



St Martha & St Mary's

ANGLICAN CHURCH LEUVEN

Annual Meeting — Sunday, 30 April 2023, 17:30-18:30 — Justus Lipsiuscollege, Leuven

The Chaplain **opened** the meeting with **prayer** at 17:41.

She noted one addition to the **Agenda**: ie, the intern's report.

Apologies for Absence: Lydia and Paul were unfortunately unable to attend.

The **Minutes** from the **May 2022 Annual Meeting** were approved.

Reports

Sarah then read the **Wardens' Report**.

The Chaplain expressed thanks for such a beautiful report. Karen noted the existence of ongoing spiritual and vocational formation ministries.

Filipe read his **Intern's Report**. He afterwards noted, in particular, how special it had been for him to be involved in the liturgy — and he only lamented he had not had even more time to devote to the role. He would also have cherished the chance to accompany the Chaplain in counselling. Upon request, he explained further his experience in the Archdeaconry Synod.

For the **Treasurer's Report**: Sarah-Jane, in Paul's absence, thanked him for his excellent work and highlighted, on his behalf, that the Council had voted on a balanced budget: ie, with no planned either surpluses or deficits. She noted as well the availability of funds should people have ideas; these were funds which should be used for God's Kingdom.

Responding to a question regarding the priest's housing allowance, the Chaplain explained that StadLeuven funds would be available for a priest living in Leuven.

Rutgers explained this was per Belgian law. He also advised that perhaps one-off expenditures (e.g., on events) would be wiser than long-term commitments, since it was unclear whether the current high level of giving would continue.

The Chaplain expressed **thanks for Paul**, who would be moving on from both the Council and Kerkrad.

Noting that her own **[Chaplain's]** and the **Curate's Reports** were printed, she proposed moving on to **elections** — although, she explained, no elections were actually needed: since just two individuals, **Roshni** and **Andrew**, were standing for two vacant posts.

Roshni and Andrew briefly introduced themselves and explained their desire to serve. Roshni recalled the feelings of welcome and encouragement she had experienced in the community; Andrew was thankful, also for the sake of his small children, for the recent increase in morning services.

Heartfelt thanks were expressed to **Karen** and **Paul** (in absentia) for their service on the Council.

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The Chaplain announced, with a 'bundle of mixed emotions', her family's pending return to London.

Alan explained the practicalities of the **search process** to be expected: the Archdeacon would come from Groningen to meet with the Council in the coming months, with the wardens — and not the clergy — assuming responsibility in setting up a search committee.

Filipe expressed **heartfelt thanks to the Chaplain** on behalf of the congregation.

The meeting **concluded** at 18:29 with the collective **praying of the Grace**.