

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS HORDLE and ST ANDREWS TIPTOE
Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Parish Church Meeting (APCM)
Tuesday 22nd September 2020, 7.30pm on Zoom

Opening Prayers and Bible Reading from Matthew 28:18-20

Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect two Churchwardens

Miss Gill Morris and Mr Duncan Argyle are currently the churchwardens, but in accordance with the Church Representation Rules (2020), churchwardens are elected every year.

	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by	
1.	Gill Morris	Mary Moynagh	Ed Hood	
2.	Duncan Argyle	Gill Morris	Mary Moynagh	

Proposed: Louise Booth

Seconded: Martin Scott

Annual Parish Church Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence: Roger and Karen Freeman, Peter and Marion Beecham, Ruth Lambe, Davina Griffiths, Christine and Michael Warren, Viv Binns, Pat Hood, Hazel Hainsworth, Heidi Langley

2. Approval of the Minutes of the last APCM held on 7th April 2019

Proposed: Gill Morris

Seconded: Duncan Argyle

3. Matters arising from those minutes – none

4. Electoral Roll report

Last year when the roll was revised there were 140 names on the Roll. A few have been removed but more added and the Roll now stands at 154.

5. Elections to the Parochial Church Council

The following have been nominated to serve on the PCC

	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by	
1.	Roger Freeman	Christina Rodgers	Charlie Rodgers	
2.	Ed Hood	Gill Morris	Mary Moynagh	
3.	Alastair Pickburn	Mark Strode	Mary Moynagh	
4.	Anthea Fisher	Anne Hilton	Christine Steeds	
5.	Davina Griffiths	Ian Andrews	Duncan Argyle	
6.	Richard Nunn	Chris Benson	Ian Andrews	
7.				

All were in favour that they be elected en bloc

6. Elections to Deanery Synod

The following people have been nominated to serve on Deanery Synod (and PCC)

	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
1.	Andrew Franklin	John Shea	Martin Scott
2.	Ian Andrews	Ruth Lambe	Michael Warren
3.	Martin Scott	Ian Andrews	Andrew Franklin

All were in favour that they be elected en bloc

7. Annual Report & Financial Statement

Andrew Franklin reported –

This is normally my annual opportunity to communicate with you face to face and also your opportunity to ask questions about the finances.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements are produced in the format recommended by the Charity Commission. There are more words than figures. The aim of the prescribed report is to justify that our purposes are for the public benefit. Charitable Status carries privileges, the main one being we pay no tax. So pages 2 and 3 outline our objectives and our main one is outreach to the community.

These statements were approved by the PCC in June and filed with the Charity Commission. The Statement of Financial Activities on Page 9 highlights all the money coming in and the money going out. This year total income was similar to that of 2018 at £159k (£160k in 2018) Expenditure was down from £185k in 2018 to £166k in 2019. This was because there was little in the way of major repairs in 2019 (in 2018 there was a major repair in the form of a new roof at St Andrew's which cost £24K and also to the brickwork and roof at All Saints costing £5K.) It was pleasing to note that we met our increased commitment to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund increasing from £81k in 2018 up to £90k in 2019.

Our reserves are shown on the Balance Sheet on page 10. Our accumulated balance on General Fund of £40k the PCC judge to be the minimum reserves we need – 3 months of expenditure. I am hugely grateful for those who give by regular planned giving either by Standing Order or by weekly envelope. This helps us as a PCC to plan the future with greater confidence. Nearly all of our income is from personal giving and we can see that it costs over £3k a week to run these churches. I would like to remind people that signing a gift aid declaration increases the value of the gift by 25%

I try not to worry too much about the church finances. It is not my sole responsibility. It is also the responsibility of everyone on the PCC. Nevertheless, I confess that I was concerned when in 2019 a few generous givers, not least 2 members of clergy, moved away from the parish or sadly died. However, this shortfall has been made up as we have welcomed new people into the congregation and as some existing members have increased their giving.

On a personal note, as far as giving and being generous is concerned I have in the past treated giving to the church as one of the last calls on my money and gave my leftovers – I progressed to subscription giving – treating the church as a club and that I need to pay a subscription towards the costs. But along this unfinished journey I have been challenged to be generous. We worship a generous God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son and Jesus gave everything including his life for us on the cross. So, I can never outgive God the Father or God the Son. How much you give is between you and God. The Vicar and PCC do not have this information.

