

Christ Church, Eaton Annual Meetings, Monday 24 May, 2021, 7.30pm *(postponed from Sunday 25 April, 11.30am)* in the Church and on Zoom *Aim to finish by 12.30pm*

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer and Welcome

A. The Meeting of the Parishioners

1. The election of the Church Wardens

B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting *(You must be on the electoral roll to attend this)*

1. Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the A.P.C.M. held on Tuesday 29th September 2020 *(PTO – please read in advance)*
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the agenda below

Discussion and Approval of Reports and Statements: -

4. Vicar's Report and PCC Secretary's Report *(both in annual report, please read in advance)*
5. Report on the New Electoral Roll *(Sarah Scott)*
6. Presentation and Approval of the Accounts for 2020 *(Garry Wheatley)*
7. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish *(in accounts, please read in advance)*
8. Church Wardens' Report including the Fabric Report for the Church, Kinchen Hall and the Cottage *(all in annual report, please read in advance)*
9. Presentation of the Church's Terrier and Inventory *(Wardens)*
10. Diocesan and Deanery Synod reports *(both in annual report, please read in advance)*
11. Thanks and Presentation of tokens of thanks
12. Elections and Appointments
 - a) Election of members to the Deanery Synod *(currently no vacancy)*
 - b) Election of members to the PCC *(There is space for elected members)*
 - c) Election of members to the Group Council *(currently no vacancy)*
 - d) Appointment of Sides people
 - e) Election of Independent Examiner
13. Discussion on new logo design – to be circulated - and consulting on a strap line
14. Any Other Business *(Please inform the vicar **before the meeting** of any items)*
15. Closing Prayers and the Grace

Minutes of the Annual Meetings of Christ Church Eaton, in the church and on Zoom on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The meeting began at 7.30pm, led by Patrick Richmond (PR), Vicar, with a prayer and intercessions for a pandemic. PR welcomed the 28 people present in the church and those attending the meeting remotely on Zoom saying these were his first ever annual meetings held in the midst of a pandemic and in September. He thanked everyone for attending and for wearing face masks.

A. The Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Wardens:

PR reminded those present that only those on the church electoral roll could attend and vote in tonight's meetings. There had been only two nominations for Church Warden, Vivien Humber and Catherine Jeffries. PR said he would repeat what he had said previously about how wonderful they both were. There being no other nominations, Vivien and Catherine were elected unopposed to a round of applause.

B. Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

1. Apologies were received from: Jeff Arden, Sarah King, Sue Harris, Bridget Archer, Peter and Ros Gorringe, Catherine Richmond, John Harrison and Caroline Gibbs.

2. Minutes of the 2019 Meeting: The minutes of the APCM held on Monday 29th April 2019 were unanimously approved. PR thanked Sue Mitchell for taking the minutes.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were none. PR said that real progress had been made in the last year on the church fabric with repair work carried out on the plasterwork above the chancel arch and the south altar.

4. Vicar's Report and PCC Secretary's Report:

PR proposed that the Vicar's Report and the Secretary's Report (included in the Annual Report) should be taken as read. There being no comments, PR thanked everyone including Sue Mitchell for their reports to applause.

5. Report on the New Electoral Roll:

PR explained that due to the pandemic there had been no opportunity for new members to be added to the electoral roll. One person had moved away and four deaths had been recorded since the previous year's figure of 156. PR expressed thanks to Sarah Scott for maintaining the electoral roll to applause.

6. Presentation and Approval of Accounts for 2018:

PR proposed that the Accounts be approved saying there had been no changes to the Accounts since they had been published. The Accounts were unanimously approved to applause.

7. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish:

PR said the Report had been received in advance in the Annual Report and proposed they be approved. The Report was unanimously approved to applause.

8. Church Wardens' Report including the Fabric Report for the Church and Report on Kinchen Hall and Cottage:

All these reports were in the Annual Review. PR expressed his gratitude to Vivien and Catherine to applause. He also thanked Mike Brookes as Fabric Officer, Chris Mitchell as Mike's Deputy and Ian Parkes as Health and Safety Officer. PR wished to thank the person who had lent the dehumidifier which was drying out the damp wall on the North side where recent heavy rainfall caused water to come in. Lavinia Bailey was identified and thanked.

PR reported water also coming in around the area of the bell tower and Mike Brookes responded that Tyrrells Builders would be back in the coming two weeks to investigate a number of recent leaks especially in the South Aisle and the Vestry.

PR said that the church enjoyed a good relationship with The Beehive Nursery Group at Kinchen Hall which was now functioning again after closing during the recent lockdown. A new mobile unit was being added to give them more room and allow them to increase their numbers. At The Cottage a dehumidifier had been put in and we were looking into them having open fires. There was a round of applause for Mike Brookes.

