

THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF ST. ANNE, NORTHAMPTON

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

17th July 2016 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
Cuthbert Hayes
Joseph Gobbos

Apologies

Elizabeth Palmer
Adam Palmer
Elizabeth Nash

First Item-Parish Priest's Report

Fr Timothy gave a blessing
Minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed off

Since our last meeting, I am delighted to say that Bishop Jean Reneteau, who had been consecrated as a bishop by the Patriarch of Constantinople and given to our Archdiocese to help Archbishop Job, has been duly elected by priests and laypeople at the Archdiocese Council meeting.

Hieromonk Porphyrios, from Exeter, who was also put forward as a candidate received a good number of votes but the overwhelming number was in favour of Bishop Jean. The enthronement of Archbishop John of Charioupolis, Patriarchal Exarch of the Orthodox Parishes of Russian tradition in Western Europe, took place on Thursday 26 May at 5 p.m. at the Saint Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Paris. Archbishop John will preside over the Divine Liturgy on May 27 in the Cathedral.

Archbishop Job has been moved to another position in Bussy.

In May, at the Deanery Conference in High Leigh, our beloved Deacon was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Jean. This was Archbishop Jean's first ordination! It was a joy to concelebrate with my own father in law, in the presence of family and fond friends from all around the Europe.

Father James will be celebrating with me for a while, and then there will be a rota established.

The Reitlinger Frescos and the iconostasis have arrived from various parts of the UK and are in storage. Over the summer, we will be mounting them on the walls of the chapel and reordering the layout of the sanctuary. We will also be renovating and repainting the whole building.

The parish continues to grow steadily, with new folk joining almost every week.

Second item- Financial Report

Approx. £2000 In the account there is still a need to encourage subscribing members so we can build a strong financial future for the parish. Sarah is applying for Charitable status and then gift aid.

Third Item-Future Parish Events

Clergy meeting in London 25th-26th November
Icon Course

Any other business

Our new Lay Representatives where elected these are Anna Holden and (alternate) Seraphim Alton Honeywell

A reminder:

Divine Liturgy is at 10:00 every Sunday

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

Vespers is at 7:30 every Wednesday

Date of the next meeting

TBA

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