

**SAINT FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY, TENERIFE SOUTH  
MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE DANISH HOTEL, CALLAO SALVAJE,  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 11am**

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Following a Eucharist Service at 10.15am and a coffee break the AGM commenced with prayer by Fr. Keith.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

William Blocksom	Sarah Elizabeth Copeland	Ophelia Sarah John
Brenda Bush	Mary Catherine Curnow	Jean Mary Kelly
Angela Callaghan	Terence Peter Curnow	Norma Martindale
Marisha Carter	Elise Harding	William Martindale
Dorothy Patricia Cole	Margaret Higgs	Patricia Parsons
Moira Congreve	William Howarth Higgs	Elizabeth Anne Thomas
Peter Copeland	Joyce Hutton	Patricia Whenlock

In Attendance: Fr. Keith Gordon – Chairman  
33 Electoral Roll Members  
3 Visitors

**3. MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD  
ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006 (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED) ENC.1**

The minutes were approved as read and there were no matters arising. A proposal was made to adopt the minutes.

**Proposed by John Bosley  
Seconded by Alec West  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. “THE CHAPLAINCY EMBRACES THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001 AND ELECTS TWO (2)  
CHURCHWARDENS FOR EACH CHURCH” DAVID DUNN ENC.2**

David Dunn addressed the meeting and a précis of his report is attached to these minutes. Following this report a lengthy discussion took place in which several members put forward their point of view. Fr. Keith re-iterated the content of an e-mail from Adrian Mumford, the Diocesan Secretary and also presented a document regarding the appointment of Chaplaincy Wardens. The Chaplaincy Council approved this document on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

The main point made by David Dunn was that each church should have 2 Churchwardens. Elizabeth West produced a copy of some Statutes that apparently supported this.

Richard Bush said he could not see what the problem was as we could have as many assistants as required and that in his own parish in UK this system worked perfectly well.

The Rev. Michael Harding said he was very sad at the grumblings being directed to Fr. Keith. He pointed out that there are now 4 congregations and these were worship centres and not churches and it was important to get our facts correct.

Fr. Keith took on board the comments made, however he said we should look forward and grow in the future and then we would be in a better position to re-visit the issue, until then we must embrace the provisions of the Churchwardens measures of 2001 in which it outlines the provision for 2 Churchwardens.

**Fr. Keith proposed that we continue to embrace the provisions of the Churchwardens measures of 2001.**

**Seconded by Sue Flather.**

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## **5. ELECTION OF THE CHURCH WARDENS**

Fr. Keith thanked the Churchwardens of the previous year Jean Bates and John Bosley for their work and commitment. There was a special vote of thanks to John who was not standing for another term. Fr. Keith gave each of the wardens a gift in appreciation of their work and commitment.

This year there were three nominations for the two posts therefore a ballot was necessary. The nominees were Jean Bates, Shirley Beard and Alec West

### **The result were:**

Jean Bates	30 votes
Shirley Beard	27 votes
Alec West	9 votes

**Jean Bates and Shirley Beard were duly elected to serve for the next 12 months.**

## **6. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Fr. Keith thanked all members of the previous council for their hard work and he said it had been a good year. Fr. Keith gave each of the council members a gift in appreciation of their work and commitment.

John Bosley asked before voting took place if those who had been nominated for council could stand up so people could identify who they were. As some of these people were not present Sue Flather suggested it might be an idea for the future to have a photograph of nominees so they could be identified.

This year there were 11 nominations for the position of 8 places on council, nominations and results of a ballot were as follows:

<b>NOMINEES</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>ELECTED TO COUNCIL</b>
<b>William Blocksom</b>	<b>16</b>	✓
<b>Kate Bosley</b>	<b>32</b>	✓
<b>Fay Briffett</b>	<b>28</b>	✓
<b>Alan Charlesworth</b>	<b>30</b>	✓
Moira Congreve	10	
<b>Sue Dale</b>	<b>23</b>	✓
<b>Jean Kelly</b>	<b>31</b>	✓
<b>Elizabeth Thomas</b>	<b>23</b>	✓
<b>Alec West</b>	<b>19</b>	✓
Elizabeth West	14	
Patricia Whenlock	15	

## **7. ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS**

It was noted that all willing members of the congregations should act as side persons at services, as and when necessary.

