

Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's, Yarnton
APCM 18th October 2020 in St Bartholomew's Church
Minutes

Meeting of Parishioners

Rev. Oliver Petter opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Election of Churchwardens

Two nominations were received proposing John Appleton and Paul Tweddle to both continue in their role as Churchwarden for another year. In the absence of other nominations these two were elected unanimously until the 2021 APCM.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

2. **Apologies:** No formal apologies for absence were received however it was noted that in view of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic some were likely absent due to staying away from gathered events.

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 28 April 2019. Minutes were approved with one amendment noted in section four changing year from 2017 to 2018. Minutes were signed and dated by Rev. Oliver Petter.

4. Electoral Roll

Report on the revision to the electoral roll was presented. 50 people now on the electoral roll. Since last year three new people joined the roll and one person has died. Three more are in the process of applying to join.

5. Proceedings of the PCC and other Church Groups

A report on the proceedings of the PCC and other church groups was presented at the meeting. Oliver Petter presented his vicar's report which also contained reflections on how the church has functioned during the pandemic during 2020.

6. Financial Statements 2019

Gary Brewerton, PCC Treasurer, circulated the Financial Statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2019 and highlighted the key items.

The contactless giving plate is now operational in the church, which is working well. An online giving option has also been set up on the church website. Thanks expressed to Gary Brewerton and Neil Small for organising these and to the person who gave a gift to subsidise the purchase of the plate.

St Bartholomew's is now also registered with the Diocese Parish Giving Scheme. This is helpful tool alongside giving by standing order for planning church finances.

The 2019 Financial reports were approved and signed.

7. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

John Appleton, Churchwarden gave a verbal report from the Churchwardens outlining the main work that had been undertaken on the church during 2019. The roof has had a temporary repair and fundraising will

be required for the long-term aim of replacing the roof. The work to repair the chancel has been delayed due to the retirement of the Bursar at Exeter College, followed by the death of his successor. The chancel works are still to be done when the pandemic situation allows it.

8. Deanery Synod

The annual report of the proceeding of Woodstock Deanery Synod 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

9. Election of Lay Members of the PCC

No new applications were received to join the PCC. All current members were willing to continue, with Neil Small, Charlotte Rayner and Gary Brewerton needing formal re-election as their term had ended. John Appleton proposed, and Ian Gill seconded, that they be re-elected. Continuing members were: Ian Gill, Marion Jones, and Douglas Fairhurst. John Appleton and Paul Tweddle (Churchwardens), and Penny Small Deanery Synod Rep 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 2020. This was approved.

11. Any Other Business

Rachel Woods asked about the progress of the church History Project. Response was that material of historical interest has continued to be collected but no other substantial progress has been made. The PCC will continue to discuss how to move forward.