

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 14th April 2019 in the Christian Centre starting at 11.45am following a service of Holy Communion in church.

Present: The meetings were chaired by the Revd Derek Tighe. 27 other members/parishioners recorded their attendance.

Apologies for absence were recorded for 7 people.

Derek opened the meeting with thanks to all who helped to put the report booklet together.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2019

1. Report from the Churchwardens including Fabric and Furnishing (*page 2 of the booklet*)
Derek referred to the printed report. There were no questions or comments.
2. Appointment of two Churchwardens 2019-2020
In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the Chairman had received two valid nominations before the meeting for the two places. These were for Peter Bunn and Nick Hands-Clarke who were therefore declared duly appointed with acclamation. Derek thanked them both, especially as this is Peter's 13th year and Nick also has the task of Treasurer.

Derek also thanked Di Sutherland, who has stood down as Churchwarden, for all that she has done over the last few years. He also encouraged people to consider becoming a churchwarden in the future and was happy to hold a meeting during the next year with anyone interested in being a candidate.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Apologies for absence. These were recorded on one of the attendance forms that were circulated.
2. Minutes of the April 2018 meetings (*starting on page 3 of the booklet*)
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters Arising
There were none.

Reports

4. Church Electoral Roll Officer's Report and Appointment for the coming year (*page 5*)
The up to date figure is now 96 names.
Elizabeth Dobson was absent from the meeting but was happy to continue as the officer.
5. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod (*page 5*)
There were no questions or comments.
6. Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (*page 5*)
There were no questions or comments.
7. Receive the Reports from our Clergy and other Church Organisations (*page 7 onwards*)
There were no questions or comments.
8. Election of representatives to the PCC
 - a) one LLM (reader) place. Chris Watts was willing to serve and was duly appointed.
 - b) four members to serve for three years, 2019 to 2022
Nominations had been received from Debs Bunn, Di Sutherland, Anne Whibberley and Robina Williams. In the absence of further nominations they were declared duly elected.

9. Appointment of Sidespeople

It was agreed that anyone on the electoral Role may be invited to serve.

10. PCC membership — to seek to retain a minimum of 12 elected lay places

The default number of elected PCC lay members is determined by the number on the electoral roll: 9 for 51-100 and 12 for 101-200 on roll. The 2018 APCM had agreed that the number should remain at 12 for 2019 and it was agreed that this situation should continue for 2020.

11. Treasurer's Report: *(page 15 and separate accounts)*

a) Management Accounts for 2018 and budget for 2019

b) Consolidated Financial Statements for 2018

The accounts have been approved by Hayesmcintyre with various questions answered. Nick thanked Julia Redfern for her helpful feedback, much of which had been included. In reply to a question from Mike Gibb, Nick outlined the difference between restricted and unrestricted funds.

The budget and consolidated financial statements were agreed.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Nick proposed Messrs. hayesmacintyre. This was agreed.

13. Announcement of the results of any election votes

No announcement was needed.

14. Matters of General Parochial and Church Interest

Derek highlighted the Sign-up stewardship campaign and thanked those who set it up. The initial response has been encouraging but he would appreciate more responses.

Giving: one third of existing regular givers have responded plus one new regular giver. = £4,770 per annum increase, plus Gift Aid. Derek encouraged the use of standing orders. This increase still falls short of the necessary amount and Derek encouraged us to invite folk into church.

Serving: 19 forms have been received including two new people. Derek thanked the existing helpers who have offered even more help. He encouraged us to consider committing help and becoming part of our worship community. We are not just discussing St Martin's, but including St Mary's, our daughter church.

Peter Bunn reported he had hoped that when we ran the last stewardship campaign, we wouldn't have to do another one and just publish a reminder each year in our magazine. He encouraged us to keep our regular giving under review.

Derek expressed thanks to Alison Harding who has stood down from the Standing committee.

Stuart Peace highlighted the issue of visitors to church wishing to make a donation having difficulty finding where to put their money. Nick responded saying there have been some improvements regarding signage. Peter, Nick and Robina are looking into the options regarding cashless giving.

Derek emphasised we are the town centre church and need to make our presence felt more.

15. Vicar's closing words and prayers

We are here by the grace of God, and rejoice for the past year and look forward to the coming year.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

Proposed date of the next Annual Meetings: Sunday 26th April 2020 (to be confirmed).