**APCM**

**25th October 2020 at St Cuthberts Church and via Zoom during the morning service at 10am.**

**People present –**

Rev Jen Bradshaw, Rev Chantal Noppen, Anthony Harbottle-Noppen, Barbara Armstrong, Lydia Armstrong, Des Terris, Paula Barber, Phillip Barber, Brain Carmody, Marjorie Cooper, Marianne Clough, Bev McLean, Emma Waters, Rosemary Gale, Tom Parkin, Ian Hart, Sheila Hutchinson, Hayley Scott, William Walton, Betty Wilson, Dorothy Barkes, Lynne Colling, Ann Dipper, Barbara Docherty, Jacqueline Foster, Becca Cooper and Robert Cooper.

• Election of secretary for the meeting – Bev McLean

• Apologies – None though it was accepted that due to isolation some would not be present.

• Election of Church Wardens –

 Rev Jen thanks all the church wardens for all they have done.

**Church wardens elected for Oct 2020 – April 2021**

 **Paula Barber**

 Proposed by Marjorie Cooper

 Seconded by Bev McLean

 **Barbara Armstrong**

 Proposed by Lydia Armstrong

 Seconded by Des Terris

 **Brian Carmody**

 Proposed by Barbara Armstrong

 Seconded by Ian Hart

 **Bev McLean**

 Proposed by Marjorie Cooper

 Seconded by Paula Barber

There were no other candidates and no objections, all nominations were accepted.

• **Report from the clergy**

Rev Jen spoke of the strangeness of the year and how it is a legal requirement to hold a APCM/AGM each year. The APCM/AGM gives us a chance to meet and reflect on the life of the parish, to celebrate all the good things that have happened, learn from the mistakes and grow through the challenges.

Rev Chantal spoke from the set gospel, do we see what’s around us and are we looking but not actually seeing. We need to take time to really see where God is at work and to savour, acknowledge and enjoy it. God is being busy in our lives and we need to take time to notice and see what’s going on.

From Nehemiah Ezra explains the scriptures as the people around needed it interpreting. We are the people in the middle and we need to hear, say and speak so we can explain to others. We are encouraged to say “I think God is at work” and to explain how and why.

From Colossians – Clothe yourselves with love. Look around for good, courage, faith to speak Gods word. The more we speak the easier it gets. With eyes and ears of love we can see and hear God at work.

Rev Jen spoke of how Covid 19 has stopped a large amount of activity but there has been a resurgence in technology ( Zoom, Facebook etc) and people have discovered that they can do things they probably wouldn't have tried. A lot of people have appreciated their home life more and those who support them.

**There is GOOD NEWS from our Parish life among them:**

* The Beacon Project has started with new faces and new plans.
* Paula Barber and Emma Barker have started their Reader training.
* Bev McLean will be starting the lay chaplaincy course soon.
* Hayley Scott has started as a Ministry experience volunteer.
* A lot of work has been carried out on both church buildings and a lot of sorting, decorating and clearing done. There is a lot more planned and the building group are working hard on these plans.
* The church wardens have been engaging, enhancing, encouraging and supportive.

Rev Chantal reflected on the last 18 months and how we have lost members of our congregation but they and their families are still very much in our prayers and thoughts.

Rev Chantal and Rev Jen produced a long list of “good stuff" that has happened over the last 18 months. The congregation were encouraged to read out items on the list. It has been a challenging year but lots of good things have been happening. We remember the people, congregation and our church family who have been unable to attend services. We have tried to keep contact with them through Zoom, Facebook, telephone calls and letter/ notice sheet deliveries etc.

Rosemary Gale said she is glad to have joined us as she was unable to attend her usual place of worship.

•**Matters arising from minutes** – None

•**Report of electoral roll officer**

Electoral Roll collated and there are 70 people on the electoral roll, 3 people removed and 1 added.

•**Annual / Financial reports**

Tom thanked everyone for their support especially as it has been a tough year. Last year’s finances were okay but this year not so good. Tom thanked William for the gift aid work and for analysis of giving.

William asked why we paid our full quota, Rev Chantal explains how the money is needed for the diocese and it is the right thing to do. William thinks if people sign up to the Parish giving scheme more money will be coming in.

The clergy thanked Tom for his continuing work and support.

•**Appointment of independent examiner** –

The current examiner is Deborah Harrison.

**Deborah Harrison** to continue doing the role-

Proposed by Marjorie Cooper.

Seconded by Lydia Armstrong.

All agreed.

•**Questions and matters arising from this year’s parish reports**

Safeguarding report read out by Rev Jen.

Charlotte Waites is the safeguarding officer for the parish.

This year we were asked to complete a past case review, to ask if there had been any knowledge of abusive behaviour by clergy or parish officers towards children or adults historically and if all cases had been referred to the Diocesan safeguarding officer. PCC asked and no knowledge confirmed to diocese. Past case review – No concerns expressed.

PCC have complied with the duty to have regard of House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding.

No questions.

•**Election of PCC** –

PCC members- Proposed by Seconded by

**Tom Parkin** Judith Parkin Barbara Armstrong

**Lydia Armstrong**  Barbara Armstrong Des Terris

**Laura Barber** Hayley Scott Bev McLean

**Sheila Hutchinson** Val Graham Ann Dipper

**Eric Dickens** Lydia Armstrong Barbara Armstrong

**Marjorie Cooper** Bev McLean Paula Barber

**Jacqueline Forster** Marjorie Cooper Paula Barber

**Hayley Scott** Lydia Armstrong Barbara Armstrong

• **Election of Deanery Synod reps** –

Nominated Proposed by Seconded by

**Ian Hart** Brian Carmody Barbara Armstrong

**Tony Harbottle-Noppen** Paula Barber Bev McLean

• **Any other business** –

1. Marianne Clough (Cranmer Placement Student) was keen to develop the garden and was looking for volunteers to help her with this. Providing a space for the whole community to enjoy including the locked down Care Home next door.
2. Becca Cooper (Youth and Community Worker) is going to look at providing meals for children who may otherwise go without during half term. She was looking for volunteers to help her and see what help we can give.

Meeting closed at 11.30am.