, seconded by Derek West).

4. **Draft accounts.** Anthony Gilmour highlighted a number of points, notably a large one-off expense in connection with the new website, but explained that the overall state of finances was good. The draft accounts were approved unanimously (proposed by Mark Kirby, seconded by Phil Draper), on the basis that any material matters raised by the Independent Examiner would be reported to the next AGM.

5. The **Annual Report** of the Council had been put before the attendees.

a) Nick Chapple explained that future issues of *Ecclesiology Today* would be in colour and he was keen to receive material for potential publication.

b) Trevor Cooper expressed our thanks to Ruth Knight for project-managing the new website and writing much material for it.

The report was accepted unanimously (proposed by Paul Velluet, seconded by Andrew Foster).

6. The meeting was asked to put on record its appreciation of the contribution made by the **Society's President and Vice-Presidents** to the standing of the Society and ecclesiology, as follows: the Rt Revd David Stancliffe (President), DD, MA, FRSCM; Dr Donald Buttress (President Emeritus), OBE, LVO, DLITT, MA, FSA, ARIBA, Surveyor Emeritus of Westminster Abbey; the Rt. Revd & Rt Hon. Richard Chartres, KCVO, DD, FSA; the Lord Cormack, DL, FSA; the Rt Hon. Frank Field, MP; Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Kt, DD, FBA; M. J. Saunders, MBE, MA, FSA; Professor Gavin Stamp, Hon. FRIAS, Hon. FRIBA, FSA; Lady Wedgwood, FSA. Trevor Cooper expressed our gratitude to Professor MacCulloch for his support over our letter to *The Times* regarding what is to be done about our historic church stock. The motion (proposed by Chris Webster, seconded by Trevor Cooper) was approved unanimously.

7. To elect **honorary officers and members of the Council**. The following nominations had been received: Director of Publicity and Publications (Acting): Trevor Cooper; Membership Secretary: Clive Chapman; Reviews Editor: Christopher Webster; Editor of *Ecclesiology Today*: Nick Chapple; Editor of *Church Crawler*:

Phil Draper; Conference Administrator: Christopher Moore; Website manager: Mark Kirby; Treasurer: Anthony Gilmour; Visits organiser: Sarah Perons; Minutes Secretary: Dr Geoff Brandwood; Secretary: Becky Payne; Members of Council: Dr Paul Barnwell, Andrew Derrick, Ruth Knight, Paul Velluet. Trevor Cooper explained that Valerie Hitchman was retiring from the post of Membership Secretary thanked here for her work over the years to get the records in order and to maintain them efficiently. The nominations were approved unanimously (proposed by Andrew Foster, seconded by Jonathan Kewley).

8. **Honorary Auditor** (that is, the Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts). Mark Ockleton was elected (proposed by Trevor Cooper, seconded by Paul Velluet).

9. **Any other business.** None, other than that Trevor Cooper expressed his thanks for the Council for its work over the past year,

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.