

THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN SEND

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Chairman Reverend Tony Shutt Priest in Charge

Held at the Church on Sunday 30th May 2021 at 11:35

Apologies: Angela Grimshaw, Christine Lavendar, Sylvia Pyne, Julie Cameron, Norman Carpenter, Lisa Floyd.

Present: Rachel Wilkinson, Michael Barratt, Althea Barratt, Paul Holden, Molly Hall, Beth Shutt, , Ian Tulloch, Pauline Fava, Penny Corlett, Peter Sheppard, Pat Randles, Jackie Bonella, Donald Glynn, Diana Prime, Kate Pearmain, Andy Smith, Linda Mumford, Victoria Sorinwa, Gillian Ford, Sally Harrison, Rona Khalek, Marlin Khalek, Lorna Cave, Lyn Ryan, Helen Sloan.

Tony welcomed everyone.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual parochial Church Meeting held on the 25th October 2020

Minutes of the APCM for 25th October 2020 have been displayed in the Church for several weeks prior to the meeting. They were approved unanimously as a correct account with no amendments.

2. Electoral Roll Report.

Bill Pyne reported that the electoral roll stands at 74. The Chairman thanked Bill for all his work with the electoral roll.

3. Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the Activities of the Parish generally.

Comprehensive reports have been available at the back of the Church for sometime now for members of the congregation to read.

Apart from the Priest-in-Charge, PCC and Treasurer Reports, there are also reports about Church Fabric, Church Rooms, Churchyard, Parish Safeguarding, Sunday Club, Bell Ringing, Send Mothers Union, Music, and the Scout Group.

Tony said how encouraged he was to see how much we had been doing despite the Covid Pandemic.

Tony thanked those for compiling the reports. All the reports were found to be acceptable.

4. Reporting on Safeguarding.

Tony advised all present that Safeguarding is a high priority in Church at both National and local level. He highlighted how important it is that vulnerable adults and children are protected. There were no questions about safeguarding.

5. Financial Statements

The Chairman thanked Paul Holden (Treasurer) and Peter Sheppard (Independent Examiner) and Julie Cameron (Stewardship Officer) for all their hard work. Peter's report had been adopted by the PCC.

There were no questions about the Financial Statements.

6. Church Fabric.

The Chairman thanked Rachel.
The current phase of the restoration work is almost complete.

There were no questions about the Fabric.

7. Deanery Synod.

Tony reports any Proposals from the Deanery Synod to the PCC throughout the year. The parish is entitled to have two lay representatives appointed onto the deanery synod.

8. Deanery Synod Representatives.

Kate Pearmain and George Richardson are prepared to continue to be Lay Representatives. Tony thanked them for agreeing to do this. Both were reappointed.

9. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council.

At least 5 PCC representatives needed to be elected.
Bill Pyne, Linda Mumford, Victoria Sorinwa and Gillian Ford all kindly agreed to stand on the PCC for full terms of 3 years (until 2024)

Subject to Government restrictions Tony hoped that the first newly formed PCC meeting (face to face) could happen at the beginning of July.

10. Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

Tony thanked Christine Acock for her ministry. Christine was relicensed as a Lay Minister in 2020. It was decided that the practice to adopt Licensed Lay Ministers onto the PCC is to continue. Christine agreed to be a member of the PCC.

11. Secretary and treasurer

Secretary is an office in the PCC. For over a year now the PCC Secretary role had been vacant after Angela Grimshaw stepped down. Tony announced that Christine Lavender has agreed to be PCC secretary. Paul Holden has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Tony thanked Paul and Tony proposed Paul.

12. Appointment of Sidepersons (Welcomers).

Brief discussion about this. Difficult to know when Welcomers can resume their duties due to current Covid 19 restrictions.

Tony informed those present that Welcomers need to be elected by the PCC.

A list of welcomers to be made at the first PCC meeting.

List of Welcomers.

Christine Acock
Althea Barratt
Peter Blake
Betty Brown
Mary Campbell
Penny Corlett
Donald Glynn
Sally Harrison
Christine Lavender
Diana Prime
Sylvia Pyne
Jane Gigg
Catherine Edwards
Angelina Couling
Marcus Couling
Andy Smith

13. Appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor

Tony thanked Peter for his hard work in compiling the annual report.

Peter agreed to continue in this role.

14. Chairman's Address

No Address due to the Covid 19 Pandemic restrictions.

15. Questions

Penny Collett enquired about the role of welcomer. Rachel said that she would email a copy of the duties to Penny.

Penny asked when it would be possible for the Restoration Project leaflets to be distributed around the Village. Tony advised about the current Government Covid guidance and that maybe the leaflets could be distributed after 21st June Government announcement.

Lorna advised that the next Send & Ripley Matters magazine is published in September and that this is distributed to every household in Send. Helen reported that she had approached the magazine before and did not get a very positive response, but this may have been due to Covid. Helen will contact them again.

Helen advised that some of the leaflets had gone into the school.

Sally will discuss again with the Parish Magazine Distributers.

Rachel advised that she was happy to receive emails from any member of the congregation who didn't feel that they wanted to ask a question at the meeting.

George raised Slave Trade Funds connected to St Mary's. Tony reported that he was not aware of any. Tony advised that the Church of England had recently published a report about this, but he had not had the opportunity to read it yet.

Tony hoped that by the Autumn services may be back to "normal". He advised that there would be a transitional phase for the 8am services resuming and Baptism services, which may need to be conducted as private services after the Sunday morning services.

Sally Harrison thanked Tony for all he has been doing including the many Straw Chapel services.

Tony commented that we need to be there for one another.

Tony thanked Beth for all that she does – often out of sight, and how much she helps others.

16. Concluding Prayers

The meeting closed at 12:05pm with everyone saying the Grace.