

**REPORT**  
from the  
**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
held on Tuesday, 20th April, 2010

**ELECTION RESULTS**

2 Churchwardens	Peter Scully, Lorna Churn
3 PCC Members	Lorna Addo Quaye, Peter Hounsell, Jennifer Quick,
3 Betham Trustees	Annabel Radville, Brian Radville, Beth Morris
1 Greenford Parochial Charity	Beth Morris
2 Assistant Wardens	Jill Marsh, Peter Fuller



**FAIR COMMENT?**

Over 50 people attended and the meeting which lasted just over one hour.

There was a hotly contested election for Betham Trustee, with six nominations for three places, the first time I remember there being a need for an election for this onerous position! (Three meetings a year).

One of the younger members of the congregation attending spoke to me a few days later and expressed some mixed feelings about the meeting. The format was intimidating and unhelpful. The lay-out of the chairs and tables was counter-productive to communication and participation. The very cavernous proportions of the New Church made the meeting feel wrong. This comment was from someone who comes to the same church building regularly and hasn't felt like this before about the building. This person felt excluded from the business because the speeches were almost all inaudible, even with the microphone being passed around in the clumsy way it was. This person did not feel encouraged to attend our APCM ever again, if it was going to be more of the same thing.

I think we have to take note of this point of view.

I remember that we used to hold the APCM in the smaller and more warm atmosphere of the Parish Room, and I suggest that we return to there for next year's meeting. The chairs can be made more into a friendly semi-circle and people will feel more included and find it easier to hear and more comfortable to express a point of view or ask a question.

We could also have a more relaxed atmosphere if we had some refreshments before or afterwards, with even a glass of wine on offer?

Shall we try a different approach in 2011?

Neil Richardson

