

**Treasurer**

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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2024 at 7pm in the Church Centre

A total of 18 people attended the meeting: Rev. Mike Smith, Sarah Smith, Lizbeth and Derek Harbottle, Liz and Richard Ashenden, Dave and Liz Hopkins, Linda Vogwell, Pat Hartwell, Claire Sandys, John Mayne, Tom Poulton, Claire Otter, Sue and Derek Conaty, Rachel Green and Elaine Marsh.

The Rev. Mike chaired the meeting. All members of the PCC had been emailed a pack prior to the meeting with the Annual Report and Accounts (which had previously been approved by the PCC) and a copy of all the reports which were to be presented.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Vestry Meeting

Churchwardens update

There are no Churchwardens.

Approval of minutes from 13th March 2023

Proposed Derek Harbottle

Seconded Dave Hopkins

Mike gave a prayer of thanks.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies received: Phil Blake, Chris Sandys and Judy Baldwin

1. Elections to the PCC

Ex Officio members:

Derek Harbottle (Treasurer)

Liz Hopkins (Safeguarding)

Louisa Messenger (Reader)

Liz Ashenden (Synod)

Re-elected members:

Derek Harbottle (Treasurer)

: Proposed by Liz Ashenden, Seconded Linda Vogwell

Pat Hartwell (Vice Chair)

: Proposed by Liz Ashenden, Seconded Linda Vogwell

Newly elected officers:

Elaine Marsh (Secretary)

: Proposed by Liz Hopkins, Seconded Liz Ashenden

Rachel Green (Electoral Roll Officer) : Proposed by Liz Hopkins, Seconded Pat Hartwell

Continuing to serve:

Dave Hopkins

Linda Vogwell

John Mayne

Claire Otter

Ally Morgan

Newly Elected Members:

Nominated Sarah Smith

: Proposed by Chris Sandys, Seconded Graham Ford

Nominated Tom Poulton

: Proposed by Sarah Smith, Seconded Liz Ashenden

Mike thanked Linda Vogwell for 3 years of hard work as Electoral Roll Officer, and Lizbeth Harbottle for many years as a member of the PCC and Deanery Synod. We also thank Mike Owens for his work during his time on the PCC.

There are now 102 members on the Electoral Roll, therefore vacancies are

2 Churchwardens

1 Deanery Synod

5 PCC members

Mike thanks all on PCC for their commitment and time, all prayed for the newly formed PCC.

2. Approval of previous minutes - Held on Monday 13th March 2023

Minutes of the previous APCM were drawn to everyone's attention. There is a correction to be made (mentioned by Derek Harbottle, re Parish Giving Scheme) otherwise the minutes were accepted as a correct record: proposed by John Mayne and seconded by Dave Hopkins.

3. Report of the Work of the PCC and Secretary's Report (APCM Report)

Liz Ashenden mentioned that there is a need for a Communications Team, she would like to bring it back. **ACTION: Liz to ask around.** Mike noted that we need to be mindful of its purpose.

Liz Ashenden mentioned that there are a lot of good things happening at St George's.

4. Treasurer's Report

Derek Harbottle presented the Report and Accounts for 2023 (APCM Booklet pages 6-8) to the meeting.

The accounts were approved by the PCC at the meeting on the 18th of March 2024.

Derek confirmed independent examiners checked and signed report reference P.5 of the Annual Reports and Accounts booklet.

Derek drew attention to a few points on the accounts, see page 7 of the APCM booklet.

2024 will be difficult due to higher wage expenditure as the minimum wage has increased.

Our current commitment to the Parish Share 2024 is £59,080. This is an increase of 7% as requested by the Diocese and Deanery.

For regular giving the QR Code can be used, this takes you to St George's page on the Parish Giving Scheme website. The Blue Envelope Scheme is still in use for those who wish to use cash.

No questions were asked re the report and accounts.

A huge thank you was given to Derek as we are grateful and appreciate all the hard work he puts into his role of Treasurer.

5. Safeguarding Report

Liz Hopkins kindly read out the report as per page 8 of the APCM Booklet. Also noted:

- There is a new report coming out with key recommendations - this is a 37 page report, Liz will forward this to the PCC.
- Safeguarding needs to be streamlined across the board, we are to be advised of the changes.
- We will be audited this year as we are the first.

No questions were asked. Liz was thanked for all of her hard work.

6. Presentation from Mike Smith.

The PCC year; we are very good at gathering people - lots of “evenings”. How do we hang on to these people? The encouragement is that what we are doing is working.

The thread is - we require resources and can't overstretch. Need to remember we are following God!

The Church Fair was fantastic and attracted a record amount despite another fair on at the same time. Thanks to Ally for all her hard work. Paying someone to do the Fair has paid dividends. This model has caught the attention of the Bishop. As a model - is there scope for a middle ground? **ACTION: Need to look at this as a PCC.**

Re Hall - mention was made re the new lights coming in on the 5th/6th of June to replace the old inefficient lights. The new kitchen must be done by the 31st of August. We have valuable resources to promote - Baptism/Wakes etc. How can we better use this hall?

The old model of “giving” no longer works. We should be flourishing; although it is not all about money but meeting folk and fellowship. The journey is giving your life to the Lord. We need to get people back and committed to God and our church.

PCC need to plan for next year - the land outside is awaiting use - there will be money available if we need it. Claire Sandys has been helping Mike to look at this - it needs to meet community needs. We are going to canvas what we as a community need/want, and some meetings are being set up for gathering of ideas. There are resources inside and outside.

Summer - Mike has been in talks with the Link Library and Youth Team - Charlotte Mills - regarding a Primary age activity morning each day during August alongside Sportily, who focus on Christian values. We are awaiting funding for this of around £2000. This will provide activities and a meal/snack. It will be charged out at a nominal fee, to ensure the numbers.

Comments re using outside space

Dave Hopkins - allotment and sell to local places?

Rachel Green - there is a market for Dog agility parks. Or, a Sensory Garden.

ACTION: Mike will issue dates for "ideas meetings"

Comments re Summer Activities:

Claire Otter has worked with Sportily - they really make a difference. Is this for Primary or Secondary? St George's are doing Primary in the mornings and Charlotte Mills is concentrating on Secondary in the afternoons.

Rachel Green - is this a drop off? Yes.

Liz Ashenden - is there a paid youth officer somewhere that we could use?

PCC Time Away - this is the 11th of May at the Parish Centre. 9.30-12pm. We will be looking at the Vision Statement.

Comments re Vision Statement:

Liz Ashenden - should be looking to show we are one in God's love.

John Mayne - should be very clear, short and punchy - it is too elongated, we need to communicate as a community.

Note re Standing Committee, who are -

Mike Smith, Derek Harbottle, Pat Hartwell and Elaine Marsh.

7. Any other business - none

Date of Next Meeting APCM: 12th May 2025

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm, in Prayer