

PARISH OF ALL SOULS, NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

Minutes of the APCM held on

Monday 19th October 2019 at 8.00pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Anne Bufton-McCoy (Chair), Heather Cooke, Shirley Faulkner, Dawn Cole, Richard Meredith, Alison Meredith, Trish Richardson, Janet Perkin, Rhona Oxford, Adrian & Sally Parkes, Margaret Dalton, Simon Shilleto, James Westley (Churchwardens & PCC members) + 8 electoral roll members (Ann Homer, Michelle Withey, John & Gina Larkin, Robin & Jan Powell, Maxine Maddox, Gwyneth Shilleto).

APOLOGIES: Chris Gomm, Bernard Miller, Roger & Julie Shiers.

Anne Bufton-McCoy welcomed all those in attendance, after which James Westley opened the meeting with prayer.

Meeting of Parishioners to elect Churchwardens:

The following being the only nominees were duly elected to serve for the year 2019 – 2020:

St Nicholas, Austrey

Heather Cooke	Proposed: E. Henderson	Seconded: L. Henderson
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St Mary, Newton Regis

Shirley Faulkner	Proposed: J. Powell	Seconded: R. Powell
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All Saints, Seckington

Anne Bufton-McCoy	Proposed: R. Shiers	Seconded: J. Shiers
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Holy Trinity, Warton

Dawn Cole	Proposed: A. Meredith	Seconded: R. Meredith
Richard Meredith	Proposed: S.J. Shilleto	Seconded: G.P. Shilleto

5 nominations received: acceptance proposed by Sally Parkes and all were elected unanimously.

Appreciation expressed of the contribution made by the churchwardens as the interregnum extends into a second year.

No date as yet for swearing in of wardens but expected to take place before 31 January 2021.

MEETING OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 29 April 2019

These had been circulated previously & were agreed and signed as a true record of the occasion.

Proposed: M. Dalton Seconded: H. Cooke

Matters arising

Most items covered under main agenda or in individual reports.

Update given on situation regarding a new vicar. Advert went out in January 2020 and although there was some interest shown, there were no applicants. Not unusual! Second advert due late March but halted by COVID-19. Although we have been writing to the Archdeacon and keeping in regular contact with the Area Dean, there is no further progress. Now the Diocese has stopped all external recruitment, because of financial pressures. New full-time Area Deans being appointed but being funded by Church Commissioners. Future uncertain – Chair had heard talk of possibility of Dioceses amalgamating. Any mileage in individuals emailing the Archdeacon? May not have a positive effect. A suggestion that the PCC write to the Diocese asking what their long-term plans are might be more useful.

Electoral Roll Report

The updated electoral roll for 2020 shows a total of 120 members, a net reduction of 5 (3 moved away, 1 death, 2 worshipping elsewhere). 1 additional member gained. Thanks recorded to Ann Homer for preparing the roll.

Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer

Ann Homer is willing to continue in this role.

PCC Report *(written report issued prior to meeting, copy attached)*

The Secretary noted that the year had been largely dominated by Stephen and Sally's impending departure to Cumbria, which took place in July 2019. The PCC then set about the twofold task of

organising services for the remainder of the year and preparing a Parish Profile to be used by the Diocese as a basis for an advert for a new vicar. We are grateful for the assistance of Fr Philip Wells and Revd Michael MacLachlan of Polesworth in conducting Communion Services and for the guidance of our Area Dean Revd Louise Shaw but in the end it is up to all of us to ensure that All Souls continues to flourish as we await the appointment of a new leader. Thanks expressed to Secretary for preparing report.

Finance Report *(copy attached)*

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019. These had already been circulated to members.

Total income was £66,115 (almost £5,000 up on last year), expenditure £59,529 (a reduction of almost £3,000), giving us an encouraging surplus of £6,586 for the year.

At 31.12.19 the balance in the Current Account stood at £2,873 – 02 and the Deposit Account £59,885 - 85.

Not a bad year but there was a warning that the picture would be very different in 2020 due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Trish was thanked for her clear presentation, as well as for her time and hard work in preparing the accounts. Thanks also to Alison for dealing with the everyday banking.

Acceptance of Accounts proposed and agreed unanimously.

Buildings Committee: Fabric Report *(copy attached)*

A summary of works completed at all 5 churches during the past year was presented. Little work undertaken because of lockdown.

