

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JULY 2021 IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT 7PM**

**Unfortunately the live-stream did not work but the meeting was recorded
for those who could not attend in person.**

45 people attended the meeting in church. The meeting was recorded and is available on the church website. There had been a further 60 viewings by the end of July. Tasha welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was her first APCM and she was appreciative of the help she had received from Bill Darley since her arrival whilst she settled in to the post.. She read a few verses from Psalm 118. before opening the meeting in prayer.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Election of Church Wardens and Deputy

Tasha thanked Olga and Matt for their sterling work during not only the long interregnum but the Covid pandemic. Matt was prepared to stand as Warden for another year, had been nominated and was duly elected.

Olga had completed five years as Warden and felt this was the right time to step down from the role. Olga said that it had been a joy to work with Tasha over the last three months seeing her prayerfulness and commitment, and discovering and executing what is God's roadmap for this parish. She thanked Matt enormously for working with her and James who had had to share her with the church, and trying to get the work/home life balance had not been easy.

As a token of gratitude to Olga, she was presented with a "gift book" containing cards and warm wishes from members of the congregation which had been turned into a book, and a bouquet of flowers.

Also, both Olga and Matt were presented with a print of the church which had been painted by Sally Hamilton, a local artist. These gifts were given in recognition of the enormous amount of work they had done, along with other people, in keeping everything operating during the last two years.

Margaret Warren had been nominated as the new Churchwarden and this was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Deputy Wardens

Myra Campbell and Vera Peters had been elected as Wardens at St Mary's by the DCC. They were appointed by the APCM as Deputy Warden of the Parish with special responsibility for St Mary's. As such they became ex-officio members of All Saints' PCC.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Waller, Fran Huff, Stephen & Pearl Holt, Joyce Rhoden, Val Chalk, Myra Campbell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Marlene Avery, Carol & John Tyler.

2. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

These had been displayed in church and had been available on the website. Bill Darley proposed, seconded Florence Iles that these be approved and were signed by Tasha.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

2nd Foundation Governor for Milford School – Bill Darley was delighted to be able to report that Martin Taylor is in the process of being approved as the 2nd Foundation Governor. This had been announced at the Governor's Meeting at the school the previous evening. Thanks to Adam Smith, Martin Taylor and Tasha who are now Governors at the school.

3. Elections

- 3.1 Myra Campbell wished to step down as one of the Deanery Synod representatives leaving Gillian Peard and Katie Durrant as reps from St Mary's. Annabel Taylor and Joyce Rhoden had both been nominated and were willing to stand for the remaining two years of office. This now redressed the balance of two representatives from both churches.
- 3.2. Tasha thanked the retiring elected members of the PCC who were Jill Neill, Margaret Warren, and Joyce Rhoden. Stephen Holt had also requested to stand down from the PCC. Alan Chapple's and Lesley Prince's co-option onto the PCC were also coming to an end. 4 nominations for the PCC had been received. They were Alan Chapple, Liz Miller, Rosemary Marcuse and Margaret Warren. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.
- 3.3 James Soper wished to stand down as the LLM representative. He was thanked for his faithful service over many years. Douglas Marcuse, who had recently joined us, was willing to stand and was duly elected.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Hope Jones had been our Independent Examiner since 1997 and Alan was very happy to propose that we continued with them. This was agreed.

5. 5.1. Changes to the Electoral Roll.

Geoffrey Birch was thanked for looking after the Electoral Roll. Since the last APCM which was only 9 months ago 3 names had been removed from the roll and 3 new names had been added. The Roll remained at 255 names.

5.2. Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC from October 2020 to May 2021.

This comprehensive report could be found on page 6 of the Annual Report. Tasha thanked Bill who had acted as Vice Chairman and steered the PCC during the last two years. He was given a small token of our appreciation.

5.3 The Financial Statements for year ending December 2020

Alan Chapple reported that copies of the church accounts had been in church for the last 2 Sundays and also were available on our website. These had been certified by Hope Jones in March and approved by the PCC on 17th March 2021. Since then they had been filed with the Diocese and also the Charity Commission as we had been directed.

Despite the difficulties over the last year with minimal income from hall lettings, weddings, etc there was a small surplus of £1,485 between both churches. He was aware that we no longer were paying for a families worker or youth minister or organist. However he felt that the continuing support of the church family meant we were very blessed. Although the APCM looks back over the previous year, Alan wished to comment on two things. The response from Generous June amounted to £10,500 and he was delighted to announce that we had received an anonymous pledge of £12,000 a year plus gift aid for three years once a Families, Children and Schools Worker was appointed.

Alan reminded everyone that we were vulnerable in two areas: £103,000 of our income was given by 11 families.

Secondly, the maintenance and upkeep of our church building was always a costly affair.

Alan thanked Bill Darley, as Gift Aid Secretary and he had recovered £28,000 in gift aid tax as well as chairing the PCC in the interregnum.

He thanked Mike Fitzgibbon who was responsible for the church hall finances, Jackie Parker and Gail Bown for the magazine finances, and lastly the church family who gave money week by week.

Tasha thanked Alan for his expertise in looking after and presenting the accounts.

5.4 The Fabric report

The Fabric Report of the church was listed on page 9 of the Annual Report. The Quinquennial survey had been done in April 2021 and the report finally received two days ago. There were issues which needed addressing especially rendering on the outside of the church and plaster falling from the walls in the bell tower. At the present time it was extremely difficult to get any quotes from builders as they were all extremely busy. Matt also reported that the Terrier was up to date. No items had been added or removed since the last APCM. Matt thanked Stewart Gillespie-Smith, Dennis Eason and the volunteers for all their hard work in maintaining the churchyard. More volunteers were, however, required.

5.5 The proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The proceedings of the Deanery Synod had been recorded in the Annual Report on page 19. Gillian Peard had nothing more to add to her report other than to express her delight that we now had a full complement of representatives as it was good to look at the wider church.

5.6 Any Other Business

A question was asked concerning the news that Bishop Tim would be standing down in February 2022. Tasha explained that as far as she knew, Bishop Debbie would be holding the fort for a while with the help of a recently retired bishop who would be moving in to help.

Musical Director – A small group from the PCC were working on the planning of the two services which we would move into in September. They were actively seeking an organist for the 9am service. Pete Hanson was leading a small but enthusiastic group of musicians for the 10.30 service. This was work in progress.

It was hoped we could move ahead with recruiting a Children's, Family and School Worker.

There being no other business the meeting closed with the grace at 7.50pm