

**Annual General Meeting of Parishioners and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Church on Wednesday 18 April 2018.

Chair Rev Andy Lord

Present

Dora Attenborrow, Sue Baxter, Christine Bradshaw, Dave Cook, Marlene Cook, Ken Elmer, Sue Elmer, Mel Ennis, Roy Hadfield, Joy Hatton, Eva Hubbard, Margaret Humphries, Debbie Lord, Julie McWilliam, Billy Nelson, Joan Nelson, Dave Sherrard, Rita Sherrard, Graham Savage, Kirsten Whitehead, David Wright and Janet Wright

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome and Prayers

Andy Lord opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 2 followed by prayers.

2. Apologies

David Morley, Grace Morley, Nicky Bevan, Wendy Thornhill

3. Minutes of last year's meeting – 26 April 2017

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Election of Churchwardens

One nomination has been received – Dave Sherrard, proposed by Dora Attenborrow, seconded by Roy Hadfield. Andy confirmed as elected and that there would be a visit from the Archdeacon to formally install David as a Churchwarden.

Andy reminded everyone that there can be two churchwardens and this is a legal appointment.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies

Nicky Bevan, David Morley, Grace Morley, Wendy Thornhill

2. Minutes of last year's meeting – 26 April 2017

Andy advised that a question had been raised before the meeting about the content of minutes. Andy had confirmed that the reports which were submitted sat alongside the minutes so only additional reports/comments were added to the minutes.

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Reports

The following reports were submitted with copies available prior to the meeting.

Associate Minister's Report

No report submitted. Now that Brenda has retired, Andy advised that he had not expected a report to be submitted although she has submitted reports in the past. Mel said that she has had an email from Brenda expressing thanks for her retirement gifts.

Churchwarden's Report

No report prepared as there are no churchwardens.

Electoral Roll Report

There are now 51 on the roll, an increase of 3 on the previous year, and this has been displayed in Church. Sue Baxter raised a query as to whether the role was correct that was displayed as there were a couple of deceased people showing. There are two that need removing in this respect – Madge Chappell and Vera Bladon. **Action to be taken by Paul Humphries.** A further query was raised by David Wright in that Karen Morley had asked to go on but had been advised that the list was closed. Andy confirmed that she can be added on at any time during the year. The list has to be closed a month before the APCM but then reopens once this has taken place. Andy confirmed that Paul Humphries will be stepping down as Electoral Roll Officer. Andy expressed thanks to Paul for undertaking this role for the last few years.

Sides People Report

The following people share this role:

Vera Bannister, Clarice & Colin, Marlene Cook, Sue Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julie Lunn, Stephen Northeast, Rita Sherrard, Dave Sherrard, Pat Wilson

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

David Wright firstly confirmed that page 10 in the reports is in fact last years and should not have been included in the reports.

David commented that this year was quite an exceptional year in view of the renewal fund and swapping monies between accounts during the works. Whilst we look healthy at the minute, there are still monies to be allocated which had been held back in case of any cashflow problem. David confirmed that he doesn't foresee any major cashflow problems as far as the renewal fund is concerned. David advised we have just about broke even on the general account but figures can't readily be compared to previous years.

Andy thanked David for his efforts over the last year with the added work of the building project.

David confirmed the current state of the Renewal Fund – there is £13,500 with everything paid up. There is a further VAT claim of £6,265 to be submitted which will take three months to arrive. This brings the total to £13,793. We have ongoing pledges including Gift Aid and some pledges will continue to be received until

December which are expected to be around £2,000. There is further ongoing fundraising through Coffeepot, lunches etc. There will be around £10,000 to pay out to Charity money plus an interest free loan of around £4,500 to pay back. Even after this, we should have around £10,000 as a start for our next phase.

Andy also thanked everyone else for their continued support.

Andy proposed that the accounts be accepted and approved. Ken Elmer seconded. Two copies were signed as required.

Unanimous approval.

David Wright advised that he feels he will not be able to carry out the role of treasurer for very much longer. He asked if we could have someone as a deputy to do specific things such as Gift Aid. David advised if he had a deputy, he would consider doing the role for a further year after doing the accounts for this current year.

Renewal Project Report

Andy confirmed that Saunders who did the work should be coming to complete the floor issues in the next couple of days. We are also waiting for the altar rail kneeler. David Morley is going to chase this up. David Wright advised that the new heating system is costing less to run and he believes this will be quite a significant amount.

Nottingham North Deanery Synod Report

Mel advised that this report is put together by members of the Synod.

Kirsten Whitehead asked how things are fed back from the meetings as she felt we, as a congregation, don't have much information. Andy confirmed that at the PCC meetings there are benefice Deanery updates. Mel confirmed that events are forwarded to go into the notices as appropriate. She also advised that a lot of information is asked as to what the parishes are doing rather than messages out to the parishes. Andy said over the last year, more has been fed into the Bishop's vision which hasn't necessarily been fed into church life as it has been things that we are doing anyway. Debbie advised there is a calendar that comes out weekly from Jubilee House about events. It may be an idea to link this onto the church website. Andy also advised that he tends to work more with the PCC's over issues/things that come out of Deanery. Mel also drew attention to monthly prayer meeting which is at Christ Church, Cinderhill – 1st Tuesday of the month.

