

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At an Ordinary Congregation

held on Thursday, 3rd December, 2020

at 9.30 am via Zoom

Present

Professor Michael Proctor	Dr Freddy Foks	Dr Cicely Marshall
Dr Zoe Adams	Professor Rob Foley	Professor Nicholas Marston
Dr Ronojoy Adhikari	Dr Dejan Gajic	Professor Jean Michel Massing
Dr Tess Adkins	Dr Chryssi Giannitsarou	Dr Naomi McGovern
Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr Ingo Gildenhard	Dr Fraz Mir
Dr Mark Ainslie	Dr David Good	Professor Cam Middleton
Dr David Al-Attar	Dr Caroline Goodson	Dr Jonah Miller
Dr Anna Alexandrova	Professor Tim Griffin	Dr Perveez Mody
Dr Nick Atkins	Professor Gillian Griffiths	Professor Geoff Moggridge
Professor Gareth Austin	Professor Mark Gross	Dr Kamiar Mohaddes
Professor William Baker [not	Dr Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan	Dr Basim Musallam
Dr John Barber	Dr Aline Guillermet	Dr Johannes Noller
Professor Mike Bate	Dr Cesare Hall	Dr Rory O'Bryen
Dr Alice Blackhurst	Professor Ross Harrison	Dr Rosanna Omitowaju
Professor Richard Bourke	Mrs Lorraine Headen	Professor Robin Osborne
Dr Mirjana Bozic	Professor John Henderson	Dr Tejas Parasher
Dr Angela Breitenbach	Dr Felipe Hernandez	Dr John Perry
Professor Jude Browne	Dr Kate Herrity	Dr Ben Ravenhill
Professor Nick Bullock	Dr Ryan Heuser	Professor Bob Rowthorn
Miss Katie Campbell	Dr Myfanwy Hill	Professor Hamid Sabourian
Dr Matei Candea	Dr David Hillman	Professor Jason Sharman
Dr Keith Carne	Professor Stephen Hugh Jones	Dr Mark Smith
Revd Dr Stephen Cherry	Professor Carrie Humphrey	Dr Mike Sonenscher
Dr Maurice Chiodo	Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Sharath Srinivasan
Dr Francesco Colucci	Dr Alice Hutchings	Professor Gareth Stedman Jones
Dr E Zychowicz-Coghill	Mr Daniel Hyde	Mr James Trevithick
Dr Sarah Crisp	Professor Martin Hyland	Professor Caroline van Eck
Dr Laura Davies	Mr Philip Isaac	Dr Bert Vaux
Professor Anne Davis	Professor Mark Johnson	Dr Jamie Vicary
Professor Pete de Bolla	Mr Peter Jones	Dr Rob Wallach
Dr James Dolan	Dr Jerelle Joseph	Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex
Professor John Dunn	Professor Richard Jozsa	Dr Tom White
Professor George Efstathiou	Professor Barry Keverne	Professor Nicolette Zeeman
Dr Sebastian Eves van Den Akker	Professor James Laidlaw	
Professor Iain Fenlon	Professor Richard Lambert	<i>Junior Members</i>
Dr John Filling	Professor Charlie Loke	Mr Crayton
Dr Tim Flack	Professor Sarah Lummis	Mr Everett
	Professor Alan Macfarlane	
	Dr Marwa Mahmoud	

Apologies

Dr Andreas Bender
Professor Richard Causton
Mr Nick Cavalla
Professor Brad Epps
Professor Khaled Fahmy
Dr Elisa Faraglia
Professor James Fawcett

Lord Tony Giddens
Professor Chris Gilligan
Dr Aileen Kelly
Dr Joanna Kusiak
Professor Dan McKenzie
Dr Philip Knox
Dr Ken Moody

Dr Julienne Obadia
Professor Chris Prendergast
Professor Paul Ryan
Dr James Taylor
Professor John Young

On leave

Professor John Arnold
Dr Aytek Erdil
Professor Matthew Gandy

Professor Simon Goldhill
Dr Adriana Pesci
Dr Surabhi Ranganathan

Dr Darin Weinberg

OPEN BUSINESS

Declarations of Interest

None.

83. Minutes of Reserved Business of the Annual Congregation held on 19th October 2020

Approved.

84. Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

85. Oral Reports

Annual Report

The Vice-Provost presented the Annual Report. Congregation gave its approval and thanked Jonty Carr and Cristina Travieso-Blanch for their work in preparing the report.

Covid-19 Update

The First Bursar and Senior Tutor gave an update on the current plans regarding Covid-19. There had been very few infections within the College, due to the care of students, staff and Fellows. The asymptomatic testing programme had also been valuable. About sixty students planned to stay in College over Christmas. This is higher than normal and reflects the difficulties of travel. The Officers were planning for the safe return of students in the new year.

Principal Business

86. Abstract of Accounts and the Auditor's Report

The Accounts for the year to 30th June, 2020 together with the Auditor's Report, was presented by the First Bursar on behalf of Council. The First Bursar reported that income from visitors and external catering had not recovered as rapidly as we had hoped. In the budget planning for next year, we will need to make significant savings to reach a balanced budget. The possibility of selling assets such as the Keynes Bequest was raised. This would add to our endowment. The Keeper of the College Collections agreed to seek information about the frequency with which paintings from this bequest are on display at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Congregation agreed:

- (i) To note the Accounts and the Auditor's Report.
- (ii) To reappoint Peters, Elworthy and Moore as the auditors.

87. Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee

The Committee commented on various matters and intended next year to be more involved in the setting and oversight of the budget. It praised the management of the College during the pandemic but asked Congregation to consider how best to make decisions in emergencies. It noted the wish to reduce the amount of wine stored in our cellars. There was a discussion of the way in which the Senior Wine Account operated. This account was required to break even over time, after meeting salary and other operational costs. It had done so by trading in wine. This had also meant that wines for College use were supplied at cost plus a mark-up rather than the higher, commercial costs.

The First Bursar was asked to tell the Fellowship the cost to the College of providing wines at High Table and dinners.

The Committee also asked about how decisions are made on the acceptance or rejection of donations. Currently we seek advice from CUDAR for smaller donations and from CBELA for larger ones. The Committee suggested appointing a Fellow to advise on such decisions.

The Committee's report will be considered by Council next Term. This will include looking at the proposals on donations.

88. Report of the Investment Committee

The annual report of the Investment Committee was received.

89. Report of the Director of Development

Fundraising had continued despite the difficult environment. The level of donations was below that of recent years, but still significant. The Director of Development was thanked for the progress towards our Campaign goals.

90. Report on Education

The Senior Tutor presented his report, thanking his staff, colleagues and students for their efforts in difficult times. Congregation also thanked the Senior Tutor for his leadership.

91 Graduate Report

The Graduate Tutors presented their report. While the challenges of the pandemic had been met well, its effects would be likely to persist for several years.

92. Report of the Research Managers

The Research Managers presented their report.

93. Report on Admissions

Professor Burgwinkle presented his report. Admissions for October 2020 had been very difficult because of the changing advice from the Government on examinations. That had ultimately led to an increase in numbers of undergraduates admitted. For 2021, interviews will take place entirely online. Application forms will also be held online, although there was concern about the usability of that data.

Professor Burgwinkle will retire soon and, on behalf of the Congregation, the Provost thanked him for his great and effective efforts.

94. Health and Safety Report

The Domus Bursar presented the Annual Report on Health and Safety and asked Congregation to approve it and to agree the objectives set out.

Congregation approved the Annual Health and Safety Report (2020) and agree objectives for 2021.

Routine papers (for report only)

95. Visitors' Department Annual Report 2020

The Domus Bursar presented the report on the Visitors' Department.

96. Risk Policy & Register

Congregation noted the risk policy and register.

97. Any Other Business

The Domus Bursar reported that the work on the Wilkins roof had revealed failings to the chimneys above A staircase. One of these is leaning

dangerously and requires attention. Consequently, scaffolding will be kept in place to assess and repair these chimneys even after the roof is complete.

The Provost reflected on a very strange and challenging year. He was sorry that the normal engagement at meetings, as well as socially, had been impossible and looked forward to its restoration. Before his retirement, he hopes to have concluded a revision of our Statutes and seen the successful completion of the College's fund-raising Campaign.

The Congregation ended at 12:18pm.