

Parish of All Saints with St Peter, Maldon

Minutes of the Parishioners and Annual General Meetings
held on Sunday 11 October 2020

The meeting opened at 11.20

Annual Vestry Meeting

The chair was taken by Reverend Canon Peter Begley with 39 people present.
Peter welcomed members to the meeting.

Election of two Churchwardens:

Jennifer Clinch: proposed by Linda Anthony, seconded by Vicky Tropman

Dennis Johnson: proposed by Linda Anthony, seconded by Vicky Tropman

There being no further nominations, these two people were duly elected.

Peter Begley expressed his thanks to the Churchwardens and offered his congratulations on their appointments.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies:

Jan Frost, Julia Rogers, Alwyn and Gillian Ward-Russell

Minutes of meeting held on 25 March 2019:

Agreed by all present that the minutes of the meeting were an accurate record.

The minutes were signed by Peter Begley.

Matters Arising:

None

Presentation of the Electoral Roll:

Linda Anthony presented the Electoral Roll.

There are currently 114 people on the roll of whom 73 are resident and 41 are non-resident.

This is a decrease of two from last year. Sadly two members have died during the year.

Proposed by and seconded by that the roll be accepted.

Agreed by all present.

Election of three members to the Deanery Synod:

Two nominations had been received

Jenny Clinch and Vicky Tropman, currently serving on the Synod, were voted en bloc to serve for up to three years. Jenny expressed thanks to Vivien Clark who has stepped down from Deanery Synod and Peter Begley thanked Jenny and Vicky who were continuing with another term of office.

Election of members to the Parochial Church Council:

There were seven nominations:

Barbara Gale, Julie Ovenden, Mike Kneller and David Presswell currently serving on the PCC were voted en bloc to serve for up to three years.

Vivien Clark proposed by Jenny Clinch and seconded by Vicky Tropman

Jackie Barnes proposed by Liz Blyth and seconded by David Presswell

Peter Chignell proposed by Ken Russell and seconded by Dennis Johnson

The three people named above were duly elected to serve for up to three years.

Appointment of Sidespersons:

The following were nominated as sidespersons:

8am J.Boyt, A Newson, J Shaw.

10am C Chignell, D Clinch, M Devonshire, J Downham, K Downham, G Johnson, M Keeble, B Wainwright, A Withrington, B Withrington.

Agreed by all present that these people are appointed. All were appointed en bloc. Peter Begley thanked all the sidespersons for their ministry of welcome.

Annual Report of the PCC:

There were no alterations made to the report and it was agreed by all present that the report be adopted.

Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts:

Mike Gibson is willing to stand again as auditor.

He was proposed by Barbara Gale and seconded by Alan Marjoram.

All in agreement.

Treasurer's reportto adopt the PCC accounts for the year ending 2019.

Eddie Sewell presented the accounts and answered questions from the members.

Proposed by Ken Russell and seconded by Alan Marjoram that the report be accepted. Copy of report filed with the minutes.

Peter Begley thanked Eddie for doing the accounts in these difficult times saying it is a big task in the parish but necessary to keep the church up and running.

Report from Rev Canon Stephen Carter:

Peter Begley read a report submitted by Stephen for 2019 and until he retired in February 2020. Peter ended by offering thanks for Stephen's eleven years ministry and service at All Saints. With one amended date, Stuart Pegler proposed and Sue Frederick seconded that the report was accepted. Agreed by all present.

To receive the report on the Fabric:

With one minor alteration, the report was accepted. Copy of report filed with the minutes.

To receive the report of The Deanery Synod:

Report was accepted by all present.

To receive the report of the Churches Together in Maldon:

Inge Duncan reported that nothing had happened lately due to the lockdown. Phoenix Youth Club which closed last year had been run through CTiM and Debbie Clinch thanked them for all their past support. Open the Book, now in its 7th year, is currently being filmed and copies sent into the schools. Report accepted. Copy of report filed with the minutes.

To receive the report of All Saints School Foundation Governors:

Proposed by and seconded by that the report be accepted. Copy of report filed with the minutes.

Eddie Sewell reported that he currently has no signatories for cheques for the school account. He made an appeal for new governors to come forward, subject to PCC approval.

Area Dean report:

Peter spoke about the current vacancy and said that all advertisements for clergy vacancies are currently suspended until after lockdown. He said the plan had been to advertise the post earlier this year to avoid a long vacancy but this had been thwarted by the Covid pandemic. He confirmed that Archdeacon Elizabeth has received the Parish Profile and that once restrictions are lifted, the Diocese will look to appoint very quickly for the Maldon churches. He spoke of the continued plan for the MMU's saying they are important for both pastoral and prayer support.

Any other Business proper to an Annual Parochial meeting:

None had been received.

David Presswell spoke on behalf of everyone to say that it had been a great pleasure to welcome our Area Dean to All Saints from his own parishes in Southminster and Steeple. He said “we are very grateful to you, Peter, for leading us in worship this morning and for chairing the APCM with your leadership, your experience and your good humour. You have provided us with guidance and encouragement at this difficult and unprecedented time of uncertainty, vacancy and pandemic. Your efforts this morning have been a great support for us as we try, despite the difficulties, to serve God and the community in this Church. We look forward to welcoming you back to All Saints on other occasions and thank you for your loving service to us this morning.”

David also expressed thanks to all those who have been working to keep the Church open and welcoming during this difficult time, with particular thanks to the Churchwardens whose dedicated work is very much appreciated.

Julie expressed her thanks to Peter Clark for compiling the book containing all the relevant papers for today’s meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 12.30 with a reflection on the first verse of Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd and I lack nothing, followed by a closing prayer.

Chairman Date