Kidz, Families and Youth Work:

Happening

Flava

Light Night

3rd Sunday - Village Breakfast and All Age Service

No reports submitted.

Julie McWilliam confirmed that the children's work has been going well being particularly busy with 11-14 group. Julie advised that prayer would be welcome for the under 11's as they are struggling for staff and it is difficult to do work with two age groups with minimum staff. Debbie Lord reported that the school had been into Church on Maundy Thursday and all of them, less one group, had been able to fit into Church following the refurbishment which is the first time they have been able to do this. The school have also been keen to join in other things at Church. Andy advised that we are continuing to develop 3rd Sunday. Julie also advised that we may need to look to do things differently as sometimes Sunday is the only time that a family can be together which prevents them attending church.

Church Hall and Cottage

David Wright commented that there was mention in the report that it costs the Church £2,000 a year to maintain the Church Hall and believes this may have been taken from last year's accounts. David advised that we have just about broke even this year for the first time in a long time. Ken advised that it is worth noting that work is going to be undertaken by the Parish Council on the Parish Hall so additional people may be looking to use the Church Hall. This is believed to be starting next summer with work undertaken mainly over the summer. Andy also reminded everyone that the Church is also now available for bookings.

Bellringing

Tuesday Evening Group

Andy said it had been good to see the group at Lent and Frontline courses over the year.

Coffee Pot and Village Dining

Janet advised that Coffee Pot has now moved into Church and hopefully we will see more people visiting during the summer month.

David Wright said we need to give particular thanks to Rob and Julie McWilliam who do a lot of the work and also finance a lot of it.

Wednesday Church

David Wright commented on the loss of some members over the last year - Madge Chappell and Rita and Arthur Plowman. This has meant numbers are down a little. Andy said that it was good that members share the leading of the sessions and they too have found this very worthwhile. Andy reminded everyone that for some people, Wednesday Church is their Church life and they are part of St Helen's.

Worship Group

No report submitted.

Report was submitted at the meeting. Kirsten advised that Luke considers St Helen's to be his fellowship church and he always asks before he returns whether we would like him to help out with music at the services when he is in Nottingham.

Debbie advised that she had received various comments and feedback re last Sunday's service and asked people to speak to her if they wish to be included in helping for forthcoming services whether it be cutting out things or prayer. There will be a further planning meeting regarding 3rd Sunday.

Mother's Union

Andy asked if there were any other reports.

Joy commented about the half days of prayer that it seemed to be the same people who are there each time. Andy advised the next three half days of prayer are at St Helen's between 4pm and 10pm.

Rector's Report

This was handed out at the meeting.

Debbie Lord advised that she has lots of booklets giving information and ideas about how to pray in different ways. There is also to be a Taize event on Saturday 12 May from 7pm which the worship group are organising. The music that will be used at that service has been put on the website.

Andy commented that we are struggling now with service patterns across the parishes as several people have stepped down due to personal and family illnesses and retirements. Andy and Roy Hadfield are also going to a meeting tomorrow night about Reader training as Roy is looking into this. Andy also said that we would not be able to function without the help of Billy. Paul Whitehead will also be doing more services on the coming rota to ensure we can sustain the current pattern of services. Andy said that whilst we have challenges, we should remember we have a huge amount of gifts. Andy thanked everyone for their support and encouragement.

5. Elections

Members of Deanery Synod

There was one nomination – Mel Ennis. Andy proposed that this be accepted and Mel was duly elected.

PCC

This is made up of Clergy, Wardens, Deane Synod Rep plus up to 9 PCC members.

Proposed The following people had been proposed and nominated:

Dora Attenborrow, Ken Elmer, Roy Hadfield, Joy Hatton, David Morley and David Wright.

Dora Attenborrow proposed that Rita Sherrard be nominated to PCC. Andy confirmed these were duly elected.

Andy added that people can be co-opted on during the year.

6. Appointments

Deputy Church Wardens

The following people had been proposed and nominated:

Ken Elmer, Graham Savage, and Janet Wright. Andy asked if everyone was in favour of this. **Unanimously agreed.** Andy advised that Joy Hatton is stepping down having been a deputy warden the last few years.

David Cook continues to help out in the evenings.

Sidespeople

The following people currently share the role – Vera Bannister, Clarice and Colin, Marlene Cook, Sue Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Stephen Northeast, Dave Sherrard, Rita Sherrard, Pat Wilson.

There was a proposal for Peggy Savage to be added to the rota by Joy Hatton.

Andy proposed that these people be accepted to the role.

Unanimously agreed.

Independent Examiner of Accounts

David Wright proposed Gary Stevenson continue in this role.

Unanimously agreed.

7. Any other business

No other business

8. Dates

APCM 10 April 2019

PCC 20 June 2018 as St Helen's Church.

The meeting closed with the Grace.