



East Preston with Kingston: *St Mary the Virgin*

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019
held on 18 October 2020
at 12.05pm in The Church of St. Mary the Virgin
(immediately after The Annual Meeting of Parishioners)**

Minutes

Present were Fr. Andrew Perry (Chair), Revd. Emma Ham Riche (Curate), Mrs Claire Hind (Churchwarden), Ms Lois Townsend (Churchwarden), Mrs Kathy Lockyear (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs Wendy Allen (Hon. Secretary) and 20 members of the St. Mary's congregation.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Brian and Mavis Cooke.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the APCM of the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin East Preston with Kingston, held on 28 April 2019, were passed as an accurate record and all were in favour.

Proposer: Jo Padfield

Seconder: Mike Baldock

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Electoral Roll Report

Fr. Andrew reported that there were 118 on the roll. 73 live in the parish and 45 live outside of the parish. This represents a movement of plus one since 2019; but more people on the Electoral Roll are living outside of the parish.

5 The Trustees Annual Report for 2019

Father Andrew highlighted the key events in the parish for the year 2019, saying that it had been a very successful year with many events and activities.

Reverend Emma Ham-Riche had been ordained deacon in Chichester Cathedral on 29 June 2019 and thereafter had started, with great success, as a curate in the parish. Fr. Andrew expressed his grateful thanks for all the help he had received from Revd. Emma, Fr. Richard Bromfield, Fr. John Quigley and Reader John White.

6 Presentation of the Independently Examined Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

Our Treasurer, Kathy Lockyear, highlighted certain aspects of these. Total receipts and general unrestricted funds received were £143,674.

The net increase in funds was £91,167.

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £54,737, effectively the bill for having a full time stipendiary priest.

Kathy wanted to register her thanks to Peter Lewis, who supports her enormously and also to Erica Hussey, who looks through and presents the Quarterly accounts.

David Cross had checked and signed the accounts in June 2020.

There were no questions with regard to the accounts.

7 Fabric Report

Fr. Andrew summarised work (from Colin Crane's report) which had happened during 2019.

Main expenditure had been £35,000 spent on the tower in 2018.

The mixer tap in the toilet for the disabled and the ballcock system had been replaced.

Asbestos material in the old chimney stack of the boiler room had been removed and disposed of.

Health and Safety monitoring was continuing as were annual inspections of the boiler, fire extinguishers, fire blanket and organ in addition to 5 yearly electrical testing of the mains circuit.

Two fire exit signs had been replaced.

There were new circuit breakers and twin sockets for three-pin plugs in the kitchen and a paper towel dispenser, fire blanket and hand sanitiser had been installed on the wall outside the kitchen.

A local company had cleaned out gutters and removed moss from the west door entrance path.

"Fantastic Gardeners" continued to oversee maintaining the churchyard, in conjunction with Arun and District Council.

8 Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Our Deanery Reps had been Sue Baldock and Jill Quigley. They had met three times during 2019. They discussed Diocesan Strategy and voted on the formula for the calculation of our parish share for 2020. Synod voted for a more gradual move towards ministry costs, using the previous year's formula as a guide.

At the November 2019 meeting of Deanery Synod, Archdeacon Luke Irvine Capel had been the main speaker. He had stated that churches in the diocese needed to be four "Mores":

- * More open
- * More converted to Christ
- * More generous
- * More engaged

9 The Election of five members to the Parochial Church Council and four to the Arundel and Bognor Deanery Synod

Five new members were elected to the PCC: Wendy Allen, Vivien Ayling, Peter Lewis, Gloria Russell and Helen Smith.

All were in favour.

Two people were appointed to the Deanery Synod: Lucy Hornby and Pauline McLelland.

All were in favour.

Father Andrew welcomed the newcomers and expressed his thanks and appreciation for their stalwart work to all those who were standing down.

10 Appointment of Sidespeople for the parish

The meeting agreed to the appointment of the following people as Parish Sidespeople: Ann Bird, Phyllis Bird, Stella Collier, Jenny Bromfield, Jacky Collett, Colin Crane, Dorothy Farrant, Laurie Hearn, Dorothy Hicks, Jonathan Hind, Kathy Lockyear, Pauline McLelland, Jill Quigley, Miriam Read, Helen Smith, Angela Stephens, Alison Welch, Liane Welch, Dudley Wensley and Chris Wood.

11 Appointment of an Independent financial Examiner for 2020

Kathy Lockyear proposed that David Cross be elected as Independent Examiner for 2020 and Lucy Hornby seconded this.

12 Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12.23 pm.