

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GOODWORTH CLATFORD

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held on
Tuesday 12 March 2019

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were proposed by Becky Stevens, seconded by Christine Smith, and unanimously agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

2. Elections and Appointments

a) *Deanery Synod*: Peter Eastwood is continuing in his current 3-year tenure. He was thanked for his representation and his comprehensive reports. We are looking for a second representative – please see Peter, John or Katrina afterwards if interested.

b) *Parochial Church Council Members*: Thanks were given for their tremendous contributions to St Peter's. Willing to continue to stand are Belinda Jones, Geoff Scard, Becky Stevens, Hilary Ditchburn, Belinda Jones and Louise Wodehouse. A nomination was made for Mark Haszlakiewicz who had agreed to stand again: Mark's membership was proposed by Martin Jourdan, seconded by John Milne, and unanimously supported. There are vacancies for 3 more – please see any member of the PCC if interested.

c) *Sidespeople*: A list of names of sidespeople was read out by John Milne: Stephen and Mary Graham (and big thanks to Mary for all the organising of the sidespeople; and to Stephen for the Village Quiz (12 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 Haszlakiewicz. 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 Young was thanked by John Milne for overseeing the accounts during this past year. Mr Young has decided to step down after 14 years' service to the PCC and was thanked again for everything he had done for St Peter's. John Jarvis advised that he is willing to be co-opted into this position. Accordingly, he was proposed by Val Jourdan, seconded by Geoff Scard, and unanimously elected.

3. Receiving the Annual Reports and the Summary Annual Report

The Summary Annual Report including the Financial Report and Audited Accounts were available at the meeting.

Accounts: The Treasurer outlined various aspects of the accounts:

- a. P&L: voluntary income has increased by around 10%
- b. P&L: events and activities rose by a small amount, notable mention was made of the Village Fete, Christmas Quiz, Geoff Scard's bike ride and the Romsey Choir
- c. P&L: expenses (excl the Parish Share) were almost the same as in previous years due to less expenditure being needed on the fabric of the church
- d. P&L: Parish Share payment - £22k was requested for 2018, and in view of surplus made, we paid £24,200. In 2019, the request is very much higher (likely more than we can afford)
- e. P&L: Reserves were boosted also by 2 legacies.

John Young, as Independent Financial Examiner for 2018, confirmed that he had approved the 2018 accounts. Mark was thanked profusely for the diligent and competent work he performed as Treasurer.

4. Benefice Report from The Priest in Charge

Katrina commenced her report with a music-accompanied powerpoint compilation of photographs of events that had happened in the Benefice throughout 2018. This was very warmly received.

She went on to describe the progress and process in developing the 5-year Mission Action Plan for the Anna Benefice, and passed around a leaflet detailing the progress to date. She emphasized the purpose of the MAP is to help decide what the benefice priorities would be over the next 5 years. She described the 3 main priorities for focus and some of the examples of work that was going on to support each of these priorities:

- *Our Discipleship*: eg bible study in Abbots Ann, discipleship courses, Spring Harvest, Iona
- *Pastoral Care*: eg the growing pastoral visiting team, Men's Café (which meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month), Grave Talks
- *Children, Youth and Families*: eg. Toddler Group, Messy Church.

She then opened the meeting up for comments, questions and suggestions – asking all those assembled to think and discuss what might the next actions be for the MAP. She asked, for example, for ideas as to how to connect with teenagers.

Martin Jourdan reflected that Messy Church may not be suitable for all, and suggested that the family service may be a medium for involving the congregation, for example, conducting the service as a debate to encourage teenagers to argue and debate the messages of the sermon. Peter Eastwood noted that Messy Church also encouraged adults who accompanied children to participate along with their children; and Katrina recalled the adults at recent Messy Church events getting involved in the discussions about their own faith, not just supporting the children. Christine Smith asked about the numbers of teenagers who might be in the Parish, notably as there was no Youth Club in the village (the number was not known), and Katrina advised that we were also trying to find ways of working with other churches and faiths in the area. There are also Scouts and Brownies/Guides who participate in benefice activities.

Katrina closed by asking everyone assembled to jot down ideas and feed them into the conversation with each other and into the PCC. Everyone is being encouraged to contribute in some way and support this in prayers. Thanks were given to Katrina for all she was doing in leading the Benefice.

5. Closing Prayers

The Revd Katrina Dykes closed the meeting at 2029h with the Lord's Prayer and Grace.