

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021
AT 3.30PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

1. **Attendance and Apologies for Absence**

Fr Adam Burnham, Glyn Hollinshead, Janet Shipton, Diane Gordon, Maria Ecclestone, Sue Collett, Anne Adams, Alex Adams, Mary Nokes, Fr Robert Nokes, Norman Pope, Kathryn Pope, Rachael Edwards, Katharine Crowsley, John Sorrell and Ann Nixon Caney

Apologies had been received from John and Daniela Armstrong, Isobel Rodrigo, Stephen and Jillian Chilvers, Tony Kempster and Fr Gary Ecclestone

Fr Robert requested permission to be present at the meeting – this was agreed by consensus.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 20th October 2020 were shared via the website. It was proposed by Diane Gordon that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by John Sorrell and carried unanimously.

3. **Annual Report for 2020**

The Annual Report, which included the report on Church Council Business and the report on Church Fabric, was shared via the website.

Diane Gordon explained that the first two pages linked to the accounts and the next two gave a summary of activities that had taken place during 2020 – many of our usual activities had been curtailed due to the pandemic, but we had found ways to stay together as a church community.

The Welcoming Sub-Group was added to the list of sub committees on page 1 and a summary of their activities during 2020 was added to page 4.

Katharine Crowsley asked for details of the Craftivists Reflection Group to be added to page 5.

Alex Adams asked for details of the Advent Windows Village in lights community event to be added.

John Sorrell asked for the inclusion of the 4 Mental Health talks held via zoom in November to be included in the well-being section.

Mary Nokes asked for the amount raised by Andrea Kingston's just Giving Site for plant sales in aid of Ho to be included in the Ho section.

Glyn Hollinshead spoke to the Church Repair Annual Report.

it was noting that the pollarding of the lime trees cost was £300 not £320

Glyn explained that we had not been able to replace the hammer and chiming mechanism for the clock because it was cost prohibitive. Diane will clarify the situation and costs and include in the next link article updating on the bells as enquiries are being

made as to why the clock is not chiming.

Glyn also explained that we have made application for S106 funding for the replacement of the clock face, the outcome of that application is not yet known.

It was asked who had painted the gates. Glyn explained that it had been organised by Richard Tompkins and that he had painted the arch himself whilst it was taken down for to allow access for the work on the bells.

Fr Adam said that looking at the report there is a lot to be thankful and positive about, and he said that we should be immensely proud of ourselves for rising to the occasion as we have done during this pandemic year. Many of his contemporaries had not opened their churches at all and had not offered any provision. He also expressed thanks to Fr Gary and Maria for their faithful offering of online worship. Ann Nixon Caney said that she and others had found it a vital source of support whilst being unable to worship in church.

Glyn Hollinshead proposed that, with the above amendments the report be accepted. This was seconded by John Sorrell and carried unanimously.

4. **Accounts for 2020**

The accounts for the year to 31st December 2020 and the Independent Examiners Report had been shared via the website. Diane Gordon commented that it had been a very difficult year in financial terms, when absolutely nothing had been “normal” and the pandemic had prevented fundraising activity. There had been the need to learn quickly how to process online payments and it had been necessary to monitor cash flow on a daily basis. Diane Gordon proceeded to talk through the accounts responding to the following questions:

Questions

Mary Nokes asked about the amount paid for the Parish Share which was less than in 2019. Diane explained that the PCC had agreed to pay half of the requested amount by the end of June. Janet Shipton added that this had been the case for many churches who had been unable to pay their full amount in 2020. Mary asked how the share apportionment was made. Diane explained that the formula used now was that each benefice was to pay the agreed amount of about £34K for each stipendary Priest. The amount was then apportioned between Hanslope and Castlethorpe.

On page 5 Katharine Crowsley noted that the amount given credited to the Methodist church was in fact the balance of funds that they had held for the Craftivist reflection group.

Diane Gordon expressed thanks to John Armstrong who is our Assistant Treasurer. John has been very diligent with the banking and keeping the spreadsheets for the envelope scheme.

Alex Adams proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Mary Nokes and carried unanimously.

Fr Adam thanked Diane for her work pulling all of the finances together

5. **Deanery Synod Report**

The Deanery Synod had been shared via the website. Janet Shipton spoke to the report.

Janet explained that there had been no meetings during 2020

Diane proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Anne Adams and carried unanimously.

6. **Report on the Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll report had been shared via the website. Maria Ecclestone spoke to the report. In 2020 there were 152 names on the Electoral Roll

9 names have been removed

12 names have been added

Giving the new total of 155 names for 2021.

of those 119 are resident and 36 are non-resident

Maria noted that only 14 names remain of the 42 named on the roll when Fr Gary arrived in 2003.

Fr Adam said that it is exciting to have thi sustained growth year on year and if we reach 160 names we will be entitled to a fourth Deanery Synod Representative.

JohnSorrell proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Jan Shipton and carried unanimously.

7. **Elections**

a. **Council Members**

The Church Wardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are automatic members of the Church Council

Namely, Glyn Hollinshead, Janet Shipton and Alex Adams

Up to 8 representatives need to be elected to the PCC. To be eligible people need to have been on the electoral roll for at least 6 months

The following nominations had been received for PCC:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Diane Gordon	Glyn Hollinshead	Katharine Crowsley
Sue Collett	Diane Gordon	Janet Shipton
Anne Adams	Isobel Rodrigo	Glyn Hollinshead
Helen HJ	John Armstrong	Alex Adams
Daniela Armstrong	Diane Gordon	Maria Ecclestone
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Mark Edwards	Glyn Hollinshead	Janet Shipton

Fr Adam thanked those being nominated for being prepared to serve.

There were no further nominations received.

Fr Adam therefore declared all the above to be elected.

c. Sidesmen

The meeting agreed that the sidesmen should consist of PCC members plus any members of the congregation who wished to assist.

Additional names for the sidesman rota would be very welcome.

Fr Adam said that we no longer have to formally elect the sidesmen, but he noted the value of the this important role.

d. Auditors

Diane Gordon proposed that Clifford Towers act as our auditors. Simon Towers has kindly agreed to continue with the arrangement. This was seconded by John Sorrell and carried unanimously.

Diane proposed that a donation of be sent to Clifford Towers, this was seconded by John Sorrell and carried unanimously.

8. Forthcoming Events

Fr Adam promoted the latest online teaching course being run online: ACTS: The church goes Viral which will be on Wednesday Evenings starting on the 26th May.

Fr Adam expressed his thanks to those who came today for their questions and for keeping us on our toes; He thanked everyone for all they do to support the work within the parish.

10. Date and Time of PCC Meetings

Tuesday – 29th June 2021 at 8.00pm

There being no other business Fr Adam thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting closed with prayers and a blessing at 16.50pm.