

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ENGLISH CLERGY ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016 AT 11.45 AM

*Held at St Giles-in-the-Field, London  
(by kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens)*

1. Dr Peter Smith took the chair and the Revd Stephen Seamer opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Apologies were received for absence from a number of members, including the Revd John Masding, Revd Lindsay Charles Dew, Rt Revd Robert Paterson, Bishop of Sodor and Man, Revd Dr. Mike Ovey, Rt Revd David Urquart, Bishop of Birmingham, David G LI Morgan, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Mrs S.J. Harcourt-Smith, Revd Canon Andrew Hawes, Rev Edmund Haviland, The Lord Cormack, Rt Revd. Christopher Foster, Bishop of Portsmouth, The Most Revd and Rt Hon John Sentamu, The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, the Revd Tony Roake, The Revd Richard Hoyal, The Revd Clifford Bradley, Baroness Willoughby de Eresby.
3. The Minutes of the previous AGM and Special General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 having already been distributed, it was resolved that they be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record thereof.
4. On behalf of the Council, the Revd Canon Peter Johnson presented the Association's Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2015. There being no questions, the Accounts were received. It was noted that although our reserves were adequate income had been static for some time. It was reported that the Council had looked at the annual subscription to the Association and proposed raising it to £15. This was duly proposed and seconded and passed unanimously.
5. The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trustees of the Benefit Fund for 2015 were put before the meeting by way of information. It was noted that these had yet to be submitted for examination.
6. The following Honorary Officers were elected for the ensuing year after being duly proposed and seconded:- Chairman – Dr Peter Smith; Vice Chairman – Revd Stephen Seamer; Hon Treasurer – Revd Canon Peter Johnson; Hon Almoner – Revd Richard Hall; Registrar – Revd Mark Binney

7. The Revd Francis Gardom was nominated and elected as a member of the Council for a further three years. Mr Lee Coley, a solicitor with ecclesiastic law experience was also nominated and elected as a member of Council for three years.
8. In recognition of his great service to the Association over many years it was proposed and seconded and unanimously approved to make Revd John Masding a Vice President of the Association.
9. It was confirmed after duly being proposed and seconded that Crightley's would remain as our Independent examiner.
10. It was reported by the Chairman that one of our Vice-President's, Ven. Tim Walker, had tendered his resignation and wished to have no further involvement with the Association. Members of the Association at the meeting raised matters concerning the role of the Association with respect to monitoring the use of Church property and there was also a debate about the future possibilities of using Parson and Parish to promote the contemporary image of the Association including the possibility of changing the name of the publication. These issues would remain on the agenda of the Council.