

**340<sup>th</sup> Annual General Court of Sons & Friends  
of the Clergy, held in the West Crypt, Guildhall, London,  
on the second Thursday of November (8<sup>th</sup> November), 2018**

**PRESENT:**

**Governors:** Mr D Agur, The Venerable C Allsopp, Mr D H Briggs, Mr S Brooker, Ms A M Brougham, The Reverend G Cassidy, Mr D Cole-Adams, The Reverend Neil Cocking, Mr J Cumins, The Reverend Canon C J Davies, Mr D Dickenson, The Reverend Dr N R Dunn, Mr L Evander, Mr R D Farmbrough, Mr A R Godfrey, The Hon Mrs E Green, Mr J A Hargreaves, Mr D Hattersley, Mr L Hillman, Mr M Hockney, Mr C V S Hoare-Nairn, Mr T D D Hoffman, The Reverend Canon R F Hunte, Mr E A Jackson, The Reverend W P Kennedy, Mr P Kennerley, Lady Lenzie, Mr J Lewin, The Venerable D W Lowman, Lady Mawer, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Mr C D L Menzies, Mr P Mial, Mrs J Rich, Dr R Palmer, Mr E D Roberts, The Right Reverend D D J Rossdale (chair), Dr N de M Rudolph, Mr J A T Saywell, Mr D M V Short, Mr P Simmons, Ms E Stary, Mr M Stewart, Mr K Stern, Mrs L Stone CBE, Mr P Tuft, Mr B Varley, Mr P N C Walker and Mr T Watts,

**New Governors elected at the meeting:** Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr C Marment and Mr E Shooter (Charles Stanley), Ms K Rogers (Cazenove), Ms M Roberts ( Sarasin) Ms K Patel, Mr M King (Buzzacott), The Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft (Speaker) and members of the staff of the charity.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Dr D Allen, Mr T Baxendale, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Reverend Canon M J A Anderson, Mr J Asbury-Bailey, Mr R J Askwith, Mr J Beachell, Mr G Buckley, The Baroness Byford, Mr W G B Carrick, Mr M Carter, Sir John Chadwick, The Reverend R Chavner, Mr P Chapman MBE, Mr D I Cobb, The Reverend B Coker, Mr M Cornwall-Jones, Mr J Courtney, The Right Reverend J D E Davies, Colonel F N J Davies, Mr R Davies, Mr S C Doble, The Reverend Canon C Dawson, Mr D O Fitzhugh, The Right Reverend C Fletcher, Mrs M A Fromow, The Venerable K H Gibbons, Mr A J Gillett, The Venerable K R Good, Mr A Graves, Mr G Greenhous, Alderman T Hailes JP, The Reverend D Hart, Mr N Heal, Mr P H Holroyd, Mr R Hughes, Mr R Hurrion, Mr N J R James, The Reverend Canon D Jennings, The Right Reverend G Knowles, The Right Reverend L E Luscombe, Mr R Mills MBE Jr, The Venerable J Morrison, Mr A Platt, Dr Colin Podmore, Mr J M B Prichard, Mr N Pullman, Mr J Rank, Mr J S Ray, Mr N Redcliff, Mrs J Rich, Mrs S Richards, Canon John Roberts, Mr Rokeby Johnson Mr M Rupp, Mrs J Rupp, Mrs J Sandham, Mr W S Shand, Mrs S Shaw, Dr J Slater, Mr M Squires, The Right Reverend Dr A Smith, Mr J Staples, Mr J Stedman, Sir J Stuttard, The Right Reverend Tim Thornton, Lady Z Verney, Mr D Wakefield, Mr C Weller, Mr R A M Welsford, The Venerable R Whiteman, Mr C W G Wilson, Mrs J A Wilson and Mr S Wright.

The Right Reverend David Rossdale welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that, due to a family bereavement, Mr Jeremy Moodey, Chief Executive, was unable to be present.

**I. Prayers**

Prayers were said by Ms Alex Brougham.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

With the agreement of the meeting, the list of apologies was taken as read.

## **3. Minutes of the 339<sup>th</sup> Annual General Court of Sons & Friends of the Clergy held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **a) Approval of the minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual General Court held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved for signing by the chairman, The Right Reverend David Rossdale.

### **b) Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Governors deceased**

The names of the following Governors whose death had been reported were read out and all those present stood in silence in their memory: The Reverend Graham Blacktop, Viscount Churchill, Mr Simon Gordon Clark, Mr Christopher Latham, Mr J K Melling, Mr Hugh Peppiatt, The Venerable R E D Sharpley, Professor Rodney Taylor, Mr David Vermont, Mr Anthony Woodall and the Reverend Thomas Wynford-Phillips.

