

ALL SAINTS', OXHEY

The Parish Church of South Oxhey and Carpenders Park
'To know Jesus and to make Him known'

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will take place in Church
on Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 11.30am

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2020**
- 3. Election of Churchwardens**

This meeting will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in
which only members on the Electoral Roll may take part.

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2021 immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

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- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2020.**
- 4. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 5. Vote on Lay Reader membership of PCC**
- 6. Election Electoral Roll Officer**
- 7. Elections PCC members (9)**
- 8. Reports are in the Annual Reports Booklet**
There will be an opportunity for questions
- 9. Adoption of the Accounts for 2020**
- 10. Safeguarding**
- 11. Address by the Vicar**
- 12. Closing prayers**

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Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS held on Sunday 25th October 2020 in the church.

Welcome: Pam Wise, Vicar, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 13 people.

Apologies: These were received from: Chris and Jacky Nelson, Sue and Stuart Seaholme, Eve Down and Gwen Kates.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2019 were signed as a correct record.

Churchwarden nominations:

Jose Tamayo, nominated by Jean Martin, seconded by Dianne Campbell.
Frances Zarifis, nominated by Chris Thomas, seconded by Jose Tamayo.

There being no further nominations **Jose Tamayo** and **Frances Zarifis** were declared elected.

Signed.....Date.....

Minutes of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING on Sunday 25th October 2020 in the church.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 13 people.

1. The meeting opened with prayer.

Pam Wise, Vicar, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

These were received from: Chris and Jacky Nelson, Sue and Stuart Seaholme, Eve Down and Gwen Kates.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2019 were signed as a correct record.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was proposed by Chris Thomas and seconded by Vik Davis and agreed unanimously that **Gordon Hewer** be asked to act as Independent Examiner for 2020.

5. Vote on Deanery Synod Lay Representatives

It was explained that the term of office for Deanery Synod Lay Representatives was now restricted to 2 consecutive terms of office, however APCMs could vote to vary that. Given the small numbers willing to stand, it was thought if people were willing, there should be no limit imposed.

It was proposed by Vik Davis and seconded by Joanna Miller, that we had no limit on the

number of terms someone could represent All Saints at the Deanery Synod. All were in favour.

6. Election of Electoral Roll Officer

Vik Davis was proposed by Chris Thomas and seconded by Jose Tamayo. There being no further nominations Vik Davis was duly elected.

7. Elections to PCC (up to 9 members)

Nominations were as follows:

Matilda Anie proposed by Stuart Seaholme, seconded by Sue Seaholme
Liz Fraser proposed by Joan Kennedy, seconded by Ivan Percival
Stuart Seaholme proposed by Joan Kennedy, seconded by Jose Tamayo
Chris Nelson proposed by Joan Kennedy, seconded by Jacky Nelson
Jacky Nelson proposed by Chris Thomas seconded by Ivan Percival
Joan Kennedy proposed by Dianne Campbell, seconded by Eve Down
Gwen Kates proposed by Eve Down, seconded by Joan Kennedy
There being no further nominations, the above were declared elected.

8. Elections to Deanery Synod Lay Representatives (up to 2 members)

Nominations were as follows:

Chris Thomas proposed by Vik Davis, seconded by Ivan Percival
Vik Davis proposed by Jose Tamayo, seconded by Chris Thomas
There being no further nominations, the above were declared elected.

9. **Reports:** Reports had already been circulated in the Annual Report Booklet and opportunity was given for questions.

PCC:

Canon Pam Wise thanked the outgoing PCC, especially Ivan Percival who was stepping down and Volda Rayside who had left in the course of the year, for their time and commitment over the past year. It had not been easy conducting meetings over Zoom, but we had all learnt a lot.

Curate:

Pam gave her thanks to Revd Liz Guest and said she was pleased that Liz had completed her training and been 'signed off' and was free to move on.

Deanery Synod:

Pam explained that Lay Representatives and clergy attended meetings three times a year.

Electoral Roll:

It was reported that the roll numbered 67 at the specified completion date. Two had been removed and 10 added.

Wardens:

Pam thanked Jose Tamayo. The landscape when the report was written and now when it was being discussed was very different! And added her thanks for the work carried out in the past year as well.

Health and Safety:

Pam gave our thanks to Gwen Kates,

Mission Support Task Force:

Three missions were chosen for 2019, and we had raised just under £2000 to be split between them.

Good Samaritan Task Force:

Pam explained this was now mainly the food cupboard and the Vicar's discretionary fund. The Christmas Appeal had collected teddy bears.

