

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, COGGES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **held in the Church on Tuesday 21st March 2019**

The vicar, Rev Simon Kirby, welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with readings from Colossians 1¹⁵⁻²⁰ and 3¹²⁻¹⁷ and with prayer.

THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

The Meeting of Parishioners had been called under the provisions of the *Churchwardens Measure 2001*, and the only item of business was the election of two Churchwardens for the following twelve months.

Nominations as Churchwarden were received for Gerry Wait and James Webster, and Mr Kirby declared that Mr Wait and Mr Webster had been duly elected.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting then resumed.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the 2018 APCM had been posted beforehand.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

A report on the numbers on the new Electoral Roll had been posted beforehand. The number of people on the new roll was 246, of whom 101 were resident in the parish.

3. Annual report and financial statements

The independently examined annual report and financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2018 had been posted beforehand. The PCC treasurer, Keith Harwood, spoke about the financial statements and the chair of the PCC finance subgroup, Alasdair Wild, spoke on long term trends.

An audio recording of their talks may be found on the web at

<http://coggesparish.com/apcm/2019/>

Mr Wild and Mr Harwood were thanked for their presentations.

4. Reports

The Churchwardens' report on the fabric, ornaments and goods of St Mary's Church, Cogges and a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod had been posted beforehand.

Mr Webster thanked everyone for the role they play in the life of the church and for being part of the body of the church and led a brief time of prayer for each other. Mr Webster and Mr Wait were thanked for all of their work as Churchwardens.

5. Elections

(a) Elected members of the Parochial Church Council

Nominations for election as members of the Parochial Church Council were received for Malcolm Harper, Keith Harwood, Joanna Leach and Andrew Newham and they were declared elected to serve as PCC members for three years.

(b) Elected members of the Deanery Synod

It was reported that Ben Osman had resigned as a Synod representative but that there had not been sufficient time to give notice of an election at the APCM so the PCC would be asked to elect someone to fill the casual vacancy at its next meeting.

(c) Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was agreed to appoint A J Carter & Co as independent examiner for another year.

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6. **Questions or comments**

(a) Photo board

It had been suggested at the 2018 APCM that it would be useful to have a notice board with photographs of PCC members. It was reported that there would be photographs and other information about PCC members on the church website.

(b) Parish Share

A question was asked about the Parish Share and Mr Kirby explained that the Oxford diocese asks each deanery to contribute a Share to the diocese and the deanery then used a diocesan formula to distribute this cost to parishes. The Share was used to fund the salary and housing costs of vicars, the salary costs of curates and to pay to the national church for costs including the training of new curates. David Eaton (deanery treasurer) added that 25% of the diocesan budget comes from glebe income (land and investments) and without that the Share would be much higher. The stipend costs include pension contributions of 39.9%.

(c) Information sheet

It was suggested that we should have some sort of information sheet for newcomers explaining how things are done in the church, the deanery and the diocese, as people do ask. Mr Kirby recalled that there was a sheet last year about the PCC which could be updated.

(d) Connect groups

It was also suggested that it would be useful to have a leaflet about the various Connect groups; even if that information was available from the church website it would be good to have it available in hard copy. Mr Kirby reported that there was a team working on communications, but that information about Connect groups was included in the newcomers' welcome pack.

7. **Commissioning of the new PCC**

Mr Kirby prayed for the members of the new PCC, commissioning them for the year ahead.

8. **Other matters**

After a time of worship, there were a number of presentations:

- Ian Smith: Missional Communities
- Martin Down: Cogges Table
- Alan Elson, Lisa Bryan and the *Coggllets* team: *Coggllets*
- Chris Jones: Men's Ministry
- Simon Kirby: Vicar's report

The presentations and Vicar's report may be found on the web at

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The evening concluded with "drinks and nibbles".