

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF ALL SAINTS,
UPPER CLATFORD HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, 2020**

1. Minutes:

There being no amendments, the minutes of the 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 14th March, 2019 were proposed by Sue Ingham, seconded by Lynda Gent, carried by a show of hands and will be signed as a true record by the chairman, The Revd Katrina Dykes.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Sally reported that 2 new parish residents joined and 3 non-residents, plus 1 licensed lay minister. 2 had died and their names removed.

3. Presentation of Annual Report

The Annual Report having been previously circulated, publicised and approved by the All Saints PCC was passed without comment from the floor.

4. Churchwardens' Reports

Meg Bennett thanked everyone who had accepted all the changes to services etc and had been such a help to her. Bill thanked everyone for the last 21 years that he had been church warden.

5. Treasurer's Report

As the PCC had proposed, seconded and unanimously carried the Treasurer's Report at a recent meeting, no vote was taken and there were no questions.

Neal James-Crook thanked Charles Crosthwaite Eyre for setting up the solar panels which had contributed to 77% of the electricity bill. Also that many people had made generous donations to keep the coffers going, but that we may still be short of approximately £5,000.

6. Clatford School Report

The chair read out the excellent school report. A question from the floor was there seemed to be not many students from Anna Valley. This was corrected as there are two full school buses that come from Anna Valley. Members of the benefice went each month to perform 'Open the Book' where they dressed up in characters from the bible to bring to life bible stories which is very popular with the students. Someone said it was a pity not more parents come to church from the school but the Revd Katrina said Messy church had approximately 200 children come from the school, not all at once and always with parents.

7. Election of representatives to PCC and Deanery Synod.

There were 6 members of the PCC willing to be re-elected, plus Emily Fabricius kindly agreed to be re-elected to the Deanery Synod. All were duly nominated, seconded individually and a vote was taken and duly carried unanimously.

8. Election of Sides men/women

The Revd Katrina thanked everyone who volunteers as sides men; they are much valued. Will be re-elected at next PCC meeting.

9. Election of Independent Examiner

Many thanks to Graham Stephens for agreeing to continue in this role. Peter Fabricius proposed, Tom Wilson seconded and all were in favour of him being re-elected as independent examiner.

10. Parish Priest's Report

- The Revd Katrina showed a slide show of events during 2019 to include visit to Iona, Messy Church, May Fayre stall, Toddler Group, Spring Harvest, Wintershall Life of Christ, MAP open morning, Men's Café and the Doodlebug commemorations.
- She read from Matthew chapter 8: 23-27 re Jesus calming the storm: sailors will know feeling of setting off alone, not knowing where or when they will reach the other side. We've all had experiences that we never expected and have had to adapt; separation of families; weeks and months without hugs; closer now in some ways.
- We have lost loved ones during the year: Hilary Oram, Penny Wood. Also facing financial challenges.
- The Revd Katrina thanked Nicky Judd, Peter Eastwood and Tim Tayler; they are wonderful colleagues to have on the team and a privilege to work alongside them.
- Churchwardens as well have done a wonderful job and many thanks to them.
- The Pastoral team have done a great job visiting those that are in need.
- Open the Book volunteers – thanks to them and also to Peter Fabricius for his medical advice.

11. Any Other Business

- Eleanor Jakeman thanked Katrina that when we all seemed to flounder, she steered a really good and steady ship. Neal added that the Revd Katrina, Phil and team kept the morale going with all the services online.
- Jane Kennedy was surprised no one mentioned fundraising events, with Mayflower events coming up next year.
- Charles Crosthwaite Eyre announced there would be no talks next February 2021, but hopefully again in 2022 with ideas for great speakers.
- Lynda Gent asked if Iona could be booked again, with Emily Fabricius replying that if there was enough interest she would enquire and suggested maybe in 2023.
- Eleanor enquired whether the young visitor from Ghana would return and the Revd Katrina replied there was too much uncertainty, but maybe in the future.
- Magazine problems with some not knowing it was online. Maybe put on village hall noticeboard?
- Peter Fabricius said it was easy to look back but none of us were trained to deal with the situation (Corona virus). The UK Resilience Group had done a great job. We should be thankful for things that HAVE been done.

There being no more business, The Revd Katrina thanked all for joining the Zoom meeting and giving up their evening.

The meeting closed with all invited to say the Grace with The Revd Katrina Dykes