

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GOODWORTH CLATFORD

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held on
Tuesday 27 October 2020

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were proposed by Pam Morgan, seconded by John Milne, and unanimously agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

2. Elections and Appointments

a) *Deanery Synod*: Peter Eastwood has completed his current 3-year tenure. He was thanked for his sound representation and his comprehensive reports. In order for him to continue for another 3 years, he was proposed by Elizabeth Collinson, seconded by Cecilia Haszlakeiwicz, and was unanimously supported. We are looking for a second representative – please see Katrina if interested.

b) *Parochial Church Council Members*: Thanks were given for their tremendous contributions to St Peter's and particularly to Geoff Scard who is standing down at this meeting. Willing to continue to stand are Mark Haszlakeiwicz, Becky Stevens, Hilary Ditchburn and Louise Wodehouse. A nomination was made for Belinda Jones who had agreed to stand again: Belinda's membership was proposed by Jane Eastwood, seconded by John Milne, and unanimously supported. There are vacancies for 4 more – please see any member of the PCC if interested.

c) *Sidespeople*: Huge thanks to Stephen and Mary Graham (and big thanks to Mary for all the organising of the sidespeople; and to Stephen for the Village Quiz (13 years and continuing)), John and Cherry Milne, Val and Martin Jourdan, Jenny and Adrian Robley, Belinda and Ed Jones, Geoff Scard, Liz Collinson, Cecilia & Mark Haszlakeiwicz. Thanks were given to them for their invaluable support of services. Thanks were also given to all those who helped keep the church open and welcoming.

d) *Independent Financial Examiner*: John Jarvis advised that he was willing to continue to be co-opted into this position. Accordingly, he was proposed by Jane Eastwood, seconded by Geoff Scard, and unanimously co-opted.

3. Receiving the Annual Reports and the Summary Annual Report

The Summary Annual Report including the Financial Report and Audited Accounts has been available via the Benefice and village websites for the past two weeks.

Annual Report: no further comment at this point.

Accounts: The Treasurer outlined various aspects of the accounts for 2019:

- a. Voluntary income improved considerably – very positive.
- b. Expenditure was more or less similar to 2018.
- c. The Parish Share was met in full by using around £5k of Reserves.
- d. Investments went up by around £11k.

Mark was thanked profusely for the diligent and capable work he performed as Treasurer.

Katrina also went on to thank all those who play a part, large and small in the running and operation of St Peter's Church.

4. Ministry Team Report

Katrina showed a photographic display of some of the events that went on during 2019, and shared her screen so everyone could enjoy the photographs.

She then took the opportunity to read from Mark Ch8. She reflected on the life the disciples had with Jesus – leaving homes to travel with him and experienced so many different adventures, some terrifying. She further noted how our own lives paralleled extraordinary times, particularly this year in 2020 – and the adventures of the unknown at the moment. She noted that whilst the 2019 Mission Action Plan has been on hold, other activities had really taken off. Services have been in person as well as online – and every single evening there has been a service. She recognized the draw backs, hardships and losses over the past months. Groups have also drawn closer together. So recent months have seen not just the downsides, but also the amazing adaptations of many to the situation we have found ourselves in.

Katrina played tribute to the Ministry Team – Nicky, Peter and Tim; and the enormous support to serve the Benefice. She also played tribute to the Churchwardens, John and Jane, for finding ways to have services of all sorts – both logistical and practical. She thanked the pastoral team who have visited and shared the ministry, and the Open Book team – who have developed their own genre of storytelling, increasing the opportunities from once a month to once a week. She recognized the changes that have affected and strengthened everyone.

John Milne thanked Katrina on behalf of everyone in the Parish. He noted the huge work that she and Phil have put in during these really difficult times.

Judy Gould thanked John and Jane for their daily emails, and the thought behind what goes into them, as well as the photographs. This was reinforced by those assembled.

Mark commented on the need to recognize the financial implications arising from COVID on the Ministry, yet noted that our regular giving had continued and this has meant the impact has been a bit less than it might otherwise have been for St Peter's. However, he noted the importance of building up the voluntary and planned giving base. He noted the need to use some Reserves for 2020 and 2021 in meeting the Parish Share. Whilst the Reserves are healthy at the moment, Mark noted the importance of not relying on them but to increase the planned giving. John thanked the Grahams for their financial contributions each year for the Quiz (and the Quiz itself); and also to Jane Drew for the village fete which injects several thousand pounds every year. He encouraged everyone to respond positively to the recently dispatched letter regarding planned giving. Jane Eastwood noted that Constance Potter hopes that others will increase their giving as she has.

Finally, Katrina wanted to thank Jane Drew for all the work as secretary, for all the work that she puts into the Annual Report and generally.

5. Closing Prayers

The Revd Katrina Dykes closed the meeting at 2024h with the Grace.