

CHRIST CHURCH, LITTLE DRAYTON

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CHURCH ON

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019 AT 11.40AM

Present: Rev. Jane Morris (chair) Geoff Vernon (chair), Alison Derwent, Jane Eastham, Bill Egerton, Cicely Egerton, Wyn Faulkner, Chris Fell, Jon Fell, Pat Frost, Ann Hales, Hazel Haskayne, Alison Haysey, Harry Hitchen, Diana Holland, Will James, Chrissie Jupp, Ann Parkinson, Carol Preston, Margy Taylor, James Thornbury, Dorothy Watkin, Mike Watkin, Colin Whitfield, Jacqui Wright

A.	VESTRY MEETING – (Meeting of Parishioners). Rev. Jane welcomes everyone and thanks them for staying. All Parishioners are invited to come to the Vestry Meeting, and those on the electoral roll can attend the APCM.
1.	Opening prayer said by Rev. Jane Morris
2.	Apologies for absence: Sheila Vernon
3.	Appointment of Churchwardens: Mr Colin Whitfield Mrs Jacqui Wright There being no other nominations it was unanimously agreed they be appointed Churchwardens for Christ Church. Jacqui and Colin are thanked for the work they have done and will go on to do, we are in safe hands.
4.	Archdeacon’s Visitation Wednesday 8th May at St Mary’s, Market Drayton 7.30pm. The Churchwardens elect are sworn in by the Archdeacon at the visitation, Colin is going to St Giles to be sworn in this year. Vestry meeting closed.
B.	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
1.	Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 8 th April 2018 have been made public at the back of church, have most people had a look at them, and is everyone happy we sign those as a true and accurate record? Everyone who was here at the last meeting agrees.
2.	Matters arising: There are a couple of things to pick up on; we have been frustrated regarding the cupboards in the last year, but they are now on site but not in situ. Geoff says as far as bank accounts are concerned there isn’t a separate account for the organ fund, but there is a section for donations towards the organ in the accounts. It has been recorded that anything that needs doing to the organ is done.
3.	Treasurer’s Report and Gift Aid Report: <i>(please see attached)</i> Geoff urges everyone to take home the accounts and have a look at them, and ask any questions. He says from the 25 sets of accounts he has delivered to the APCM over the years, this is probably the worst and makes dismal reading. There are various reasons for that. The total income is £43,438, the expenditure is £55,374 giving an excess of expenditure over income of almost £12,000. In previous accounts that figure was about £5000. We now have a balance of

	<p>£18,000 so could be in trouble within 18 months. On the income side the fees received were down to £12,000. Income from open plate and stewardship was about the same but is increasing now. Other figures are similar to last year. Fundraising last year wasn't as much as previous years, but we are now launching initiatives to help the situation. On the expenditure side under 'other parish expenditure' £2500 was spent on redecorating the vicarage, we also have various things that are one off payments. We paid £20,000 of Parish Share, the irony is we were paying when we hadn't got a vicar. It doesn't make good reading, but the good news is since the turn of the year we've received over £1000 back from Lichfield for work we did and expenses during the Interregnum. We also got money back from HMRC for gift aid. Last year our income from income tax was very low, we are expecting £4000 to come back in the next few weeks from gift aid. There are positive signs but we have to take account of the financial position. If anyone has any questions or comments after looking at the accounts please let Geoff know. The refund from HMRC isn't shown on this as it came after January. Jane Eastham points out that whilst income is down so are costs from the previous year which is interesting. The accounts have been audited by Janet Hankey, she does a full and thorough audit. Rev. Jane proposes a vote of thanks to Geoff for his hard work, and everyone applauds.</p> <p>Gift Aid Report by Ann Parkinson: Ann reminds everyone that her year is the standard financial year of April to April, and not January to December like Geoff's. It was a difficult 12 months until Rev. Jane arrived, and we are lucky to have James plus the visiting clergy and wardens. There has been a 6% increase in weekly envelopes since October. We have 39 tax payers and 11 non tax payers. If you are a tax payer and not part of the scheme please consider it. We have had approximately £2000 back from this year, but have an outstanding claim of a similar amount and we've given the office a nudge as it's ages since we sent back the forms. Geoff empties the envelopes and initials them, Ann enters numbers (no names) on to an A3 sheet for each quarter, and transfers it to a self duplicating sheet which she sends off. It's with HMRC now, she is concerned with the figures and will check as we should have had more back. Please consider your gift to the church, this particularly applies to running expenses - heating and lighting. We appreciate our warm church and we've had heating problems this winter. A bag of fuel has increased by 9%, have we increased our giving in the last 2 to 3 years? The point of the weekly scheme is that if you don't come you can pop your amount in an envelope and bring it when you do come to church. Maybe on the first or last week in the month we can think about putting a bit extra in, over the whole congregation that would really help. We can appreciate all sorts of things in life, and our gifts could reflect this. White envelopes at weddings etc. contribute well. Thank you to Di for her online work which has to be recorded. Ann has been doing this over 10 years now, if anyone wants to help please let her know.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Electoral Roll Report: We have prepared a new electoral roll from scratch this year, this is done every 6 years. 31 people have come off, for a variety of reasons; 26 have joined, and we have a total of 80 now on the roll.</p>

