



(Reg Charity No: 1132488)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Meeting Information:

Date: **SUNDAY 9th MAY, 2021**

Location **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH** Meeting type: **APCM**

Chair **Revd David Wallis** Minute Taker **Margaret Bovill**

1. WELCOME by Revd David Wallis and Opening Prayers

MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS

Apologies: Simon Davey, Katherine Grant, Robert Sansom,

1. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:

- **St Margaret's Ditchling:**
- Name: **Keith Hine**
- Proposer: Sue Sewell Second: Alec Gaskin
- **Streat:**
- Name: **Michael Sewell**
- Proposer: Mark Moody Stuart Second: Paul Charman
- **St Martin's Westmeston:**
- Name: **Paul Charman**
- Proposer: Mark Moody Stuart Second: Brenda Hall
- Name: **Tessa Haughton**
- Proposer: Paul Charman Second: Pam Gaskin
- **In addition Tessa Haughton will be the Warden of the Beacon Parish**

Voted and agreed by all present so duly elected

Meeting closed

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1. MINUTES: Revd Wallis asked for approval of the Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 18th October, 2019, as an accurate record, proposed by Mark Moody Stuart seconded by Paul Charman, agreed by all present, signed and dated by Revd Wallis.

2. MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising

3. ELECTORAL ROLL: Electoral Roll Officers Tony Blanchard and Paul Charman:

- Tony Blanchard reported that there are now **164 names** on the Electoral Roll

Revd Wallis asked that this report be formally adopted, proposed by Colyeen Blanchard, seconded by Brenda Hall, all present in agreement.

4. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mark Moody Stuart, Treasurer and Sherrian Guest, Giving Team. (*Copies of Annual Report and Financial Statements were available for Parishioners together with the Giving Team Booklet*)

- **Mark Moody Stuart began** by thanking Sherrian Guest for the booklet that the Giving Team have produced
- This booklet has a bar chart showing our income over recent years revealing significant surpluses. But since 2016 have had to draw on our reserves
- In 2020 in spite of the Covid Pandemic our deficit was slightly smaller. Our Churches were closed so expenses were lower. Our shared Youth Worker was furloughed which also reduced our expenses
- On the giving side there has been a steady decline in voluntary giving
- Weddings and Funerals donations are variable but the Covid Pandemic limited attendance so these were down
- Parishioners have been very generous when special appeals have been made i.e. Church Clock at St Margaret's, and Church Path at St Martin's Westmeston
- Parish Share is £74,035 and the Financial Report describes how this is used
- Parish Office expenditure is £26,000 which includes IT, Photocopying etc.
- Mike Sewell is working on an itemised budget which will help to control our expenditure

- Another large item is building repair and general maintenance. Friends of St Margaret's help with this and with our endowment funds this is not a major problem.
- **Sherrian Guest and the Giving Team:**
- Background to the Giving Team and looking at new ways of giving by building a Generous Giving.
- Several new initiatives from summer onwards to the Autumn.
- Share across the Beacon Parish
- What can we do now?
- Commit to supporting the Parish in a more structured way
- Parish Giving Scheme
- Review our generosity and finding the best way to support the Parish.
- By joining up the Parish Giving Scheme ensures that we give regularly even when we are not able to attend services.
- Easy Fund Raising see details in the booklet.
- Many churches are doing this.
- Motivated by a sense of continuity from one generation to the next

Revd Wallis thanked Mark, Sherrian, Paul, Rod and Sue for all their hard work especially during these challenging times.

Mark then proposed that the Annual Report and Financial Statements be adopted Seconded by Sue Sewell all present in agreement. Annual Report and Financial Statements adopted.

5. DEANERY SYNOD UPDATE: Revd Wallis

- Due to Covid 19 there have been very limited meetings. Those meetings that have happened have been on Zoom
- Deanery questions about how Parishes might be reformed and restructured
- Several Parishes are in an interregnum
- On Friday all the Clergy took part on a six-hour course reflecting society in and out of Church. Living in faith and love
- Deanery will look at this again late summer

6. ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:

The following have agreed to stand for a further year:

- Tony Blanchard, Margaret Bovill, Simon Davey, Virginia De La Pole, Katherine Grant, Sherrian Guest, Simon James, Mark Moody-Stuart, Robert Sansom, Sue Sewell,

Proposed by Sue Henry, seconded by Alec Gaskin voted for en bloc, all present in agreement.

In addition one new PCC Member was proposed:

- Heather Evans, proposed by Tessa Haughton, seconded by Sherrian Guest, all present in agreement

All duly elected to the PCC

7. APPOINTMENT OF WELCOMERS/SIDESMEN:

- Appointments will be held over until after 21st June, 2021, when all Covid 19 restrictions will be removed. Will be reappointed in June.

Revd Wallis offered thanks to Paul, Tessa and Keith

8. APPOINTMENT OF VERGER:

- Revd Wallis proposed that Virginia De La Pole be appointed as Verger, seconded by Tessa Haughton, all present in agreement.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

- Maxwell Gumbleton in Lewes, were proposed by Mark Moody-Stuart, seconded by Sue Sewell, all present in agreement.

12. REVD WALLIS ADDRESS: Main points:

- We must concentrate of sowing new seeds and our Stewardship will nurture and cultivate these new shoots
- These shoots will grow into a new harvest
- We need to bring along new people to share in our faith and joy
- This will be a year of encouragement

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Safeguarding Policy signed by Revd Wallis and copies will be displayed in all three churches

14. VOTE OF THANKS:

- On behalf of the Beacon Parish, Tessa Haughton gave a vote of thanks to the Revd David and Mrs Sally Wallis

The meeting was then closed with prayers by Revd Wallis



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FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED PCC

Meeting Information:

Date: SUNDAY 9th MAY, 2021

Location ST MARGARET'S CHURCH **Meeting type:** TO ELECT

Chair Revd David Wallis **Minute Taker** Margaret Bovill

VICE CHAIR: Tessa Haughton

Proposed: Sherrian Guest **Seconded:** Paul Charman

TREASURER: Mark Moody-Stuart

Proposed: Tessa Haughton **Seconded:** Mike Sewell

BOOKKEEPER: Sue Sewell

Proposed: Mike Sewell **Seconded** Tessa Haughton

SECRETARY: Margaret Bovill

Proposed: Tessa Haughton **Seconded** Sue Sewell

DATE OF PCC MEETING - WEDNESDAY 19th MAY, 2021, via Zoom

Meeting Closed

