



(Reg Charity No: 1132488)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Meeting Information:

Date: **SUNDAY 1st MAY, 2022**

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, Simon James, Rod Pryde

1. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:

- **St Margaret's Ditchling:**
- Name: **Keith Hine**
- Proposer: Pamela Gaskin Second: Brenda Hall
- **Streat:**
- Name: **Michael Sewell**
- Proposer: Margaret Bovill Second: Susan Sewell
- **St Martin's Westmeston:**
- Name: **Paul Charman**
- Proposer: Rod Pryde Second: Brenda Hall
- Name: **Tessa Haughton***
- Proposer: Di Martin Second: Heather Evans

- ***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 9th May, 2021, 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 Officer Paul Charman: Before I give the report I would like to thank Tony on behalf of us all for all the work he has done over the past years in keeping the Beacon Parish Electoral Roll up to date.

- Paul reported that there are now **163 names** on the Electoral Roll, 43 non residents outside of the Parish
- The short Electoral Roll will be on display for the next 14 days in all three of our churches

Revd Wallis asked that this report be formally adopted, proposed by Tessa Haughton, 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 Sue Sewell for all her work
- Overall our deficit has increased by £20,839 from last year
- Why? Overall giving is down by £3,000
- Giving through Parish Giving is up but older forms of giving through Standing Orders and envelopes has gone down, due to deaths and people moving to neighbouring parishes during lockdown and not returning
- Our Parish Share remained the same £74,000 due to cost control by the Deanery and Diocese
- Managed to make some savings especially on churchyards due to Paul Charman taking over the upkeep of all three churchyards
- Maintenance of our three churches is basically covered by Endowments and Investments
- Still regarded as a wealthy Parish
- Problem is our voluntary *giving* does not really cover our Parish Share plus £15,000 for administration etc and a further £13,000 for our share of our Youth Worker
- Necessary to draw on our reserves but this cannot continue

- Over the years our investments have increased by more than our deficit but since January, 2022, their value has decreased by £30,000
- We need to increase our income
- Thanks to Stuart Curry for his help and expertise on the Finance Committee
- **Sherrian Guest and the Giving Team:**
- 9th October to 10th October, 2022, will be Giving Week

Revd Wallis thanked Mark, Sue, Sherrian, Paul, Rod and for all their hard work especially during these challenging times. We need to encourage people to give to support the Church. Giving is not an optional extra but a mark of discipleship.

Mark confirmed that the Annual Report and Financial Statements had been adopted by the PCC.

5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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

6. DEANERY SYNOD UPDATE: Revd David Wallis

- Meetings have taken place via Zoom
- Hope to get back to regular in person meetings this year

6. ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:

The following have agreed to stand for a further year:

- Margaret Bovill, Simon Davey, Heather Evans, Sherrian Guest, Virginia De La Pole, Mark Moody-Stuart, Robert Sansom, Sue Sewell,

Voted en-bloc proposed by Peter Sills seconded Helen Sills all present in agreement. All duly elected to the PCC

7. APPOINTMENT OF WELCOMERS/SIDESMEN:

- Maz Hine, Tessa Haughton, Paul Charman will continue and ask members of the Congregation to join them in due course

9. REVD WALLIS ADDRESS: Main points:

- Reflected in the prayers we offered earlier
- Should not underestimate the challenges we have been through for us and the wider community
- Re-engage and accept the challenges and do things different

- Receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- Only through the Holy Spirit, who is at work among us, that things will happen
- We are disciples of Christ
- We must be active in service, in faith, continue being active in stewardship and support of one another
- When new people attend services it is so important for them to see who we are and what we are about

10. VOTE OF THANKS:

- On behalf of The Beacon Parish, the PCC and myself, I would like to propose a vote of thanks to say an enormous thank you to David and Sally for everything they do for the Beacon Parish, the congregation, community, St Margaret's School and our three Churches. Its been difficult with Covid-19 over the past couple of years and although we were glad that they were able to have their time away on EMDL, we were equally very glad to see them safely returned. Their kindness, compassion, generosity, guidance and humour – the list goes on – thank you David and Sally from us all.

The meeting was closed with prayers by Revd Wallis



FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED PCC

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VICE CHAIR: Tessa Haughton

Proposed: Heather Evans Seconded: Mike Sewell

TREASURER: Mark Moody-Stuart

Proposed: Robert Sansom Seconded: Sherrian Guest

BOOKKEEPER: Sue Sewell

Proposed: Paul Charman Seconded: Heather Evans

SECRETARY: Margaret Bovil

Proposed: Ginny De La Pole Seconded: Keith Hine

DATE OF PCC MEETING - TO BE CONFIRMED

Meeting Closed

More meetings during the day time. More energised.