

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE DRAYTON

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CHURCH ON

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2020 AT 11AM

Present: Allen Daley, Alison Derwent, Wyn Faulkner, Chris Fell, Jon Fell, Emma Gordon, Ann Hales, Hazel Haskayne, Gina Higgins, Diana Holland, Rev. Jane Morris, Tony Morris, Carol Preston, John Reynolds, Ray Reynolds, Cherry Shakespeare, Margy Taylor, Margaret A Taylor, James Thornbury, Val Vane, Geoff Vernon (chair), Sheila Vernon, Dorothy Watkin, Colin Whitfield, Pat Whitfield, Heather Winstone, Rev. Lucinda Wray-Wear, Jacqui Wright,

A.	VESTRY MEETING – (Meeting of Parishioners). Geoff welcomes everyone to the APCM. We have got a list of who's here for track and trace purposes. We realise you haven't all got agendas, but we won't miss anything out. We start with the Vestry meeting and move on to the APCM.
1.	Opening Bible reading by Rev. Jane; prayer by Rev. Lucinda.
2.	Apologies for absence: Pat Frost, Linda Green, Chrissie Jupp, Ann Parkinson, Mike Watkin.
3.	Appointment of Churchwardens: Mrs Jacqui Wright Jacqui Wright has been nominated, and says she will stay in the role. Everyone is in agreement that Jacqui should be re-elected, and thanks are given for all her work. Colin has decided not to continue in the role, thanks are given to Colin for all the effort he's made as warden, and in his other roles at Christ Church; we will be calling on his wisdom as we go forward. Everyone applauds. We now need to look for another churchwarden.
4.	Archdeacon's Visitation: A statement from Bishop Michael: <i>'Due to the ongoing restrictions due to COVID-19, I have taken the decision to 'inhibit' the Archdeacons Visitations during which newly elected churchwardens are admitted to their office. This is in accordance with the procedure mentioned in Canon C22(5) and following Canon E1.2(a). Those who have been elected as churchwarden should present themselves for admission to their incumbent or priest-in-charge; or, where these are not available, to their Rural Dean or Assistant Rural Dean, showing them a valid DBS certificate. This can take place before 31st October 2020 if an annual meeting of parishioners has already taken place, and no later than 31st January 2021. I ask therefore that churchwardens be admitted locally, after those newly elected have confirmed that they have a valid DBS certificate. If needed churchwardens can be admitted to their role online.'</i> Rev. Jane suggests, when we have found a second candidate, we do the admission of churchwardens during one of the services. Vestry Meeting closed.

B.	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
1.	Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 14 th April 2019 have been made public at the back of church, and circulated via email. Are we happy that the minutes are a true and accurate record of that meeting? Everyone in agreement.
2.	Matters arising: the meeting followed the normal pattern, and everyone is happy there are no real matters arising.
3.	<p>Treasurer's Report: <i>(please see attached)</i> Geoff hands out the statement of income and expenditure for 2019. Please take it home and have a look at it, and bring any questions you have back to the treasurer. The most important bit is at the bottom of the second page which shows we had £3268.23 excess of expenditure over income. The year before it was in excess of £10,000 so last year was a better year; it doesn't look quite as bad as it might have done, and we finished the year with £14,787.56. The message usually is in a couple of normal years we'd be bankrupt; but in fact things have happened since December which have helped the situation, in a year when income is very much reduced. Looking at the figures on the income side we got £7500 back from the Inland Revenue, which is more than the previous year, when the figures didn't go off to HMRC as they might have done. Fundraising efforts were up to £5000. Generally speaking, the other figures are familiar and within the normal range of things. On the expenditure side the Parish Share has increased, although we have a little bit of respite this year; everything else was about normal. Have a look at the figures and ask any questions, and we will make the answers available. Geoff is thanked for his efforts throughout the year, and for presenting everything in a way that is easy to understand. Diana Holland asks where the votive stand collection money goes; and if it ought to go to a charity of our choice. The money is normally put in to church funds, and Geoff points out we do make contributions to charity throughout the year. We will discuss it at the first PCC after this meeting. Geoff asks if everyone is willing to accept these statements of income and expenditure for the year 2019; everyone agrees. As in previous years, they were audited by Janet Hankey and she is very thorough.</p> <p>Gift Aid Report by Ann Parkinson: <i>(please see attached)</i> Geoff reads out Ann's report. She has done the job for 15 years and would now like to give it up, so will stand down from 11th October. She will hand over the monthly sheets etc. to the new person. We need a new Gift Aid secretary, so this is something else for us to think about.</p>
4.	<p>Property Committee Report: <i>(please see attached)</i> We have got some work to do with the commemorative plaques in the Garden of Remembrance. Generally the Quinquennial Inspection was good. Val Vane reports that, during lockdown, Dave was in desperate straits so she encouraged him to take on the churchyard, and we would possibly repay him in terms of money, food or clothes. Val has been giving him money and he's been working hard. She asked whether the church can give him some money here and there. Geoff points out we can't do it on an ad hoc basis, there needs to be a proper plan set out as to when he works in the churchyard, and how and when we would do it; and it needs to go through PCC. Val will come up with a plan. Carol Preston says Darren also helps out in the churchyard. It is agreed Val can't keep paying for it, and she shouldn't</p>

