

allsaintsworcester

JOINING GOD IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 29th March 2021, 7.30pm, via Zoom

MINUTES

Opening worship and prayer

Rich welcomed everyone and introduced a time of worship in which people were invited to type into the chat box what they are thankful to God for over the past year. These included:

- Changed lives through Alpha
- Youtube morning prayer and other videos
- The way All Saints family has invested in our family. We have been so blessed.
- So much mutual encouragement and support shared in our community
- Finding comfort and hops through morning and night prayer around the world
- New opportunities to get involved
- Community
- Organisation of online worship and activities has been excellent
- Thankful for youth zoom chats
- Sharing the reality of this last year together, not having to walk alone.
- Foodbank.
- Happy to be able to walk and talk with friends.
- Amazing effort in supporting children and youth engaging in church at home
- Health. Home. Hope.
- Fellowship through prayer groups

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

(i) **Approval of minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on Monday 9th November 2020**

Proposed: Fraser Oates

Seconded: Geoff Pritchard

In Favour: 72

Abstentions: 20

Objections: 0

(ii) **Election of churchwardens**

Rich Johnson thanked Rich Colthurst and Phil Bristow for all they have done as churchwardens and their support Rich and the PCC. Both Rich Colthurst and Phil Bristow stood unopposed as candidates for churchwarden:

Rich Colthurst, proposed by Adam Noonan, and seconded by Paul Prigg;

Phil Bristow, proposed by Emma Pettifer and seconded by Bryan Mason.

Rich Colthurst and Phil Bristow were duly elected churchwardens until the APCM of 2022. The meeting showed appreciation with applause!

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(i) **Apologies for absence**

Received from: Maggie Chase, Chris Giles, Derek Tarpham, Nicola Williams

(ii) **Approval of the Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 9th November 2020**

Proposed: Fraser Oates

Seconded: Jenny Prigg

In favour: 72

Abstentions: 20

Objections: 0

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

(iii) **Matters arising from the Minutes**

No matters were raised.

(iv) **Receipt of Annual Report and Accounts 2020 and Annual Review 2021**

Rich referred the participants to the Annual Review of Ministry available on the website. He gave particular thanks to Sue Price, Parish Safeguarding Officer and to Mark Carrington, Operations Director. The Annual Report and Accounts are also available to view on the website.

a. Electoral Roll report

At the APCM on 9th November 2020 the roll stood at 166. Since then 13 names have been added and today the electoral roll stands at 179. The roll is available to view on the website rather than posted up on the church notice board as our gatherings have been online only since January 2021 due to national lockdown.

b. Treasurer's report

Grahame Lucas presented a recap of the financial position.

The position now: The unrestricted General Fund is in credit for the first time in many years. 2020 ended with a surplus of £6k. There was a reduction in income of £19k, but this was offset by a reduction in expenditure of £22k.

Current work in 2021: The five-year plan is under review to manage finances as we grow as a church.

Looking forward: COVID-19 has had a material effect on our finances but not as much as we could have expected. We have kept our budget in balance and the PCC continues to monitor this. Uncertainty about 2021 and the local economy makes planning very difficult but we are in a good position to face this uncertainty.

Foodbank news: Foodbank funds have flourished thanks to the amazing response of people in making donations (£323k) and 132 tonnes of food donations (up by 40% on last year). As a result, Foodbank is in a strong position. He referenced Genesis 41:36 – this reserve helps us to provide for people in our city in hard times, to survive the 'storm'.

Grahame thanked everyone for their generosity, for the work of the finance team and for all who have volunteered for mission and ministry at All Saints.

Rich added his thanks to the church's ongoing financial commitment to the church. He added that we have ring-fenced our mission giving despite drop in income. He also informed the meeting that we are now paying our parish share in full – we have increased what we give and the share asked of us has reduced, following a review within the diocese and recognising our role in the diocese.

(v) **Elections of lay representatives to the PCC**

a. Election of PCC representatives

Rich thanked the PCC members coming to the end of their terms with special mention Grahame Lucas, and Chris Pettifer who have completed their 3 year terms; Rachael Hattee who has completed her two year term; and Dr Nicola Williams, who will be standing down before the end of her 3 year term

as she is expecting to move to Scotland. Grahame has agreed to stand again for PCC and offers to carry on as Treasurer! Chris Pettifer is standing again for election too.

The meeting paused to thank and pray for our outgoing PCC representatives.