So where are we now in September 2020 – I did say earlier that in 2019 nearly all our income is from personal giving. Since March ALL our income is from personal giving. There has been no income from renting out church halls. Your PCC as with all charities can only spend what you have given us. So even though the buildings have been closed we are grateful to you all for continuing to give this year. Church has been very much alive. We are hopeful that we will meet all planned expenditure in 2020 including our planned gift of £90,000 to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund.

Thanks are due to the following who have assisted me greatly in carrying out the duties of Treasurer. This is dangerous because I won't mention everybody, but hopefully you know who you are. – Audrey Hill, Mary Moynagh, Martin Scott, David Collins, Peter and Ruth in the office and my wife Leanne.

Andrew then took questions.

David Collins enquired if the amount being paid to the Diocese was at the level they requested. Andrew replied that for several years we have not been able to meet the Diocesan target but we have been increasing our commitment. For 2020 the Diocese asked for £114,000 but we are aiming to pay £90,000.

Arthur Binns raised his concern over the omission of a safeguarding report in the Annual Report. Mary was able to reassure the meeting this is going to be rectified by adding the following statement to the Annual Report and reissuing it to the Charity Commission;

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Throughout 2019/2020 safeguarding training continued for all volunteers in the church and by April 2020 all had completed training. We now await the updated programme for those who need to renew their training.

8. Appointment of the Independent Examiner – I has been agreed by PCC for Douglas Forsyth to be appointed as the Independent Examiner for 2021.

9. Annual Fabric Report

Duncan said he regarded it as an honour and privilege to serve as Church Warden, a job he does not take lightly. He thanked his wife Lydia for her patience when he was tied up on church business.

Duncan thanked the splendid band of volunteers who by their generous giving of time, expertise and financial support have kept the 'wheels' of the church revolving for 7 days a week.

As well as keeping everything maintained and in good working order Duncan also spoke of future projects that are 'on hold' at the moment due to current restrictions, namely, upgrading the 'Front of House' at All Saints, the possibility of a 'Solar roof' on both All Saints and the Memorial Hall, and upgrading the kitchen area in St. Andrew's.

He feels we are very blessed to have such quality facilities.

10. Vicar's Report

Paul thanked the Churchwardens for all that they do. He opened his report in prayer.

Paul expressed his gratefulness for the past 12 years in the parish of Hordle and Tiptoe, stating how much he had appreciated the sense of unity. He mentioned the three passages that He felt the Lord had given him arriving in the parish in 2008:

John 4:23, Ephesians 4:16, and Matt 28:16-20 which have been the basis for the UP, IN and OUT focus over the past 12 years. He took these three strands as the basis for the rest of the report.

WORSHIP:

Paul celebrated the following aspects of church life: Development of the worship band; Great worship services; Prayer and Praise; Messy Church; Prayer meetings; Joint services with other local churches

FELLOWSHIP:

Small Groups; Prayer Triplets; Social Events

OUTREACH:

Paul expressed how we have seen a great sense of people having a heart for outreach through various aspects of church life and events. It has been a delight to see people coming to faith and coming back to church in the past year. He mentioned the work in both schools in the parish. Also, the new addition of the school trip to Furney Croft camp.

He then went on to describe the following events:

Farewells to Simon Robertson and Elizabeth Bennett; Gift of youth Bibles to schools; Church trip to New Wine; Appointing Anne Elliot; Quiz nights etc.

He referred to the pMAP and specifically the three areas of focus:

1. Developing our spiritual life
2. Developing services and events
3. Developing our buildings

He thanked the following people:

Ali and his family for supporting him over the past 12 years; The PCC members; The Standing Committee; Peter Reece and Ruth Lambe for their admin work; Anne Elliot for her support and solidarity; Church Wardens; Deputy Church Wardens; Al Pickburn for Online Worship services; Tim and Rosie Cosby supporting online worship and fellowship within the church

He mentioned the need for a focus on unity and prayer as the parish looks forward to the Interregnum.

He expressed His gratitude for the love, fellowship and support that he received as Vicar in the parish over the past 12 years.

Paul then closed in prayer.

11. Questions submitted in writing prior to the meeting - none

12. The Grace was shared before the Closing Prayers

Date for next year's APCM – Tuesday 20th April 2021