

All Saints' Church, West Haddon

Minutes of the AGM held at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 7th April 2019

1. The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the service just finished would count as the opening prayers.
2. Present: George Atterbury, Pauline Atterbury, Annie Ballantyne, Kevan Brassington, Margaret Brassington, David Cochrane, Paula Cochrane, Graham Collingridge, Bernadette Frost, Carol Hale, Richard Humphreys, Rosie Humphreys, Christopher Jones, Sallie Jones, Anne Kiernan, Julie Morgan, Dennis Orcherton, Greta Orcherton, Judy Patchett, Avril Perkins, Sandy Tringham, Sue Tringham, Helen Webb, Dorothy Whittaker, Keith Wilkes. Anne Varley and John Varley.
3. There being only two nominations for Churchwardens Sue Tringham and Julie Morgan were duly elected unopposed.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 10th April 2018 were accepted as correct and signed.
5. Reports. (a) Electoral roll. Dennis reported that it was a new roll this year and we now have 47 names on the list of whom 6 are non-resident. He was thanked for his hard work and agreed to carry on as electoral roll officer for the next year.
(b) Annual report of the PCC. This was accepted. A copy is attached to these minutes.
(c) Finance. Margaret presented the accounts. She was thanked for her very hard work and congratulated on running the accounts at a profit. She thanked all the people who had helped raise the money.
(d) Churchwardens report. Sue gave this. A copy is attached to the minutes. She answered questions on her report and work. (i) Kevan asked if the PCC would try to get three competitive quotes for the quinquennial report. Sue said yes. (ii) Dennis asked if the Bishop could be asked to make it easier for lay people (particularly licensed readers) to do a Communion by extension. Graham explained the Bishop's views and the answer is No. The Bishop's views are that there are three possibilities; more benefice services, travel to another church; accept non-communion services. David said that if ones physical body needed things (e.g. doctor, food) people were prepared to travel so why not if our spiritual body needed things? It was reported that General Synod had given permission for Churches not to have a Communion every week. Graham said that it is possible we might have a curate in 2020.
(e) Deanery synod report. Graham said the Deanery Synod met three times a year. In 2018 the major topics had been interface work with Islam – a challenge in urban areas; a visit from the Bishop; children and family work.
(f) Music report. Dennis said he had been organist for 55 years and that he is still hoping to play at two service a month. He thanked the choir for their support. There would be a meditative type service on Good Friday. He thanked the congregation for their support. The meeting thanked him.
6. Elections to the PCC. Vicar, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Rep and readers are ex-officio. The meeting elected Margaret, Bernadette, Tristan, Avril, Keith and John. Thanks were expressed to Kevan who was standing down.

7. The following were appointed sides persons: Anne, Annie, Avril, Julie, Keith. Kevan, Margaret, Sandy and Sue.

8. Vicar's report. Graham thanked everybody. He said our main responsibility is worshipping God, closely followed by taking God to the village. We have three Governors of the school; himself, Kate and Julie. The recent inspection of the RE showed we were strong. The staff, particularly Jo Brinklow and David Armstrong, had worked hard on the school's assemblies. The PCC should send them a special note of thanks.

9. AOB. Julie, on behalf of the events committee thanked everyone for their support. The main summer event is the "Fete"

Dorothy explained how the Pastoral Group, Bernadette, Dorothy, Keith and Sallie, with help from Val Howard from Long Buckby, visited and prayed for people who needed help but the committee needed us to tell them who needed help.

The meeting closed with the Grace.