

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St George's and St Paul's held at St Paul's Church and via Zoom on Monday 12th October 2020 at 7.00 pm

Chair: Revd Andy Humm

Present at St Paul's or via Zoom: 79 members.

1. Welcome & Prayer

Andy welcomed everyone both at St Paul's and via Zoom. Those on Zoom were asked to use the 'Chat function' to sign in. Andy then opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies

There were 18 apologies received from members.

3. Election of Church Wardens

Andy advised that Chris Lines, having agreed to stay on from March due to Covid, is now standing down. There had been no nominations received at this time. Andy thanked Chris for his work as a Warden and for agreeing to stay on for the past six months. The other three churchwardens (Peter Day, Sheila Hannallah and Janet Norris) had all been re-nominated and agreed to stand for a further year. Andy thanked them for their willingness to continue to serve.

The meeting was asked if it was happy receive the nominations, it was carried unanimously.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held 21st March 2019

The minutes of the APCM held 21st March 2019 had been sent out prior to the meeting. There were no amendments and they were received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried: unanimously.

5. Electoral Roll Report

Sue Lines reported that there had been an increase on the electoral roll for the past year and it now stands at 228, of which 100 are resident and 128 are non-resident.

We have had 23 new people join the electoral roll, 12 non-residents and 11 residents. We have had 71 people leave for various reasons since the last APCM.

The electoral roll will re-open after the end of the APCM. Anyone who wishes to join can talk to Sue.

The report was received with thanks. Andy gave thanks to Sue Lines for her work.

6. Safeguarding Report

Andy advised that Jenny Tower had provided a safeguarding report which was printed along with all APCM Reports and had been sent out prior to the meeting.

The team consists of Jenny Tower, Verity Yeates, Charles Harrison, Sheila Hannallah and Rose Chamberlain.

Andy advised that there have been no major safeguarding concerns this year. There were 3 other incidents the team looked into to ensure all was processed correctly and support given where necessary.

The PCC of St George & St Paul's considers that it has, to the best of its knowledge taken all reasonable steps to comply with the duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016. This is borne out through the excellent work of the safeguarding team. Thanks to them were recorded.

Thanks were expressed to the team, headed by Jenny Tower for their work to ensure that our church remains a safe place and that people are trained as appropriate.

Report was received with thanks.

7. Election of Deanery Synod, PCC members and Sidespersons

Sidespersons (Welcomers)

Those who had served during the year included: Tim and Sharon Bradshaw, Ian and Barbara Brannam, Chris Lines, Chris Westlake, Brian Pocock, Pat Dalby, Anne Darbyshire, Jan Hutchinson, Vicky Pugsley, David Smith, Pat Webber, Malcolm Kitchen, Lee Moore, Janet Norris, Anna and Olly Roberts, Elizabeth Wales, Ruth and Mike Shaw, Dave and Catherine Britton, Ian & Diane Fraser, Holly Haig. Andy mentioned that Olly & Anna would be coming off as they are of course moving away and all others we assume are happy to continue to be involved.

Approval of the appointment of such sidespersons was unanimously agreed.

Deanery Synod

Andy advised that we had not had a Representative on the Synod for the past year. The Clergy had been in attendance but he was pleased that Bob Syers had offered to stand this year.

Bob was proposed by Chris Lines, seconded by Maureen Rendell and approved unanimously.

Thanks were expressed to Bob for his willingness to stand.

PCC members

Thanks, were given to the five members of the PCC who were stepping down having served their term Barbara Brannam, Tracey Cullerne, Ian Fraser, Val Hicks and Bob Syers. Also to Mark Ferdinando who resigned earlier in the year and to Olly Roberts who is standing down.

Andy advised that he had received four nominations of Janice Donnachie, Elizabeth Harrison, Terry Norris and Hazel Turner. Each had been proposed and seconded and were accepted by the meeting.

Having been elected as members of the PCC Andy expressed his thanks to them for being willing to serve and then prayed for them.

8. Independently Examined Accounts for the PCC (Inc. Appointment of independent examiner)

Andy explained that normally we would have had our APCM back in March when we would have reviewed 2019 and presented the Budget for 2020. However due to the delay because of Covid we are now already three quarters of the way through 2020. Terry has produced a recorded presentation which we then watched.

The General Fund income for the year was £205,094, up £22,514 on 2018, and expenditure was £168,192, down by £3,667 producing a net surplus of 36,902. This gave a General Fund Balance at the end of 2019 of £44,220 which was extremely encouraging.

BALANCE SHEET- FUNDS

Our net assets are represented by various classes of funds:

Unrestricted General Fund £44,220

Unrestricted Designated Funds £56,842

Restricted Funds £49,231

Total £150,293 , against a total of £120,223 in 2018.

Terry then gave an update as at the end of August which showed a General Fund surplus of £24,628.

There were no questions raised and the Accounts were adopted. Terry thanked the congregation for continuing to serve the Lord here through their giving.

Andy expressed thanks to Terry for his hard work both on the accounts and on preparing the presentation.

The adoption of the Financial Reports for St George and St Paul's Church for 2018, as summarised, was Proposed by: Terry Norris & Seconded by: Pat Dalby.

Carried: unanimously

Appointment of independent examiners

Terry proposed that we appoint Paul Steele Chartered Accountants once again to be our Independent Examiners. This was seconded by Anne Darbyshire and carried unanimously.

9. Vicar's report

Andy's report had been circulated along with the APCM reports. He advised that during this time of Covid he was missing the Community events of the past such as the Barn Dance, Afternoon Tea at Kia-Ora and many other events.

Andy expressed thanks on behalf of himself and his family to the church family for their continued support. He also gave thanks to Justin particularly for the work he did in our Childrens and Youth before Jonathan joined us. To Claire as our Ordinand, for her contribution during the year particularly with the Prayer Space and 'Breakfast on the Go'. To Jonathan for all the parts he has played, particularly with his IT skills which have been a great help particularly at this time.

Andy also thanked our Readers Jude, Tim and Ian. Noting special thanks to Ian as he stands down from this role.

10. Statutory and Other reports (in booklet)

Andy drew attention to the Churchwardens Report in the booklet which includes a statutory report regarding church valuables and other statutory obligations. Acceptance was proposed by Peter Day and seconded by Richard Parrott and agreed unanimously.

Andy commended all the reports in the booklet as a reflection of our church life and thanked all for their contributions.

11. Any other business

No items received.

12. Moving Forward

Andy spoke about it having been a strange year, when often we don't know what to do. However we do know that God is faithful. He quoted from 2 Corinthians 3 v 18 from the New Living Translation. He said that we were different to how we were last year, lots had changed, but we are being transformed. We were encouraged to see this time as an opportunity to be creative in how we are 'church' and challenged to work at being personally transformed, congregationally transformed and to see our community transformed.

Andy finished with words from Joshua 1 v 9 reminding us that we are never alone.

13. Close in Prayer

Andy prayed for us as he closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm.

The Churchwardens met with the Treasurer and PCC Secretary who both confirmed they were happy to continue in their roles for another year. This will be ratified at the next PCC Meeting.

Signed Date