SOFA Task Force (Social, Outreach and Fundraising Activities):

Thanks were given to all who helped set up, manned stalls, attended, and donated goods for sale.

Worship Group:

Pam gave her thanks to those in the group who lead the singing for their commitment, although they were on an enforced rest at the moment.

Safeguarding:

Pam gave her thanks to Liz Fraser for her lead in this. It continues to be important and we were still undergoing training, and were adapting to new times with training on domestic abuse. Keeping the church Covid-19 safe was an important part of this.

Sunday School:

Joanna Miller said she missed the children but hoped they were continuing to join in and walk with Jesus, but it was hard to remember what it was like! She gave a request for more helpers, and said the work is fun! Pam gave our thanks to the Sunday School leaders and helpers, their work was very important to instill a faith with the young that stayed with them for the rest of their lives.

Hatch:

Without Jean Martin, and the ability to be open, the Hatch has been closed since March, but it was recognised as a good way for outreach and service to the building. Pam gave our thanks to Jean.

Communications:

Chris Thomas said it was a different world and this was even more important than it was when the report was written. There was a new church number, however the old one diverts and continues to be valid. This had saved over £450, and Pam said it made life easier with access to calls and emails remotely. Technology during lockdown had allowed us to reach a wider congregation – some had never been in the building but followed services from home, and it gave the ability to watch live or after.

Finance:

Chris Thomas explained the accounts were audited by our Independent Examiner, and signed off. The main thing was we were stable and had finished 2019 with a surplus of around £10,000, this was for a second year after a number of years of losses.

Our main source of income is through lettings and rent. This is ASCEND with their office space and course hire, the Bestheda Church, and the other groups (Karate, accordion, etc). The PCC owned 14 The Hoe, the Curate's House. We rent it out when we have no curate, but receive a deduction in our Parish Share to cover rent, which we treat as income. We also receive voluntary giving, both the plate and direct debits, which was up slightly on 2018. The Hatch, although closed at the moment, brings in money.

In 2019 we raised £1948 for our missions, to be split between Admiral Nurses, Hope UK and ASCEND, this was up £423 on 2018, because of two additional events – a quiz evening and the Cream Tea afternoon. With Coronavirus curtailing a lot of our usual activities we were looking at other ways of raising funds in 2020.

Our largest outgoing with the Parish Share at half the money we spend, £39,841. The Diocese use the money to pay for our Clergy. Funds from all parishes are pooled, and as he always says we are subsidised, and do not cover the full cost of £58,000 per post to cover their stipend, training, housing and pensions.

Chris ended with a brief word on 2020 which has been very different. We lost 4 months of income when closed between March and August., and there has only been a handful of ASCEND bookings and the Betesda church in since. We also made the difficult decision and made our Facilities Manager redundant, this was costly in the short-term with compensation

being paid. However, even if reduced bookings remain next year the picture will be more balanced. Likely 2020 losses will be £14,000 but after a number of good years that will be manageable.

Chris gave his thanks to those for their giving this year as it has helped us maintain a steady footing, and those who gave time to complete jobs which saved us money. Our thanks were given to Chris, especially for making it understandable.

10. Adoption of accounts

The accounts were approved and adopted, this being proposed by Vik Davis seconded by Jose Tamayo and agreed unanimously.

11. Safeguarding

This was covered by the report above.

12. Address by the Vicar

Pam finished by saying the year had been full of new challenges, whether these had been fun, perhaps not. But whatever we do, God is with us. We were meant to be holding this meeting on 29 March, but went into lockdown on the 23rd. She had been looking over the reports and what she had meant to say at that meeting. Usually she will not mention any events after 1 January, but can't help it this year, as since then over 1 million globally, and 45,000 in the UK have died with Covid-19. Events hugely affected worship and it was all online for several months, but it has gone surprisingly well.

We wondered if we would survive, but have learnt from it, especially with technology and reached new people. The telephone and Zoom have allowed us to stay connected. The terrible time but has taught us a great deal – to never take a lot of what we have for granted – to be in church and sing, to see each other. Some have learnt how to be alone, new jobs or unemployed.

Other thanks need to go to Chris and Vik, Jose and Liz, as without them a lot of what we have would not be possible.

Sadly things are to stay for a number of months, so new ways are with us for some time more. However, thanks to God it doesn't matter what the challenges are we are not alone and will see us through this. One day the church doors will open and we will be able to sing, and give thanks to God.

Needed to finish by saying, Bod Wyard was made redundant this year and we need to thank him for many years' service, he was a valuable member of the congregation and employee, and we wish him well in his future.

13. The meeting ended with prayer and the grace.

Signed.....Date.....