

THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST.ANNE, NORTHAMPTON

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 18th October at the end of Divine Liturgy

Attending the meeting

Anna Holden

Elena Symeou

Elizabeth Curtis

Deacon James Burns

Peter Cousins

Sarah Faulkner

Seraphim Alton Honeywell

Priest Timothy Curtis

Elizabeth Palmer

Adam Palmer

Elizabeth Nash

Nicola Hermitage

Apologies none

First item-Parish Priest's Report

Fr Timothy gave a blessing

Minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed off

Huge thanks to all of those who have contributed time and effort to develop and grow the parish over the last year. Weekly attendance is up to 30-40 people and we have received a number of adults over the last year, and provided over a dozen infant baptisms. New vestments have been purchased, and Oksana Sachonenko has donated, to St Ragner's Trust, a Golgotha icon set, a handcross, altar candelabra, a lity plate and a panikhida tabe- all important enhancements to the parish.

We have been offered the use of the Reitlinger Fresco's which have been in storage since their use by the St Sergius and St Alban Fellowship in London. These are internationally famous, and historically important. They will cover almost all of the chapel walls.

We have received offers of help from other parishes to raise a loan fund of £5,000 for St Procopius parish in Uganda to create a workshop to earn income. We are waiting for a business plan from the parish.

[News since the meeting: Archbishop Job has been moved to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, leaving us without an archbishop. Bishop Jean of Chariopoulis, recently consecrated to help the Archdiocese, is our temporary bishop whilst we go through the process of electing a new Archbishop. We will be updating the register of members before Christmas.]

Second item- Appointment of Parish Officers

Parish Warden- Seraphim has agreed to continue in this role for one more year. Eleanor has agreed to be a key holder and assist Seraphim where she can.

Parish Secretary- Sarah Faulkner and Elizabeth Palmer as Deputy

Welfare Officer-Anna Holden to continue in this role

Appointment of another Lay Representative to the General Assembly of the Archdiocese- Anna Holden

Youth rep-Ben Curtis to replace Joshua Curtis

Third item- Financial Report

Not much of a change from our last meeting £3600 with money set aside for the Archbishops visit and a cheque for our next loan payment sent to Oxford

Fifth item-Future Parish Events

Pilgrimage to venerate St Boniface at All Saints Church, Brixworth dates to be announced

Any other business

A reminder:

Divine Liturgy is at 10:00 every Sunday

Jesus Prayer a opportunity of quiet prayer 7:30 every Monday

Vespers is at 7:30 every Wednesday

Date of the next meeting

Sunday 14th January after the Divine Liturgy

