

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 using Zoom Technology (since Covid -19 restrictions were still in place), commencing at 7.40 p.m.**

**Chair:** Revd. Canon P. Reiss (Team Rector).

**Secretary:** Mr. R. M. Heron.

1. **Apologies.** Mrs. J. Rigby, Mrs. M. Forster.
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3. **Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

These minutes were approved following proposal by Mrs. B. Kenny, seconded by Mrs. K. Bulcock.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes.** None.
5. **Team Rector's Report.** (Attached and available on the website).
6. Revd. Canon Peter Reiss thanked all those who had made enormous efforts to enable the churches to function in a revised form during a very difficult period involving government restrictions regarding the pandemic. Mrs. N. Barlow led a vote of thanks to the Team Rector for the tremendous work he had initiated and provided during the pandemic, many things which would remain in place when life in the churches returned to normality. The thanks were unanimously supported by the meeting.
7. **Electoral Roll Officer's Report.**

The Electoral Roll Officer, Mr. D. Smith, reported that one Addition had been made to the Roll since the last APCM bringing the number to **154**.
8. **PCC Annual Report.** ( published on the website).
9. **Presentation and approval of the Parish Accounts.**

The Treasurer, Mr. R. Battersby paid tribute to the Independent Examiner, Mr. A. Sydall, for his help and guidance in the presentation of the accounts under these difficult circumstances when meetings were not possible.

Mr. Sydall had not found any needs for concern regarding the accounts, and the PCC had approved them in draft form at a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Mr. Battersby reported that income had been severely reduced by not being able to hold regular church events, but reduced but staff wages were also lower as a consequence. The reduced income highlighted the need for caution, but the Parish Share of £44,000 had been paid in full, a significant achievement. He thanked Mr. D. Bonser, the Gift Aid Secretary for astute management of the income from regular donors and Mr. G. Minshull for successful operation of the 100 Club.

Mr. Battersby received a vote of thanks for all his work as Treasurer over the last 3 difficult years, and Mrs. B. Kenny, the nominee for the post of Treasurer for the future was thanked for coming forward for nomination as Treasurer for the coming year.

**10. Fabric.** (Fabric Reports for both churches published on the website and recorded in a separate file).

Mr. Hobson gave thanks to Mrs. J. Rigby for her help in obtaining a grant based on improving the mental health and wellbeing of local people. This had been used to improve access and safety in the St. Anne's Memorial Garden by providing a ramp in place of steps at the entrance, replacing paving flags which were a hazard, clearing overgrown areas and installing allotments on them which could be rented for a small annual fee. Up-rating tools and machinery used by the volunteers who maintain the churchyard was also included. The Report also refers to the investigation of a possible "landfill" grant being available. These are provided by companies who manage landfill sites in the locality, and would be used to repair essential items which form part of the historic St. Anne's church building. The meeting expressed thanks to Mr. Hobson and all the volunteers who had maintained the churchyard and completed projects installed during some difficult times during the pandemic.

Mr. G. Minshull raised three items which he considered to be of concern:-

- (a) Provision of a handrail on the access ramp to the Memorial Garden.
- (b) Condition of the boundary walls on High Street Chapelton.
- (c) Condition of the St. James' Church building.

It was decided that these items needed to be referred to other PCC meetings for detailed discussion.

**11. Deanery Synod Report.** (Attached and available on the Parish website).

The Team Rector reported that on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 St. Anne's churches would belong to the newly formed Deanery of Bolton and the Area Dean would be Revd. Simon Cook.

**12. Reception of Safeguarding Report.** (Available on the Parish website.)

**The Team Rector** said that the Safeguarding Policy for Turton churches needed to be studied and possibly up-dated, but the meeting accepted the report from Pat Heron the Safeguarding Officer.

In The report Pat had indicated that she wished to relinquish the position which she had held for more than 10 years as age and health problems were making the work difficult to carry out efficiently. The Team Rector, together with the meeting extended thanks to her for her services and said that it was necessary to recruit a new S/Guarding Officer as soon as possible.

**13. Election of PCC members.**

The following members who had reached the end of their 3 yr. Term but did not seek re-election were :-

Sue Wilson, Andrew Mather and Sandra Glancy. The meeting thanked them for their services during what had proved to be a difficult time for the churches.

Nominations for election / re-election had been received from:-

Jennie Allsop - Proposed Barbara Arundel seconded by Kathleen Smith.

Karen Bulcock - Proposed Lindsey Farnworth seconded by Rebecca Hammond.

Roy Battersby -Proposed Sandra Glancy seconded by Kathleen Smith.

Jean Rigby- Proposed David Smith seconded by Sandra Glancy

David Smith- Proposed Barbara Arundel seconded by Jean Rigby.

**All were elected as PCC members to serve a 3 year term.**

**14. Appointment of the Independent Examiner.**

The Treasurer, Roy Battersby, said he had been in touch with Mr. Adam Sydall and that he had agreed to stay as I.E. for the coming year if approved. Following a proposal by the Treasurer, seconded by Mr. G. Minshull, the meeting approved his appointment and wished to thank Mr. Sydall for his work in keeping Turton churches on the right track financially.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9.05 p.m.

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