**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OF THE ENGLISH CLERGY ASSOCIATION**

**HELD AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS VICARAGE**

**AT 2.00 PM ON TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2022**

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| 1. | The Revd Cassa Messervy opened the meeting with prayer. |
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| 2. | Apologies were received for absence from a number of members, a list of whom is attached hereto, together with a list of members present at the meeting. |
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| 3. | The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 11th May 2021 having been distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record thereof. |
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| 4. | There were no matters arising from the Minutes. |
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| 5. | The Hon. Treasurer, The Revd Canon Peter Johnson, presented the Association’s Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2021. He reported another deficit of around £1000 for the year. It was determined to review the rate of subscription at the next Council meeting in October. The Accounts were approved with The Revd Cassa Messervy proposing and The Revd Canon Derek Earis seconding. |
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| 6. | The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of the Benefit Fund for 2021 were put before the meeting by the Hon. Treasurer by way of information. He reported that the Benefit Fund was quite healthy and some £18780 had been given in 2021 in 34 grants and more were anticipated in this year. The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement was received by the meeting. The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts had been examined and submitted to the Charity Commissioners. The Chairman on behalf of the meeting thanked the Treasurer for all of his hard work and diligence on behalf of the Association. |
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| 7. | The Council proposed Dr Peter Smith as the Chair and The Revd Cassa Messervy as Vice Chair and there being no other nominations and having indicated their willingness to serve, Dr Peter Smith and The Revd Cassa Messervy were duly appointed for the following year (ex officio members of the Council). The following were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices (the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Almoner being ex-officio members of the Council).  The Revd Canon Peter Johnson Hon. Treasurer  The Revd Richard Hall Hon. Almoner |
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| 8. | There were no proposals for membership of the Council, existing members having been elected until the AGM of 2024. The existing members are listed in the Report of the Council approved under item 5 above. |
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| 9. | There were no candidates proposed as a Vice-President |
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| 10. | After being duly proposed and seconded, the reappointment of Critchley’s as independent examiners of the accounts was confirmed. |
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| 11. | Mrs Margaret Marshall drew the meetings attention to a report in “The Times” from Monday April 2nd about the Caleb scheme, an accelerated ordination scheme for older committed churchgoing worshippers. She wondered if the Association could be supportive towards those training and ordained under the scheme. Sir Anthony Milnes Coates found the scheme encouraging. A note of caution was made by the Revd Melanie Marshall who would like to find out more about the scheme and the quality of the training. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman would make further enquiries and report back on ways in which the Association may be able to be involved. Mrs Marshall was thanked for bringing this matter to our attention.  The Chairman reported on the suggestion agreed earlier by the Council that we inaugurate a series of Zoom talks throughout the coming year on topics of interest to members. Some of these may also be live. A number of distinguished potential speakers had been identified and had agreed to speak to the Association at an appropriate time.  The Chairman was thanked for all of his hard work on behalf of the Association. |
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|  | There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50pm. |