Roof works to the nave at Austrey will need to be dealt with, also presence of honey bees in south nave roof, which is proving a bigger problem than originally thought because of difficulty of access. Heather is liaising with the Diocese to find a solution.

Composting toilet at Warton on hold. Problem of obtaining tenders + lockdown.

Thanks to Alison for preparing the report.

Deanery Synod Report: *(copy attached)*

Two meetings held in 2019 in May and November which dealt with the proposal to merge Polesworth and Colleshill deaneries. This has now been achieved and Revd Canon Louise Shaw appointed as the new full-time Area Dean.

Safeguarding Report:

Thanks to Margaret Dalton for her comprehensive report. With the departure of Stephen she has taken on the role of Parish Verifier for DBS checks. In November 2019 11 members of All Souls attended refresher training session on Basic Awareness and Foundation Safeguarding at Dordon. New modules introduced in January 2020. Basic training currently only available online. DBS checks due for renewal currently being carried out. Dates on documents to be submitted have been extended.

Other reports:

Reports from the Children's Team, School Assemblies Team, Mission Links, Prayer Circle, Bible Club and Social & Fundraising Committee available *(copies attached)*.

Children's Team: because of lockdown we are not able to access school buildings and Soul Café is now being held via Zoom. Team pleased with the response. Michelle Withey a welcome addition to the team.

Thanks to the Children's Team for all their hard work.

All Souls Assembly Team:

Comprehensive report of themes covered during the year. Assemblies generally successful in all 3 schools: the children are always excited to see us. Because of COVID assemblies are not being held at the moment but new volunteers would be very welcome once they start up again. Thanks to Ann Homer for co-ordinating the assemblies.

Mission Links:

The report outlined the focus of each of our Mission Partners and the support we have been able to offer over the past year. In 2019 and 2020 we have had links with a new Crosslinks Study Partner, Patrick Bundi Cyprian, on a 2 year Masters in Mission course at the African International University in Nairobi, Kenya.

Social & Fundraising Committee:

Events in 2019 included a Good Friday Lunch, Harvest Supper, and Holly Berry Eve, which together raised £866 for parish funds. In addition Seckington and Newton Regis held their annual Gardens events to raise funds for their individual churches' Restoration Funds.

With the suspension of all social gatherings this year we need to think about alternative fundraising ideas. Suggestions included having sponsors for the Parish Cycle Ride and an online auction.

Thanks to Shirley and her team for all their hard work in 2019.

Bible Club:

Meets on a week night in Austrey, generally every fortnight, although this year most meetings have been held on Zoom. All are welcome for fellowship and discussion. Meetings are very informal.

Prayer Circle:

Gina Larkin co-ordinates this activity whereby requests for prayer are circulated using mobile phones. Currently 25 people in the circle. Many prayers answered. Anyone can join at any time or simply send a prayer request by texting Gina on 07966 664508 for circulation to the group.

Anne expressed thanks for all the reports and for all the work people are doing. We are managing to maintain more or less all our activities.

Election of All Souls PCC 2020 – 2021

9 nominations received. The following were duly elected 'en bloc' without the need for a vote: Janet Perkin, Trish Richardson, Alison Meredith, Margaret Dalton, Rhona Oxford, Simon Shilleto, Adrian Parkes and Sally Parkes, Michelle Withey.

Proposed: A. Bufton-McCoy

Seconded: M. Maddox

Election approved unanimously.

Election of Deanery Synod Reps 2020 – 2023

2 nominations received prior to meeting:

Alison Meredith Proposed: J. Perkin Seconded: A. Bufton-McCoy

James Westley Proposed: A. Westley Seconded: M. Dalton

As Sally Parkes is standing down, Michelle Withey agreed to fill the role.

Proposed: A. Bufton-McCoy Seconded: S. Parkes

Election of all 3 reps approved unanimously. This is for a 3 year term of office. Area Dean plans to hold a meeting on Zoom before end of 2020.

A.O.B.

1) There are still apples available in the vicarage garden.

2) Thanks expressed to Anne for her leadership, guidance and support, also to Trish for her commitment in organising services, as well as all involved in leading worship, reading, preparing talks and prayers.

3) There will be a meeting of the PCC via Zoom on **Monday 9 November** at 8 pm.

Dawn closed the meeting with prayer at 8.55 pm

Signed:.....

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