5.	<p>Property Committee Report: <i>(please see attached)</i></p> <p>We have rekindled our relationship with the prisoners who are helping us again. We are having our Quinquennial Inspection in July. We will get an indication from that as to what we might need to do in the shorter and longer term. The Underfloor heating has been the only major issue.</p>
6.	<p>Chairman's Report: <i>(please see attached for Rev. Jane's report)</i></p> <p>Geoff says as far as the Interregnum is concerned we need to congratulate ourselves, we did ourselves proud. Particular thanks are given to Emma; James for his magnificent leadership from the front, and also the servers. The most important thanks is to God for sending us Jane Morris!</p>
7.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: Ann reports on an interesting talk by Sylvia Quail about the SSFA Armed Forces charity which started in 1832, and how service families don't easily connect with local social services. There are lots of ex-servicemen in Drayton, and the organisation contributes to Help for Heroes etc. and has 7000 volunteers who can respond in 24 hours, they provide mentoring services for those who are facing redundancy etc. Christians Against Poverty gave us a talk and there is information if anyone wants to have a look. There was also a talk about how the Parish Share is worked out. They are making an effort to get interesting speakers, and Ann encourages others to take part. The next meeting is at Clive Hall at Moreton Say on 27th June, Francis Wilson is talking about lay ministry. Everyone is welcome and we will put it in the notice sheet.</p>
	<p>ELECTIONS</p>
8.	<p>PCC:</p> <p>Certain people qualify ex-officio, others can go on by being in different roles, and others are elected from the laity. The ex-officio members are the vicar, wardens, deanery synod members, and readers. These are Rev. Jane, Ann Parkinson, James Thornbury, Colin Whitfield, and Jacqui Wright. The number on the PCC depends on the number of people on the electoral roll. We have 80 on the electoral roll so we can elect 9 people. So in addition we have had nominations for all the existing PCC members-, Jane Eastham, Pat Frost, Ann Hales, Hazel Haskayne, Will James, Chrissie Jupp, Margaret Taylor, Geoff Vernon and Heather Winstone. We can also co-opt people on, and Jon Fell is a co-opted member. Everyone votes in the 9 nominated members of the PCC with a show of hands. Everyone votes to co-opt Jon Fell onto the PCC with a show of hands.</p>
9.	<p>Election of Sidesmen:</p> <p>We don't elect them at this time, it is something done at the Archdeacon's Visitation. We could do with a few more people in the role, Rev. Jane can do a brief summary of the duties - it involves the welcome which is very important, giving people the literature and taking account of special requests or needs, e.g if someone would like to take communion in the pew. Sidesmen take the offertory as well. There is a discussion about the bottleneck at the back which is caused when a lot of people come in, this needs managing. Sheila and Mick Lewis volunteer for sidesmen duties, they are thanked for this as are all the other people who do the role. We can also ask the wider congregation.</p>
10.	<p>Appointment of Auditor:</p> <p>It was proposed by Colin Whitfield and seconded by Margaret Taylor that Janet</p>

	Hankey be re-elected as the independent examiner. All in favour.
11.	<p>A.O.B.: Carol Preston asks what fundraising events are taking place. Jacqui tells everyone we have a bingo session in aid of Christ Church at the Festival Drayton Centre tomorrow, a soup lunch coming up in May, open gardens event in July, Messy Morning in September, and knitted bible exhibition in October. Plus various other things such as the quiz and fish and chips. Margy puts articles in the Messenger, the Drayton Crier and on Facebook about them, she said she will also produce an A5 sheet of upcoming fundraising events. If anyone can think of anything fundraising wise please let us know. Everyone is thanked for coming.</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting: when we have a date for the next meeting we will notify the PCC.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12.35pm.</p>

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