

Holy Innocents Church, Great Barton

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

27th April 2021

Those Present : Kathy Drakes, Christopher Drakes, Mary Edwards,
Tim Frost (Chair) Betty Holdgate, Claire MacKichan, Angela
Pearce, Peter Robinson, Kathleen Sewter, David Sheppard,
Tiz Tiffin, Jane Dalton

Apologies for Absence Charles Gorer, Morris Sewter, Ann Wallace

1. *Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October 2020*

These were adopted.

2. *Electoral Roll*

Allan Howell, who couldn't be at the meeting, had sent Jane Dalton a copy of the draft Electoral Roll, and she reported that there are 89 people on the Roll, 77 resident and 12 non-resident. No comments or queries were raised.

We are very grateful to Allan for all that he does regarding the Electoral Roll, and Jane was asked to thank him on everyone's behalf.

3. *Annual Report and Accounts*

There were no comments on the main body of the report, which was accepted.

Accounts : Kathy Drakes gave a report. We had done very well in the difficult circumstances of last year, in that we had a slight surplus. The Parish Giving Scheme is valuable – we have 32 people signed up for it (with 2 more people interested) and a further 17 people give by standing

order. 8 or 9 people who were using envelopes before lockdown have been making donations, and 1 person is thinking of making a six-monthly gift-aided donation.

The money we have had coming in during services has been counted by Kathy and Tim. When we are back to normal we should ask the sidespeople to count it and write it down.

Our fundraising was badly hit, the income from this being down by over £10,000. However we did receive a lot of donations towards the West Window repairs and the toilet. Nevertheless we did make a loss.

We will keep going but we do need to be very aware that we cannot keep dipping into our reserves every year.

Peter Jones, our Independent Examiner, is happy with the Accounts

Tim Frost, on behalf of the meeting, thanked Kathy Drakes very much for doing the Accounts and for being our Treasurer, and thanked Peter Jones.

4. Independent Examiner

Peter Jones is willing to continue as our Independent Examiner, and everyone was in favour of this. Jane Dalton will write to him confirming this and thanking him for all his help.

Kathy will tell Peter that we have now got a new software computer package for the accounts. At the moment she prints everything off for him, but he may be interested to know about the software.

5. Reports from various Church organisations and individuals

The Reports were formally adopted (proposed by Jane Dalton, seconded by Claire MacKichan, all in favour)

Men's Breakfast They had some money to give to the Doxa Project which they support, just under £400. The Doxa scheme works with young children in Kenya

6. Election of PCC members

All the PCC members were willing to stand for election again. Kathy Drakes proposed acceptance of everyone, Peter Robinson seconded this, all were in favour. As follows :

Kathy Drakes (proposed by Linda Scoles, seconded by Charles Gorer),
Mary Edwards (proposed by Charles Gorer, seconded by Pat Sheppard),
Charles Gorer (proposed by Kathy Drakes, seconded by Jane Dalton),
Betty Holdgate (proposed by Mary Edwards, seconded by Tiz Tiffin),
Claire MacKichan (proposed by Tiz Tiffin, seconded by Mary Edwards),
Peter Robinson (proposed by Mary Edwards, seconded by Jane Dalton),
Linda Scoles (proposed by Ann Wallace, seconded by David Sheppard),
David Sheppard (proposed by Angela Pearce, seconded by Charles Gorer),
Tiz Tiffin (proposed by Chris Drakes, seconded by Mary Edwards),
Ann Wallace (proposed by Angela Pearce, seconded by Chris Drakes)

7. *The Messenger*

Kathleen Sewter asked Peter Robinson if he knew how many people were getting *The Messenger* on-line – Peter said that 140/150 people were visiting the website every month, and 30 hard copies were printed. It is intended to produce a flyer to distribute round the village so that people in Great Barton will know there is a *Messenger* website. However we need to improve the range of content, particularly if we are going to produce a flyer. It would be good to encourage Church organisations to let people know what they are doing, and we have Mary's gardening tips and sometimes recipes Kathleen will ask the School and Kathy will ask the Scouts if they would like to contribute

8. *Thanks to our Churchwardens*

David voiced everyone's feelings when he said that all praise is due to our Churchwardens for all they have coped with throughout this difficult time, and our thanks should go to Pat Sadler and Irene Churchus too. We are very grateful to them.

9. *Date of Next Meeting*

The next APCM was arranged for 26th April 2022 at 7 pm