	<p>have to. Alison has written a letter about it which people have signed. However, we need facts of the matter - how many hours worked, at what rate, and in what form payment is etc. It is not in doubt that we want to pay them. Thank you to Val and Alison for their efforts.</p>
5.	<p>Chairman's Report: <i>(please see attached for Rev. Jane's report)</i> Rev. Lucinda says, since being licensed, she only had three months here before lockdown began. She was licensed on Advent Sunday as Curate, and she loves being here, she feels blessed. From listening to Rev. Jane's report we are a vibrant church, she hasn't been able to experience it, but she looks forward to it when this is over. It might be different in many ways but it could be a good thing, it helps us to think of other ways to do mission. She has been able to join Rev. Jane for funerals, and she took a funeral in Shrewsbury herself recently. She was also involved in some baptisms before lockdown; and is looking forward to taking weddings next year. She says thank you for putting up with her; everyone applauds.</p>
6.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: Colin reports they have been meeting but not much has been going on, as the lay Chair has been ill over the past year. There have been various things in discussion, once we get the minutes we will pass them round and everyone can have a look. Thanks are given to Colin. We have to have some Synod representatives.</p>
	<p>ELECTIONS</p>
7.	<p>Election of Parochial Church Council (9 members of Laity on ER): The church council includes ex officio members Rev. Jane, Rev. Lucinda and James; the warden(s); and then we can elect up to nine lay members. This number is based on the size of the electoral roll. All forms are proposed and seconded. This year we have Jane Eastham, Heather Winstone, Margaret (Margy) Taylor, Hazel Haskayne, Margaret A. Taylor, Alison Derwent, Ann Hales and Geoff Vernon – all duly elected. That's eight people so we have scope for more. Geoff proposes a vote of thanks to the members who have stepped down: Pat Frost, Colin Whitfield, Chrissie Jupp, Will James and Jon Fell for their time and contribution to the PCC; we will be calling on their experience. Deanery Synod members are also automatically members on PCC, if we can persuade one of the eight already elected to be a representative, that throws open more numbers. At the moment there is one space for an elected member, we can also co-opt two other people. We can think about who might fill the role and talk to them; and anyone who is interested can always talk to Rev. Jane and Rev. Lucinda.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Deanery Synod members, and resolution for extending two consecutive terms served: Extending the two consecutive terms served is not applicable at the minute, as we need new members. We will throw it open for anyone who wants to be on the Deanery Synod. Colin says they meet three times a year and the meetings include reports on what your church has been doing. Ann Parkinson has been, and Rev. Jane goes as well. The representative can report back to church; and by definition they are a member of the PCC. Volunteering for this is something we will talk about at the PCC meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Appointment of Auditor: It was proposed by Margy Taylor that Janet Hankey be re-elected as the</p>

	independent examiner. All in favour.
10.	<p>A.O.B.: This has been a slightly odd meeting, as we are in odd times. Jacqui asks Geoff if he is going to bring up the donation we received, he says it is a PCC matter. However, he does say fees and donations are down from baptisms, weddings and funerals; and this has been relieved by a personal donation made to church on the last Sunday before lockdown at evening prayer. The donor was Richard Betham, a member of our church. It was a donation of £25,600 which, with Gift Aid, became £34,000.</p> <p>The recommendation for Remembrance Sunday is for very small groups of three or four to gather at the war memorial to lay their wreaths at different times during the day, so social distancing can be maintained. There will be eight wreaths in total. A service of the ministers taking part around town will be recorded and made available. Our Sunday church service will happen much the same as usual, but socially distanced.</p> <p>Thank you for your attendance.</p>
11.	<p>Date of next meeting: 25th October at 11am; we need to discuss upcoming services. The PCC members agree they are happy to meet in church.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12.10pm.</p>

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