

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 25th October 2020 in St. Anne's Church Turton commencing at 12.20 p.m.

Chair: Rev. Canon Peter Reiss (Team Rector).

Secretary: Mr. R.M. Heron.

The Covid19 restrictions detailed on the Minutes for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting) Oct. 25th 2020 were observed for this meeting, and all the Annual Reports made available on the parish website.

Apologies for absence. Mrs. J. Allsop, Mrs. S. Wilson, Mrs. D. Gent, Mr.R. Gent, Mr. S. Maguire, Mrs. M. Webb, Mrs. S. Dickinson.

1. Approval of the minutes of the last A.P.C.M held on Sunday 7th April 2019.

The minutes of this meeting were approved as a true record by a show of hands, without any objections abstentions or required amendment.

2. Matters arising from these minutes.

There were no matters arising from these minutes requiring attention.

3. Team Rector's Report. (included on website).

Rev. Canon Peter Reiss thanked all the personnel who had been engaged in ensuring the smooth running of the two churches in line with all the Covid19 restrictions during this difficult period. He also reported that thanks were due to Mrs. Pat Heron who was stepping down as Safeguarding Officer as soon as a replacement was found, and to Mrs. Dorothy Cripps who was relinquishing her job in organising the interment of ashes in the churchyard.

4. Electoral Roll Officer's Report. Mr. D. Smith reported that the **number on the Roll to date was 153.**

5. P.C.C. Annual Report. (included on website).

6. Presentation and approval of Accounts. (Annual Report included on website).

The Treasurer (Mr. R. Battersby) explained some of the main features of the report and stressed the need for careful attention to spending, as there had been a large reduction in income during the Covid19 restrictions. He praised the Gift Aid Officer David Bonser for obtaining a substantial increase in Gift Aid which had helped in maintaining income.

The Parish Share i.e. amount agreed by Turton churches to be paid to the Manchester Diocese for stipends and administration in the diocese during 2020 was £44,000, £27,000 of which had been paid for the year to date. Running costs for the two churches are in addition to this amount and this was why he emphasised the need for economic restraint in order to balance the books during these difficult times.

The accounts were approved by a show of hands, no objections abstentions.

7. Fabric Report. (included on website).

Mr. S. Hobson highlighted some of the expensive repairs which had been necessary during the period since the last APCM.

These included repairs to the heating system and the church roof. The roof repair required the hire of a suitable hoist in preference to scaffolding, and inspection of other sections of the roof were carried out whilst the hoist was at St. Anne's.

A grant application was being processed for work needed in the churchyard including improved access to the Rose Garden and repair of the Lych Gates.

A faculty (i.e. permission from the Diocese) to install several allotments along the wall adjacent to the football field had been obtained and work was scheduled to start in the spring.

The Team Rector led a vote of thanks to Mr. Hobson for the time and energy he had put into carrying out these tasks to ensure the safety and future of the building at St. Anne's.

8. Deanery Synod Report. (included on the website).

9. Other reports. (included on the website).

10. Election of Deanery Synod members. (for 2020-2023).

Nominations: -

Mrs. Barbara Kenny, Mrs. Lesley Parkinson, Mr. Geoffrey Minshull and Mr. David Bonser.

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All had been formally proposed and seconded (details available), and were duly elected (3 Yr. Term).

Mr. G. Minshull agreed to be the Turton Deanery Mission and Pastoral Care Comm. representative.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring D.S. representatives, Mr. John Kirk, Mr. Anthony Patten and Mr. Simon Maguire.

11. Election of Parochial Church Council members. (for a 3 year cycle).

Nominations:-

Mrs. Barbara Arundel, Mrs. Margaret Forster, Mrs. Pauline Kirk and Mrs. Kathleen Smith,

All had been formally proposed and seconded (details available) and were duly elected.

Thanks were expressed to all the PCC members who had served since the last APCM.

12. Appointment of the Independent Examiner.

Proposed - Mr. Adam J. Sydall MA ACA of P.B.Sydall & Co. Chartered Accounts, Bolton.

Mr. Sydall was appointed without any objections.

13. Any other business.

Mr. M. Dowle asked about the future of "Around the Spire" in printed form, and the Team Rector said he intended for it to continue in order that parishioners would not be excluded from information regarding church activities because they did not have digital means available.

Mr. Dowle also expressed concern that he had heard that re-organisation of the Deaneries meant that Belmont would be leaving the present Deanery where it was attached to Turton churches. The Team Rector said that the new arrangements had not been finalised, but that if that was the case it would be of concern, and he would make it known that he preferred Belmont to remain associated with the churches in Turton.

The Team Rector led an expression of thanks to Nikki and Simon, the Churchwardens for their work during the period since the last APCM, which had been unprecedented in the measures required for governance of the church and had resulted in seeking a new approach to many activities.

Rev. Canon Michael Arundel followed with a vote of thanks to the Team Rector Peter Reiss for doing a tremendous job in organising the church activities during this extremely difficult period where the central government of the U.K. imposed Covid19 restrictions.

The meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

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