

Powerpoint Presentation used during the meeting – Appendix 1

Welcome, 7.45pm

Toby explained how the meeting will work including how to ask questions and vote. All present were randomly assigned into groups to pray, sharing one thing each we are thankful for.

Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

1. Election of churchwardens (Nominees: Nick Rogers, Sandie Mann)

Sandie and Nick are the existing churchwardens. There are no further nominations, so both are declared elected with no vote needed. Toby gave a big thanks to Sandie and Nick for their support and encouragement to him personally but also to the Church – in the easy and not easy.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Given in advance: Sheila Humphrey, Keith Bassham

2. Approval of Minutes of the last AGM

No objections or corrections. Duncan Edge proposed, Jan Edkins seconded, 3 abstained.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising

4. Finance Report (incl Annual Accounts)

Ann gave a video summary of the Finance Report. Toby gave a big thanks to Ann for doing the report and all her hard work in this last year. Ann does this role totally in a voluntary capacity; it's a big job and a real blessing to us. Toby reminded members that if anyone has any questions about the report they can send it through the chat function and they'll be addressed later on in the meeting or a following PCC meeting.

The Accounts need to be formally accepted; they have been independently examined. Nick Jones proposed, Ann Williams seconded. No abstentions, no objections, no rejections.

5. Electoral Roll Report

A slide presented with the Electoral figures for March 2019 (222), March 2020 (217 - compiled before the March APCM was cancelled) and October 2020 (196).

6. Elections

Slides were presented showing the below information:

Continuing members: Toby May, Sheila Humphrey and Peter Leighton

Finishing members: Kathy Leason, Jon Crosse, Sam Maggorian and Jean Burston. Toby gave a big thanks to those ending their time on the PCC with a special mention to Jean for her long service.

a. **PCC Representatives** (3 vacancies until 2022, 3 vacancies until 2023)

Nominees: Duncan Edge, Jan Edkins, Charlotte Jones, Rachel Lochhead, Ann Williams

5 out of 6 vacancies nominated; the above 5 nominations are therefore automatically elected.

Term lengths will be decided with the new members after the meeting, or will be drawn by lots if no preference.

Question: Can Charlotte be elected as she is a member of staff? Toby confirmed she can*

*This was then followed up with an email to the PCC to confirm further details.

b. **Deanery Synod Representatives** (5 vacancies until 2023)

Nominees: John Bowers, Gill Ellison, Michelle Howard, Rhiannon Singleton

4 out 5 vacancies nominated, the above 4 nominations are therefore automatically declared elected.

Toby let the meeting know that there is still a vacancy free for both the PCC representative and Deanery Synod representative and therefore if anyone else would like to stand, that is eligible, they can let him know afterwards*

*Donna Rogers came forwards after the meeting and her nomination will be taken to the next PCC meeting (16th November)

c. **Independent examiner**

Nominee: Graham Gosling

Automatically declared elected.

7. **AOB & Questions (to be notified in advance of meeting)**

Toby went through the questions asked from the meeting chat function plus a question asked beforehand:

- **What is the Parish Share?** £83,326. It's a big number and as PCC, we have asked the Diocese to review this and Toby has taken this up with Archdeacon and Bishop. We will update everyone.
- **Who is on the PCC for 2 years and 3 years?** We will sort this out in the PCC meeting afterwards. We were out of sync with how it should be done so this should help with elections going forwards
- **What will be doing about Christmas this year?** We are carrying on doing what we're doing at the minute (church buildings opening). We will update where we can, but our aim is to get out to as many people in the town as possible. This will largely be online, but we will also think about how else we can do this. We also want to involve as many people as we can from church in this and thinking of creative ways to do this. We want to make sure there is stuff for families and children as well as for groups who would normally come to a carol service for example. We are planning to do advent bags for young families for example. As an aside we have a new toddler zoom group starting up tomorrow.

Toby reiterated that questions can continue to be sent on the chat during the meeting which will be addressed before the end of meeting or taken to the PCC.

8. Vicar's Report

A video was published and shared with members before the meeting and Toby reminded people how they could watch it, if they haven't already. In summary, a lot of this year is going step by step based on the current circumstances as well seeing where God might be leading us.

Toby thanked everyone who was at the meeting, and in church, who have been encouraging us, being part of what we're doing and continuing to seek to love God, others and the community in a really difficult time. Toby is really thankful for those engaging with the online services, coming to our church buildings, getting involved with their Growth Group and for those doing the AV, preaching, leading and streaming.

Toby gave a particular thanks to Helen for all she does and to the staff; Charlotte, Chris and Samuel – all who started new jobs just a year ago. Half of their time in the roles have been spent in lockdown with things that have been started (ROOTs, 6.30 Kids, Vineyard bookings etc) having to be stopped. He is grateful for how they have adapted, moving towards things like online assemblies, online youth meetings, changing over databases etc.

A big thanks was given to the Fabric Team. Sheila is stepping back from doing it but has done a great job. Pete Leighton is doing our risk assessments and leading on the Health & Safety stuff we have to do; this has been a really big job that has needed to be constantly kept up with and Toby is very grateful. As a note on Fabric, we have our Quinquennial on our buildings meaning we will have bills coming up.

There are lots of other thanks that can be found in the Annual report. Lastly Toby gave thanks to those who also continue to give; time, money, gifts and the willingness to adapt in these strange times.

There was then one last question which Toby answered.

- **What are other churches planning in the community at Christmas?**

The Central Methodist Church have a Christmas Tree Festival which we have signed up to. Toby meets up with the Anglian ministers regularly and other clergyman by Zoom so we should know what's happening soon. Lots has gone on hold. In terms of online, we're doing more than others. We don't want to duplicate work at Christmas but want to maximise opportunity. Grace Kitchen is a good example of this; we don't do what the Food Bank is doing but we fill in a gap. We therefore want to identify other gaps in the community and be joined up in what we do.

9. Closing Prayer (in Groups)

All broke into virtual rooms to pray for our church.

Finally, Toby let everyone know if they have any questions they can contact Toby or Charlotte (The Office) afterwards and we will also use the weekly email newsletter to send updates where appropriate.