**Proposed by Fr. Keith**  
**Seconded by Shirley Beard**  
**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## **8. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER**

Report previously circulated.

No queries were noted and therefore a proposal was made to accept the report.

**Proposed by Fay Briffett**  
**Seconded by Joan Castleton**  
**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Fr. Keith wished to record appreciation for all the hard work done by Jean Kelly in compiling the Electoral Roll.

Alec West brought up the issue of people being discouraged from putting forward their name due to costs. Fr. Keith said we must actively encourage people to put forward their names.

## **9. ELECTION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER**

Jean Kelly had confirmed that she was willing to continue in this post for a further year.

**Proposed by Fr. Keith  
Seconded by Sue Flather  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Report previously circulated.

Fr. Keith thanked Sue Dale and Jean Bates on the work they had done for the secretarial position.

The report prepared by Sue Dale was received.

**Proposed by Kate Bosley  
Seconded by Dudley Thomas  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## **11. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **11.1 Adoption of the Financial Accounts for 2006**

Copies of the Reports and Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 had been previously circulated to Electoral Roll members.

There were no queries on these accounts and a proposal to adopt them was made.

**Proposed by Greta Dermott-Clarke  
Seconded by Steve Beaton  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Fr. Keith gave a vote of thanks to Philip Davies, Jean Bates and Alan Charlesworth for all their hard work and efforts.

Fr. Keith informed the meeting that Philip Davies no longer lived on the island however he was willing to continue for the time being as treasurer. The new council would take the decision on the role of treasurer for the coming year.

Fr. Keith also outlined the work undertaken by Alan Charlesworth with the Gift Aid scheme, this had produced tremendous results, which would not show until the accounts of 2007.

Fr. Keith read out a letter from Edna Goodall the independent financial examiner confirming she had had sight of the accounts and found them to be correct and presented in a professional manner.

## **12. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF FINACIAL STATEMENT FOR ENSUING YEAR**

In her letter Edna Goodall had stated that due to family commitments she would be unlikely to be available next year.

Fr. Keith proposed that the new council urgently look for an auditor for 2007.

**Proposed by Fr. Keith  
Seconded by Elizabeth West  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## **13. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHURCHWARDENS ON THE CHURCH INVENTORY, CHURCH FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING**

This report had been previously circulated to Electoral Roll members. A proposal to accept the report was made.

**Proposed by Christine Gaunt  
Seconded by Bill Nash  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Alec West felt that a vote of thanks should go to Ophelia John for her work on the Sacristan at San Eugenio.

## **14. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ARCHDEACON SYNOD**

Report previously circulated.

Fr. Keith gave a vote of thanks to Shirley Beard and Elise Harding for their hard work and reporting of the event.

Shirley said that Fr. Keith had worked very hard at the Synod in bringing clergy together as some of the Chaplaincy positions in the Archipelago were very isolated. Fr. Keith had instigated the inclusion of the Chaplain from Madeira.

Fr. Keith spoke about the importance of the sharing of ideas and comradeship at such events.

A proposal was made to adopt the report.

**Proposed by Dot Schofield  
Seconded by Hazel Nobel  
Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Before the meeting closed a vote of thanks was given by Fr. Keith to Lionel and Sue Flather for their work and dedication to the Parish Magazine. Due to the work commitments of Lionel and Sue they were no longer able to carry on as editors so Alan Charlesworth had agreed to take on the role.

Also Richard Bush thanked the Chaplain Fr. Keith for his work and total commitment to the Parish.

## **15. CLOSING PRAYER**

Fr. Keith read a passage from 2 Corinthians:

*Remember this, a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully, and God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say,*

*"Godly people give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will never be forgotten."*

*For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God. So two good things will happen the needs of the Christians in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanksgiving to God. You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you.*

*Thank God for his Son a gift too wonderful for words!*

**Fr. Keith closed the meeting at 12.50 with a prayer.**