

THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, NEWBURY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISIONERS
Held on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.00pm (online)

Present:

The Revd. Gary Collins – Chair
The Revd. Becky Bevan
The Revd. Canon Trevor Maines (Retired)
The Revd. Julie Howell
David Oats and Alison Foulkes - Churchwardens
Kim Slade – Hon. Treasurer

Also in attendance- Sam Brown, Melanie Brown, Aeron Slade, Jenny Griffiths, Roger O’Callaghan, Peter French, Olive Maines, Christopher Sears, Jeremy Wright, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Wright, Stephen Kerry, Jennie Marwick-Evans, Clive Loveless, Lynette Edwell, Andrew Kingston

1. Opening Prayer

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Carolyn Greenwood, Heather Holloway

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019, having been previously circulated to members of the Council, were accepted as a true and accurate record and approved by Alison Foulkes, seconded by David Oats and signed by the Chair.

4. Election of two Churchwardens for the year 2020/2021

Election of two Churchwardens to serve from the Archdeacon’s Visitation 2020 to the Archdeacon’s Visitation in 2021. David Oats was proposed by Kim Slade and seconded by Roger O’Callaghan with all in favour. Alison Foulkes was proposed by Aeron Slade and seconded by Jennifer Wright with all in favour. There were no other nominees and having declared their willingness to serve as Churchwardens for a period of one term they were duly elected. The Churchwardens were thanked for their diligence and faithful work they do on behalf of the whole church. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

Chair _____

Date _____

THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, NEWBURY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Held on Thursday 19th November 2020 (online)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Carolyn Greenwood, Heather Holloway

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true and accurate record and approved by Roger O'Callaghan, seconded by Aeron Slade and signed by the Chair.

3. Reports

Annual report including the following reports made available prior to the meeting
- Electoral Roll, Proceedings of the PCC, Churchwardens Report, Deanery Synod.

Electoral Role - The Revd. Becky Bevan noted that the increase in the electoral roll was very encouraging.

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod - Clive Loveless reported that the new Area Dean was named as Revd. David McLeod, the shortfall in the Deanery parish allocation was recorded as £60k and Ven. Liz Jackson was welcomed as Associate Archdeacon, (St John's church and Revd's Becky and Gary have developed a good relationship with Ven Liz in these months).

The reports were entered as the record of 2019

4. Presentations

Associate Vicars Report – The Revd. Gary Collins expressed thanks to the Church Wardens and to everyone who makes up the St Johns Church community and network. Special thanks to Revd. Canon Trevor Maines for his friendship, presence and stability over the last 12 years, and to Olive. Thanks, was also expressed to the Ladies Fellowship for their gift for Father Trevor. Father Trevor responded by expressing his pleasure to be part of St Johns and recorded his sincere thanks.

The Revd. Gary Collins referenced the momentous challenges when lockdown was announced. Developing the website helped enforce identity and diversity and he expressed his thanks to those who have sustained the telephone buddy system to keep the community in touch with each other.

The Revd. Gary Collins thanked those who have helped to maintain the life of the church also maintain links with the Soup Kitchen and West Berkshire Foodbank. He thanked Roger, Linda and Andy for maintaining the garden and church grounds. He highlighted Revd. Julie becoming a priest in our Benefice, the moment of hope and continuity expressed with Aeron's and Kim's wedding and the generous donation to the church of £3k from the Greenham Common Trust.

Treasurer's reports and accounts – Kim Slade presented the Treasurer's reports and accounts. