

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MIDSOMER NORTON

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020 at 10-55**

APOLOGIES

Taken as for the Meeting to Appoint Churchwardens

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 2nd April 2019, having been circulated were taken as read. After being proposed by Chris Plummer and seconded by Les Martindale as a correct record, and all present in agreement, they were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

None

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report

No questions were raised regarding the content of the Annual Report.

Accounts

John reported as follows

'It must be realised that these figures before you are 10 months old and they represent how we went into a very interesting year, but that will be discussed at the APCM covering 2020. It does include the first three months of the vacancy which was something this church hadn't experienced for 25 years. The obvious effect was the loss of service fees and learning the routine for recovering the fees for visiting clergy.

Although I technically took over as Treasurer in May 2019, it wasn't a clean straight forward handover in that Maureen supervised each move and gradually handed over more aspects of the job. Her patience and hard work was much appreciated'.

He thanked

Helen Bailey for all her hard work in the Church Hall

Kay Harvey for all her work with Gift Aid & church collections

Les Martindale for managing the Fabric Fund

John & Hilary Denning for managing the Fees account

The congregation for their generous financial giving over the year.

ELECTORAL ROLL

There are 98 names on the electoral roll

ELECTION OF 3 DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES for 2020-2023

Two nominations had been received

Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Beth Davies	Margaret Marshall	Shirley Blackburn
Colin Tincknell	Timothy Marshall	Kay Harvey

With no other nominations, they were unanimously elected. It is hoped that some-one will come forward to fill the remaining vacancy

ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Two PCC representatives for 2020 to 2022 were needed to fill places which had arisen due to people leaving St John's. Only one nomination had been received

Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Robert Broughton	Esther Marshall	Hilary Denning

Again, it is hoped that some-one will come forward to fill the remaining vacancy

Three PCC representatives were required to serve 2020-2023. Three retiring members were willing to stand again

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Gary Lewis	John Shears	Shirley Blackbourn
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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Lynn Dunhill had done this in past years but did not wish to continue. David Harvey had been approached and had agreed to take on the role. He was proposed by Sally Curtis and seconded by Andrew Broadhurst.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CHURCHWARDENS

Alan Gregory was willing to continue but as Beth was taking on Churchwarden, another person was needed to fill her position. Pat Clynes has agreed to do this. Carol Moore proposed and Beth Davies seconded the appointments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carol proceeded with the following

'I want to say a few thank-you's to those who have given their time and expertise so freely to the work of St John's during the year. I think it applies to most people here, but I apologise if I have missed anyone out.

Huge thanks are due to John, our Treasurer, who took over the job at the last APCM. His humour and efficiency are second to none.

Thanks to our flower arrangers, I think they have had a well-deserved sabbatical for the past 6 months, organists, choir, servers, brass and church cleaners, sacristans, gift aid secretary, readers, chalice assistants, coffee makers, magazine editor, printer & distributors, bellringers and Helen, who looks after everything to do with the hall so well.

Special thanks to Les who looks after our fabric fund, David who arranged our concerts and the cake makers who made and served the refreshments. The 17 concerts raised nearly

£4000. The Social Committee, sidespersons and assistant Church Wardens. I would also like to thank Maureen West who had been our Treasurer for many years and was much involved with many aspects of our church life.

When lockdown hit us the future seemed gloomy. It was a truly sad day when Shirley and I had to shut the main church doors, not knowing when they would open again. However we needed to be positive and active, hence the buddy system came into play. This seemed to work really well, people have commented to me that without it many would have felt very isolated. We then started to send out service sheets by email and again people welcomed them.

The Parish Profile team did a grand job thanks to Gary for being at the helm. The Profile was highly commended by the Archdeacon and our Patron, Christchurch, Oxford.

During lockdown many people have helped with the smooth running of this church. Fathers Jim and Tony have worked so hard, not just taking services and preaching, but writing homilies in the news sheets and in the magazine each month. Beth did a great job sending out the emails each week, thank you, Beth. The various clergy who were interspersed with Jim and Tony to lighten the load for them. These included Bishop Peter, Archdeacon Adrian, Melvyn Matthews, Mary Bide, John Sclater, Peter Farrell, Mark Hutchinson, Chris Marshall who had also helped a great deal with the school services.

Gary has been most helpful in writing the Risk Assessments for the church and hall and for always being there to answer any queries I have had.

I thank Christine and Ralph for all their hard work and dedication at St John's. We will miss them greatly and wish them every blessing as they move to Corsham. This is a small gift to be a token of our thanks and to remind you of your happy time at St John's.

However, I want especially to thank Shirley for her enormous contribution, her reliability and attention to detail and her ability to be at church always ahead of me however much I try to beat her. I am very, very sad that due to her ill health she has had to stand down as my fellow churchwarden. She will be missed so very much, her devotion to her job as churchwarden has been exemplary. She will miss being with us too each week and I pray that our Heavenly Father will encompass her with his healing power and love. We will be sending her a gift from all of us in appreciation of her work here amongst us, and look forward to welcoming her back as soon as she is well enough.

I know that we thank God for his guidance and love in helping us to run His church during this Vacancy. We have particularly felt His warmth and protection every step of the way. We thank Him that in His wisdom He has sent Guy and Kate to be with us to begin a new exciting chapter in the life of St John's.

The meeting closed with The Grace 11-10