## **5. Senior Treasurer's report, including the presentation of the 2017 Annual Report and Accounts of Sons & Friends of the Clergy**

The Right Reverend David Rossdale gave the Senior Treasurer's report. He advised those present that both the Senior Treasurer's and the CEO's report would be brought together. Bishop Rossdale reported on the commitment of the Court of Assistants, who together have worked to develop a clearer internal structure, ensuring that governance procedures reflect best practice in the charity sector. In the light of the change in the Charity's objects in 2017, Bishop Rossdale spoke of the charity's ambition to further develop a wellbeing agenda to support the needs of Anglican clergy. He paid tribute to the Court of Assistants, Treasurers and staff, and confirmed the appointment of Sarah Crombie as Director of Charitable Services and Nick Gazard as Marketing and Communications Manager. He thanked Canon Christopher Davies for presiding at the Eucharist earlier in the day and the Reverend George Bush for the welcome received every year at St Mary-le-Bow. He thanked the Governors for their support and commitment to the charity.

There were no questions for the Senior Treasurer arising from the Report. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2017.

## **6. Updating the Royal Charter**

Bishop Rossdale summarised the proposed amendments to the Royal Charter, as set out in the explanatory memorandum circulated to Governors, and invited any comments. Lord Lloyd of Berwick asked that in future, when seeking to elect a vice president, the charity consider selecting a senior member of the judiciary. In response to a question from Mr David Short, Ms Alex Brougham confirmed that 'Friends of the Clergy' was incorporated by Act of Parliament, and further explained that when the two charities amalgamated, in accordance with the process set by the Charity Commissioners, the Royal Charter became the governing document for the combined charities.

Mr Lester Hillman, in relation to the Annual General Court meeting (Article 10), did not support the proposed change to the Charter to allow the holding of the meeting in a different month. Mr Stephen Brooker however extended his thanks and support to all concerned on their work in seeking to revise of the Royal Charter.

Bishop Rossdale thanked the Governors as, stakeholders, for their support throughout the consultation phase. He invited any further comments to be sent directly to the Chief Executive. The next stage will be to approach the Privy Council about the proposed changes.

## **7. Appointment of Auditors**

A resolution proposing Buzzacott as auditors of the charity for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was passed *nem con*.

## **8. Election of new Governors**

Mr Michael Hockney, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney, Mr Ian Grundy, Alderman Prem Goyal and Mr Guy Fearon were elected as Governors on the proposal of the Right Reverend David Rossdale.

## **9. Election of:**

### **a) Honorary President(s)**

The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London were elected as honorary Presidents on the proposal of the Right Reverend David Rossdale. This is in addition to the Archbishop of Canterbury who was so elected at the last Annual General Court.

### **b) Members of the Court of Assistants for the coming year**

The Right Reverend David Rossdale paid tribute to Ms Alex Brougham, Lady Mawer and Mrs Jill Sandham, who were not standing for re-election to the Court. Each had served the Court faithfully and well over a long period of time.

The Venerable Christine Allsopp paid tribute to The Right Reverend David Rossdale who, over a number of years, had given outstanding contribution to the charity as a trustee and who was now standing down as Senior Treasurer and trustee.

On the proposal of The Right Reverend David Rossdale it was resolved *nem con* that:

- The Reverend Canon Simon Butler be elected as a member of the Court of Assistants and Senior Treasurer, with effect from the end of the meeting.
- The Reverend Jack Dunn be elected as Treasurer.
- The Venerable Christine Allsopp be re-elected Treasurer.
- Mr Richard Farmbrough, Mr Jeremy Hargreaves and Mrs Jackie Jordan be elected as members of the Court of Assistants.

In each case to hold and serve in such offices in accordance with the Royal Charter.

In the light of the above, and on the proposal of The Right Reverend David Rossdale, it was resolved *nem con* that the following be elected to serve as members of the Court of Assistants for the coming year:

The Venerable Christine Allsopp	The Reverend Canon Roxanne Hunte
The Reverend Canon Simon Butler	Ms Jackie Jordan
The Reverend Canon Christopher Davies	The Reverend Wendy Kennedy
The Reverend Dr Jack Dunn	The Venerable David Lowman
Mr Richard Farmbrough	Mr Jonathan Prichard
Mr Andrew Gillett	The Right Reverend Tim Thornton
Mr Jeremy Hargreaves	Mr Patrick Walker
Mr Tom Hoffman	

#### **10. The guest speaker: The Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford**

The chair introduced the guest speaker, the Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. In an insightful address, Dr Croft spoke of the issues facing Anglican clergy today. He spoke particularly of the need for clergy to ‘change gears’ as they address the challenges of a changing culture and society, with higher ratios of time off to time on, of giving out to taking in and of pastoral support and supervision to giving out. Dr Croft also referred to the need to build ‘a culture of interdependence and resilience among the clergy’, and the importance of self-care. Referring to the ‘Flourishing in Ministry’ initiative in his own diocese, he emphasised the need for senior diocesan staff, including himself, to model good practice. Dr Croft also stressed the ‘vital role’ played by charities such as Sons & Friends.

The Senior Treasurer thanked Dr Croft for his address.

#### **11. Any other business**

There being no other business, the Senior Treasurer closed the meeting by thanking the Chief Commoner for allowing the charity to hold its Annual General Court meeting in the Guildhall.

The meeting closed with The Grace.