

All Saints' Church, West Haddon

Minutes of the AGM held at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 13th September 2020

1. The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the service just finished would count as the opening prayers.
2. Present: Annie Ballantyne, Margaret Brassington, Graham Collingridge, Bernadette Frost, Julie Morgan, Dennis Orcherton, Greta Orcherton, Sandy Tringham, Sue Tringham, Dorothy Whittaker, Keith Wilkes, Ann Varley and John Varley. Apologies were received from Kevan Brassington, Rosie and Richard Humphreys, Rosie James, Sallie Jones, Janet Silvester.
3. There being only two nominations for Churchwardens Sue Tringham and Julie Morgan were duly elected unopposed.
4. The minutes of the meeting of Sunday 7th April 2019 were accepted as correct and signed.
5. Reports.
 - (a) Electoral roll. Dennis reported we now have 50 names on the list of whom 7 are non-resident. He was thanked for his hard work and agreed to carry on as electoral roll officer for the next year only.
 - (b) Annual report of the PCC. This was accepted. A copy is attached to these minutes.
 - (c) Finance. Margaret presented the accounts for 2019. She explained that the income and expenditure accounts were for the current account only. £6,000 of expenditure was really a transfer of funds to the Church Lands Charity account as could be seen from the balance sheet. She was thanked for her very hard work. A copy of the accounts is attached to the minutes
 - (d) Churchwardens report. Sue gave this. The Churchwardens were thanked for their hard work. A copy is attached to the minutes.
 - (e) Deanery synod report. This is attached to the minutes.
6. Elections to the PCC. Vicar, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Rep and readers are ex-officio. The meeting elected Margaret, Bernadette, Tristan, Keith and John.
7. Elections to Deanery Synod. Sue was elected unopposed.
8. Charles Porter was appointed independent examiner.
9. Vicar's report. Graham thanked everybody. His report is attached. He had felt it appropriate to make some comment about 2020 and the Covid situation. He wished to

thank all those who had helped out during his sabbatical and after. People like Mark Betson, Richard Southey, Chris Banks, Justin Baker and many others.

9. The meeting passed unanimously two motions

- (i) That the Annual Meeting resolves that the term of office of PCC members will be determined by Rule M16(1) and (5) of the Church Representation Rules 2020. i.e. PCC members hold office from the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected to the conclusion of the third subsequent annual meeting and that lots are drawn to decide who retires after 1,2 and 3 years in the first instance.

Lots were drawn the day after the meeting. Bernadette will stand for one year, Margaret and Tristan for two and Keith and John for three.

This means in 2021 elections will be held for 2 members of the PCC. Two because Bernadette's term of office ends but of course she can stand again and we have a vacancy for an elected member. In 2022 elections will be held for two members as Margaret's and Tristan's term expires and in 2023 again elections for 2 as Keith's and John's term expires.

- (ii) That the Annual Meeting resolves that the number of representatives of the laity is determined by rule M15 (8) of the Church Representation rules 2020 i.e. 6 elected members of the PCC when there are no more than 50 names on the roll: 9 if there are more than 50 but no more than 100.

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- (i) It was suggested that members of the congregation might go on a rota for transport to the doctor or to hospital. Most of the Church members who drive are in the over 60s. No decision was made. It was pointed out that there is free Hospital transport through the Patient Transport service. Ask your GP for details when you are referred.
- (ii) Diocese and Church finance. Graham explained that the diocese will be dipping into its reserves to cover costs this year but could not do that for ever. The diocese is cutting expenditure on office staff and reducing the number of parish clergy by not filling vacancies. It is expecting a 20-40% short fall in the paying of Parish Share this year. The Church Commissioners have used some of their reserves for dioceses in distress (cash-flow) but Peterborough Diocese did not qualify.

The meeting closed with the Grace.