9. Presentation of the Church's Terrier and Inventory:

PR explained the purpose of the Terrier and Inventory and invited Vivien to say a few words. Vivien reported that one of three glass carafes had gone missing but otherwise everything was in place and ready for the start up again of Baby and Me. PR thanked Kathy and John Ladd for donating their microwave to the church. There was a round of applause for Vivien.

10. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reports:

PR explained that Christ Church is part of the Diocese of Norwich and The Norwich South Deanery Synod and their recent reports were on the church website. Chris Smith had written the former and PR the latter. PR joked that Caroline Chartres, wife of the former Bishop of London, had called a Deanery Synod 'A group of people waiting to go home'. Nevertheless, he thanked those members of Christ church who served on the Deanery Synod.

11. Thanks and Presentation of tokens of thanks:

PR thanked Simon Back for his 41 years' service as Sides person as he had decided to retire and invited him to say a few words. Simon said he had memories going back to 1979 and John Phillips' time as Vicar. He wished to thank everyone over those years and especially all the Sides persons. He recalled particularly Francis Dunlop with a wonderful voice who sang in the choir and read the lessons. Over all he had wonderful memories. Vivien made a presentation to Simon to applause.

PR wished to thank Patrick Furniss for doing the altar frontals for the past five years.

PR also thanked Tony Grubb and Kathy Ladd who had served on the PCC for three years and said he was grateful to Ros Brown for co-ordinating the Lockdown Choir in recent months. There was further applause.

12. Elections and Appointments:

a) Election of members to the Deanery Synod:

PR thanked John Harrison, Vivien Humber and David Scott for continuing to serve on the Deanery Synod and said there was still one vacancy for anyone wishing to be a member. He said this term would be important as the Deanery Synod would elect the members to the General Synod who would be debating important matters of human sexuality.

b) Election of members to the PCC:

PR said there were six nominations to the PCC: David Archer and Ian Parkes for re-election and Caroline Gibbs, John Ladd, Richard Middleton and Peter Smith. All were duly elected to applause.

c) Group Council:

PR thanked Vivien for her work as Secretary and John Ladd for taking over the Chair from Rosemary Hanson (St. Andrew's Church) to applause. He also thanked other serving members, Kathy Ladd, Bridget and David Archer, Shawn Tomlinson, Catherine Jeffries and David Scott, saying they were very representative of our PCC. He praised the work going on

supporting mission in a new way with local leaders, thanks to Shawn's contribution and said the burial ground was now much improved and far more eco-friendly. There was applause.

At this point the Zoom attendees dropped out of the meeting and Alistair Bolt reported this was due to his laptop no longer recharging. PR reconnected with Zoom through his mobile phone so they could re-join the meeting.

d) Appointment of Sides People

PR said he was grateful to Alistair MacDougall for organising the Sides people and Catherine Jeffries read out the names of those proposed as Sides people:
10am - Jeff Arden, Charles Bartram, Mike Brookes, Enid Erskine, John Harrison, Christine Hide, Don Hobbs, Alistair MacDougall, Chris Mitchell, Sue Mitchell, Ian Parkes, Robin Quine, David Scott, Jacky Sutcliffe, Mary Sword, Tony Sword, Ruth Vaughan.
8am/6.30pm – Rowena Atkinson, Antony Colman, Jane Colman, Gerald Cooke, Thelma Cooke, David Edmonds, John Elbro, Andrea Middleton, Richard Middleton, Garry Wheatley and Joan Wheatley. They were elected en bloc to applause.

e) Election of Independent Examiner: It was unanimously agreed that Aleathia Mann be reappointed, proposed by David Archer.

13. Discussion on new logo – what do we offer?:

PR said one might ask, "Why have one?". A logo is the instantly identifiable sign of your identity and it gives one a sense of belonging. When he had first arrived at Christ Church he was shown two little drawings of the church and these images had been used ever since. The Diocese would do it for free and have it professionally produced. It should be simple and easily identifiable. The PCC had thought the church silhouette was easily identifiable and could be in white on a blue background. The background could be a plain circle or use the shape of the rose windows in the church. Words had been suggested by John Harrison, 'The glory of the Lord shining from Christ Church'. There could be a cross and some writing. He asked if this would be supported and it was agreed that the options should be referred to the Diocese.

PR said that a new altar frontal had been made by members of the Broderers' Guild and paid for by an anonymous donor. He suggested obtaining quotes for matching vestments to be made. Alistair Bolt asked if the green would match and PR replied that if the vestments were made now the Broderers would be able to match the new green of the altar frontal before it faded. It was unanimously agreed that this should proceed.

Finally, PR announced that Garry Wheatley had agreed to take over from David Archer as Treasurer and would be elected at the next PCC meeting. He expressed his thanks to David and to Garry to a round of applause.

14. AOB:

There were no items. Alistair Bolt on behalf of the meeting thanked PR and his family for their service to the parish to further applause.

15. Closing Prayers and the Grace

The meeting closed at 8.20pm with the Grace.

Signed
Chair

Date