

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held in All Saints Church

Wednesday 21st October 2020, 7.30pm

(Under Government restrictions due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, places were prebooked and limited in number to allow for social distancing, and face coverings were worn by attendees. The meeting was shown live on Youtube to allow online attendance for those unable to attend in person.)

Present: Rev Thomas Robson, Rev Mark Rodger, 13 Laity

Annual Vestry Meeting

Chaired by Rev Thomas Robson

Rev Robson opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Thessalonians 1 v 1-3 and an encouragement to look to God and give thanks for what he has been doing with and through us both in 2019 and in the current difficult circumstances. He opened the meeting in prayer and invited others to contribute. He explained that although Churchwardens usually serve for three years, they are re-elected annually. Mrs Clare Purdom and Mr David Green are both standing for re-election and there were no other candidates, so no vote was required. Rev Robson thanked Clare and Dave especially for all their extraordinary work during this difficult year, and extended his thanks to Jon Purdom and Karen Green for their support.

Election of Churchwardens

Mr David Green (for two years)

Proposed by Tony Hindley

Seconded by David Sax

Mrs Clare Purdom (for one year)

Proposed by Janis Myers

Seconded by Jenny Tillman

Elected en bloc.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was then closed.

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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from PCC members Julia Eastaugh, Trevor Mills, and Colin Beckhurst. The booking system this year and concerns over Coronavirus meant that some of those who would wish to attend under normal circumstances were unable to do so. Rev Robson expressed his gratitude for the general ongoing support.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 2019 APCM were approved and signed.

3. Reports

3.1 Vicar's Report

Rev Robson said that his report this year was a huge thank you to everyone for playing their part in making us a Church family. He has now been at All Saints for four years and, having arrived at a Church that had a great sense of being a family, wants to keep that as we continue to grow. The hallmark of All Saints is to serve, love and look out for one another; loving God and each other is more important than anything else we do.

3.2 Updated Electoral Roll

Alison Manester as Electoral Roll Officer said that last year the number on the roll was 127; after nine removals and twelve additions, it now stands at 130. Rev Robson expressed thanks and goodbye to those who have moved away or passed away, and welcomed those who have joined. He thanked Miss Manester for her continued service in this role.

3.3 Trustees' Annual Report

Rev Robson explained that this report is a legal requirement but it is also a real encouragement to look back and see so much to give thanks for in the Church and in the community. He encouraged everyone to read it if they have not already done so. No questions on the report had been received in advance of the meeting and none were offered in the room.

3.4 Financial Report

This is available on the website and includes the figures for Wick Hall and the Wick Information Centre. There is a summary of the financial position in the Annual Report. Income for 2019 was £56376 and expenditure was £53802, of which £32721 was our parish contribution to the Diocese, which covers just over two-thirds of our costs. We still do not pay the full costs of ministry but have got closer by 5% each year for the last

three years. Giving increased by 11% from 2018 and finances continue to improve. We have no investments, special assets or stocks and shares, just what we give as a family. There were no questions on the finances and Rev Robson gave a big thank you to Janis Myers for her constant work as Treasurer and for agreeing to continue in this role.

3.5 Deanery Synod

Rev Robson explained the workings of the Deanery Synod. There are around 300 parishes in the Chichester Diocese and these are broken down into smaller groups for communication and collaboration. He thanked Janice Betson for her report, and Janice Betson and Alison Manester for serving as our Deanery Synod representatives in 2019. There were no questions.

3.6 Fabric, Fixtures & Fittings

Rev Robson explained that this is a report compiled by the Churchwardens as a summary of building works and repairs done in the Church and the Hall. The main item for 2019 was the flat roof in the Church, which was completely replaced and has recently been inspected and is working well. There were no questions.

4 Elections and Appointments

4.1 Elections to the PCC

Rev Robson explained that the PCC consists of ministers, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members, plus elected members of the laity. Janis Myers as Treasurer and Julia Eastaugh as Safeguarding Officer have been co-opted as members. Four nominations were received in advance of the meeting. No objections were raised and no votes required.

Mr Derek Nelson-Wills	Proposed by David Green/Seconded by Jane Hicks
Mrs Jenny Tillman	Proposed by Janis Myers/Seconded by Alison Manester
Mr Nathanael Gillett	Proposed by Ron Jones/Seconded by Jeannette Sax
Ms Lea Stavrou	Proposed by Jeannette Sax/Seconded by Ann Macaulay

Rev Robson thanked all those who have served and especially thanked Colin Beckhurst for spending so much time working on the improvements to Wick Hall during lockdown, as well as providing advice on building works and leading a home group. Mr Beckhurst is standing down from the PCC as he is planning to move away. Rev Robson also extended his thanks to all who are currently serving and those who have agreed to stand this year.

Alison Manester is continuing in her role as Deanery Synod member. Janice Betson is standing again for this position, and Felix Gillett is standing for a third place.

Miss Janice Betson	Proposed by Alison Manester/Seconded by David Green
Mr Felix Gillett	Proposed by Emily Robson/Seconded by David Green

As there were no other nominations, Miss Betson and Mr Gillett were duly elected to serve with Miss Manester as our Deanery Synod representatives.

4.2 Appointment of Child Protection Officer

Rev Robson expressed his gratitude to Julia Eastaugh for agreeing to continue in this very important role, and reminded all that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. He said that the church should be a place of the highest safety and security and historically this has not always been the case. He encouraged everyone to read the safeguarding policies on the website. David Green proposed accepting Julia Eastaugh as Child Protection Officer, Alan Hodgson seconded, and all voted in favour.

4.4 Appointment of Independent Examiner

At last year's APCM the PCC was given permission to find and appoint a new Independent Examiner. Les Drew was duly appointed and Rev Robson recommended reappointing him this year. Derek Nelson-Wills proposed appointing Les Drew to examine this year's accounts, Alison Manester seconded, and all voted in favour.

5 Any Other Business

Rev Robson invited comments and questions.

Derek Nelson-Wills proposed a vote of thanks to all who have helped with the work in Wick Hall. Rev Robson echoed this and said that he will offer a big vote of thanks when the work is complete and we review 2020.

Clare Purdom and Janis Myers thanked Rev Robson, Emily and the girls for all they have done in this difficult year to keep us going, including dealing with new technology and holding services every week, and made a presentation on behalf of the PCC. Rev Robson expressed his thanks and closed the meeting in prayer at 8.05pm.