Standing for election were:

- Grahame Lucas proposed by Viv Swann and Mark Carrington
- Chris Pettifer proposed by Rich Colthurst and Jenny Prigg
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b. *Election of Deanery Synod Representatives*

- James Roe, proposed by Kevin Fooks and Veronica Tyrrell

The meeting paused to pray for the new members and the work of the PCC in the next year.

(vi) Appointment of Independent Examiner for the year to December 2021

Rich proposed that David Hibbett be appointed as the independent examiner for the year to December 2021

Proposed: Rose Adams

Seconded: Jordan Hattee

In favour: 92

Abstentions: 0

Objections: 0

(vii) Vicar's report

- a. He thanked the church for the way we have navigated the pandemic. Rich acknowledged that it has been a really hard year. He encouraged us all to rest so that we can carry on serving those around us. Encouragements over the past year include: pastoral care, explosion of prayer, spiritual growth of many, innovation and creativity, Foodbank effort, online engagement, congregational growth, financial resilience and resourcing church plans.
- b. He gave special thanks to the people
 - i. tech team: Andy Hodgkiss, Rich Corrall, Mike Croft, Chris Pettifer, Gill Auty, Paul Barton, Zac Johnson.
 - ii. Hils Auty and her ability to organise us is such a gift.
 - iii. Kath and the Johnson children for supporting Rich.
- c. Rich gave a word of encouragement that faith will be required to find a new way. As the church we note that the way before has collapsed, so we navigate new ways to do and be church. Rich shared that he perceives that we are going into a period of transition, not just global pandemic, but also climate crisis, and racial justice, and the massive economic pressure that communities are under. It is important that we journey this together. We will need time to experiment and dream. We must respond to the leading of the Spirit and the renewed church will be birthed in and sustained by prayer. He is excited by the evolving shape of the church as we become a family of churches – with Andy Smith and the team heading over to St Peter's Bengeworth this summer.

3. Closing prayer

The participants prayed together led by Bryan Mason, Phil Bristow, Rich Colthurst, and Laura Gallacher before Andy Smith closed the meeting in prayer.

Present at the APCM and Annual meeting of parishioners on 29th March 2021 and on the electoral roll (88):

Rose Adams, Hils Auty, Rhys Auty, Paul Barton, Philippa Barton, Ailsa Briggs, Margaret Bristow, Philip Bristow, Mark Carrington, Maggie Chase, Steve Chase, Heather Christmas, David Christmas, Timothy Clack, Rachel Colthurst, Richard Colthurst, Rich Corral, Mike Croft, Sarah Croft, Bev Dickens, Susan Dickens, Heather Fooks, Kevin Fooks, Laura Gallacher, Clare Garfield, Nat Garfield, Ivanna Giles, Hannah Gillies, Mark Gillies, Sally Gray, Julia Gonzalez, Les Gonzalez, Keziah Greenstreet, Sam Greenstreet, Christine Haig, Debbie Hammond, Joanna Harper, Pam Hart, Jordan Hattee, Rachael Hattee, Will Harwood, Alison Houghton, Angela Hughes, Andrew Jackman, Judith Jackman, Kath Johnson, Sarah Kelsey, Ben Kelsey, Guy Lavarak, Paul Long, Ruth Long, Gillian Lucas, Grahame Lucas, Abigail Macaskill, Timothy Marlow, Bryan Mason, Judith Mason, Jan Nelson, Annelise Nunn, Philip Nunn, Fraser Oates, Joanne Oates, Emma Pettifer, Chris Pettifer, George Piggin, Alice Pirrie, Joy Pollock, Stella Power, Sue Price, Jenny Prigg, Geoffrey Pritchard, Emily Roe, James Roe, Andy Sheppard, Ruth Sheppard, Debbie Smith, Mark Stone, Sue Stone, Vivien Swann, Veronica Tyrrell, Phil Wade, David Warren, John Warren, Colin Whitehead, Janet Whitehead, Alexander Williams, Amy Williams, Sarah Worth

In attendance at the meeting and not on the electoral roll (9):

Rev Rich Johnson, Rev Owen Gallacher, Rev Andy Smith, Helen Dean, Helen Khogali, Saib Khogali, Carly Lamb, Henry Lamb, Jess Fellows

Apologies:

Chris Giles, Mike Harper, Diane Marlow, Alex Stothard, Brian Stothard, John Tayler, Wendy Taylor, Nicola Williams