

A Communion Service was held in the Vestry at 7.00 pm prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)

St. Peter and St. Paul Watford: 9th March 2020 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Revd. Graham Collingridge, David Hiam, Joan Cockerill, David Evans, Edward Frost, Virginia Penney and Sandra Russell

Coffee was served.

1. The Vicar, Revd. Graham Collingridge, Chairman of the Meeting welcomed everyone.
2. **Apologies:** Gill Bigley, Helen Hiam, Bernadette Frost and Rebecca Frost.
3. **Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect Churchwardens:** No nominations. This concluded this part of the Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

4. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019.** An amendment was made to the Minutes (a deletion of a sentence from the Minutes). The Minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: None

5. (a) **Electoral Roll:** On behalf of Mrs. Frost, Mr. Frost gave the report. Mr. Frost reported that there were 16 people on the Electoral Roll – 5 of these are residents. The Secretary will send a letter of thanks to Rebecca. Sandra was informed by Gay Gardner in February that he wished to come off. Electoral Roll should be 15 for this APCM.

(b) **The Annual Report of the PCC:** (Revd. Graham Collingridge).

The PCC has seen and approved the Report. A copy is attached to these Minutes. The report was approved unanimously by the PCC. The Chairman was thanked.

(c) **Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December 2019:** A copy of the Accounts is attached to these Minutes. The Treasurer, Mr. David Hiam, said that Mr. Don Bird had examined the Accounts. Mr. Hiam went through the Accounts. Two of the Accounts remain the same with little interest added to them each year. The Santandar Account does receive covenanted monies. David said that he was pleased that the Friends of St. Peter and St. Paul's were supporting the church and building. Members of the PCC briefly discussed the giving scheme by direct debit that St. Lawrence's have implemented. He will discuss this with Chris Banks and bring along some forms to the next Committee Meeting. David said that we shall be in a position to pay our Parish Share. The Accounts are in a better state than a few months ago. The Chairman asked everyone to accept the Accounts. All agreed. The Chairman thanked David for what has been a demanding year.

d) **A report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or Churches of the parish:** This report is attached to these Minutes. The Chairman said that each year the inventory of the church needs to be checked to see that everything is still the same. We have lost and bought some new silver. Joan and Sandra will check the inventory by the end of April. Ken Brand has offered to repair the broken floors in the pews. He is willing to do the work. James Willis does not wish to be a Member of the PCC. He has done this before. Report agreed by everyone.

e) **A report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod (Sandra Russell):** copy is attached to these minutes. Sandra enjoys the meetings and finds they are helpful.

6. **a) Elections of Parochial representatives of the laity:**
Deanery Synod: Sandra Russell nominated by Joan Cockerill and seconded by Virginia Penney. Duly elected.
b) Parochial representatives of laity to PCC (two vacancies):
Joan Cockerill nominated by Sandra Russell and seconded by Virginia Penney.
Virginia Penney nominated by Joan Cockerill and seconded by Sandra Russell. Both duly elected. The Chairman and PCC Members offered their congratulations.
The Chairman said that David Evans was coming off the PCC but thanked David for all that he had done for the church. David said that he would still be willing to help out when needed. The Secretary will send a letter of thanks to David.
7. **Appointments:**
a) **The Independent Examiner or Auditor:** Mr. Don Bird has agreed to examine our Accounts for another year. All agreed. The Secretary has written a letter of thanks to Mr. Bird.
b) **Electoral Roll Officer:** Rebecca Frost will be happy to carry on with this role. All agreed. The Secretary will write a letter of thanks to Rebecca.
8. **Vicar's Report:** The Chairman thanked everyone for their hard work for what had been a big year, a major milestone. The village had engaged with the church. He thanked Linda Ariss and Jeff, and Ken and Angela Brand. Watford is not a very sociable village but it had come together. The Chairman hoped that there would be a Confirmation in April or May next year for Kerenza Willis which could be combined with others in the Benefice. The Chairman was thanked for his report.
9. **Matters of Parochial or General Church interest:**
Edward will try and position the safe at the weekend. Joan said that she had a word with Richard Gautrey about making a wooden casing for the safe. Apparently the light in the porch is not working. The Chairman thought that we should keep our future services at 3.00 pm in the afternoon for the next year.
10. **Any other business:**
Joan said that she had seen Linda Ariss and had committed us to do refreshments for the **Male Voice Choir Concert on Sat.30th May** and to the selling of tickets. We will also do teas for the **Classic Car event on Sun.27th June**. Joan has also booked our church for the **Ride & Stride event on the 12th September 2020**.
Richard Southey will be taking the **Mothering Sunday Evening Prayer service on the 22nd March at 3.00 pm**. There will also be a **Benefice Service on the 26th April at 10.45 am**. Joan stressed the importance that those of us, who kindly man the door, should arrive at least thirty minutes before the service; some members of the congregation do arrive early. The Rev. Mark Betson will be taking the Communion Service and the Table will need to be set up. We also need to obtain two Chalices from West Haddon. We need two Assistants for Communion. David and Bernadette are Eucharist Assistants. We need to have collection bags for the service. Lois is playing the organ so we need to switch on the heater.
The Secretary has also written a letter of thanks to Sheila Sikes for providing and arranging the flowers.

Date of next PCC Meeting: Monday 13th July 2020 in the home of Mrs. Joan Cockerill at 7.30 pm. The Grace was then said. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.