

Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's, Yarnton
APCM 13th June 2021 in St Bartholomew's Church
Minutes

Meeting of Parishioners

Rev. Oliver Petter (OP) opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Election of Churchwardens

One nomination was received proposing Paul Tweddle to continue in his role as Churchwarden for another year. John Appleton is retiring from the role. In the absence of other nominations Paul Tweddle was elected unanimously until the 2022 APCM.

In the absence of a nomination for the second church warden's role some responsibilities will need to be delegated to others in the congregation or PCC as there are some which may not be done by the Rector. The PCC will discuss at a later date.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Welcome:** Oliver Petter welcomed those present to the annual meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from John and Pam Appleton.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019

The meeting approved the combined minutes of the APCM and Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry meeting) held of 18th October 2020 were accepted and approved. Minutes were signed and dated by Rev. Oliver Petter.

4. Electoral Roll

Report on the revision to the electoral roll was presented. The number of people on the electoral roll remained 50 people. Since last year one new person joined the roll and one person has died.

5. Proceedings of the PCC and other Church Groups

A report on the proceedings of the PCC and other church groups, and the Rector's annual report was presented at the meeting. These focussed on the way in which the life and worship of the church has been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions associated with it, and how the church has adapted its worship, ministry and pastoral care to the changing situation.

6. Financial Statements 2020

Gary Brewerton, PCC Treasurer, circulated the Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2020 and highlighted the key items.

Payment of the Parish Share to the Diocese continues to be a challenge and we have been unable to meet our full Parish Share. We have however been able to pay the amount which we had proposed that we could pay.

The 2020 Financial reports were approved and signed.

7. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The Churchwarden's report for 2020 was circulated and OP highlighted the main points.

The repairs to the chancel have continued to be delayed due to the pandemic. It is hoped that this work will go ahead soon.

A temporary repair to the roof was completed in December 2020. Fundraising for the complete replacement of the roof in the next couple of years needs to be a priority.

Yarnton Manor is being sold which brings concerns about the church's ongoing use of the Parish Room facilities.

8. Deanery Synod

The annual report of the proceeding of Woodstock Deanery Synod 2020 was circulated and OP highlighted the main points.

9. Election of Lay Members of the PCC

The following three applications were received to join the PCC:

Rosie Hilliard – Proposed by Rachel Woods, seconded by Charlotte Rayner.

Jill Rowbotham – Proposed by Ian Gill, seconded by Pauline Franklin.

Rachel Woods – Proposed by Angela Uberoi, seconded by Pauline Franklin.

Neil Small, Charlotte Rayner and Douglas Fairhurst will continue as PCC members. Ian Gill is leaving the PCC as he is moving away from the village and was thanked for all his faithful service to the church over the years.

Paul Tweddle (Churchwarden), Penny Small (Deanery Synod Rep) and Gary Brewer (Treasurer) are members ex officio. There is a vacancy for a second Deanery Synod representative and Oliver Petter invited anyone interested in this role to contact him. Penny Small will continue as PCC secretary.

10. Independent Examiner

The Treasurer proposed to appoint once again Astral Accountancy Services as Independent Examiner of the PCC's Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021. This was approved.

11. Any Other Business

The date of the next PCC meeting was discussed.

OP proposed the idea of having a 'Parish Morning' in the autumn to reflect on the church's role and vision.