

MINUTES

Present: 30 members of the electoral roll, 1 clergy member, 1 observer. Chaired by Revd. Henry Curran.

1. Apologies

Lawrence and Monica Ward.

2. Vicar's Report and Vision – Q&A

Henry's report and vision had been given as part of the service on Sunday 2 May. A recording may be viewed at https://youtu.be/pJcdGSf_BVA

Val Bowyer praised God that things are falling into place ready for the vacancy and for everyone who has offered themselves to serve.

Henry noted that in his report he had mentioned one-off donations given during the year, but he had also meant to thank everyone for their regular donations which make the church sustainable.

3. Election of Churchwardens (2)

Henry thanked Chris Drew and Becca Haines for their service as churchwardens, especially during this pandemic year when he had needed extra support, wisdom and prayer.

There were two nominations:

Ian Knight, proposed by Eloise Ayre and seconded by Chris Drew;

David Gibson, proposed by Rebecca Haines and seconded by Joyce Cooper.

David Gibson and Ian Knight were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year.

4. Election of PCC members (4)

Henry expressed thanks to Rosie Adsley, Fiona Houghton and Debs Hunt for their terms of service on the PCC.

There were three nominations:

Dorothy Bush, proposed by David Gibson and seconded by Joyce Cooper;

Sean Gavin, proposed by Sarah Sim and seconded by Jonathan Larsson;

Sarah Sim, proposed by Struan Ayre and seconded by Kathryn Hubbard.

Dorothy Bush, Sean Gavin and Sarah Sim were duly elected to serve as members of the PCC for a term of three years. One vacancy remains.

Henry informed us that Anna Barnes, Charlie Palmer, Kathryn Hubbard, Fiona Houghton, Sean Gavin and David Gibson have agreed to serve as new Connect Group leaders. We thanked Ian Knight, John Harrison, Debs Hunt, Kate and Henry Curran for their recent service as Connect Group leaders.

5. Presentation of Written Reports

Accounts 2020: We thanked Stacey Mutch and Peter Argyle for their work. Stacey clarified that in total we paid 89% of the parish share requested, which was not unusual in 2020 due to the pandemic. We hope to pay parish share in full next year.

Val Bowyer asked about budgeting for a building fund. Henry replied that though the PCC had budgeted for this in recent years, it was removed from 2020 and 2021 budgets in order to keep going during the pandemic. This will be reviewed quarterly and the PCC is aware of the need to reinstate a building fund once our income is more normal.

David Gibson asked whether car parking charges can be reviewed. Henry replied that rental charges for car parking and church hall bookings are reviewed regularly.

PCC: Val Bowyer thanked the PCC and praised God for keeping the church going this year.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments: Val Bowyer asked whether any equipment will be removed when the Currans leave. Henry replied that though the sound system is owned by the Currans and on long term loan to the church, he is happy to keep this arrangement until the church no longer wants the equipment.

Joyce Cooper was keen to make the church clean and welcoming for when services resume properly.

Mary Norris asked whether the pipe organ can be used. Henry replied that the organ seems to be in working order and will be tested next week to see whether it can be included in live-streamed services as we return to live music. The PCC intends to continue routine servicing of the pipe organ, but has decided not to authorise any significant expenditure until we have looked into a digital system and decided whether the current instrument has a future.

a. Motion to Accept Reports

Val Bowyer proposed and Sarah Sim seconded *that we accept the written reports presented at this meeting.* Passed.

6. Any Other Business

Future plans: Henry felt we had largely achieved leaving the church in a sustainable position for a vacancy of 1-2 years, especially having appointed a part-time administrator (Kathryn Hubbard) to start work this week. We are beginning a funding campaign to raise £3,500 by Sunday 16th May to employ Kathryn as Administrator as well as Director of Music. Pledges made in this period are also helpful, as are gifts given later and specified as contributions to Kathryn's salary. Kathryn clarified that she will be fundraising towards her Director of Music salary as well, and that both jobs are one-year posts which the PCC will then review and may decide to extend.

Gerald Norris was pleased that we have supported Sean Gavin during his Relay year with UCCF. Henry noted that the church's commitment to supporting Sean as a mission partner comes to an end this summer, but that Sean may write to the PCC to request further support.

Henry wanted to make sure Connect Groups are running well before the vacancy, and these will need some reshuffling of members to ensure balanced numbers across the groups. Henry suggested that current Connect Groups meet in person outside in the week beginning 17 May, then in the week beginning 24 May the new Connect Groups meet in person. Henry plans to give Connect Groups time to discuss this at the start of their meetings on 12 May, after which he will enter a breakout room with the new leaders to discuss the feedback received. New groups may decide to change their regular time from Wednesday evenings.

Henry informed us that the new Churchwardens and PCC will soon begin the process of appointing a new Vicar, which begins by meeting with the Archdeacon to find out how to create a parish profile (job advert for a new Vicar). Henry and Kate Curran will not be involved. The PCC will take on board comments from the congregation and diocese before advertising the parish profile. Applications will be received by the Archdeacon. The shortlisting and interview

panel will include the Bishop or his representative, the Archdeacon, a representative of our patron CPAS, and parish representatives appointed by the PCC.

Ian Knight closed in prayer.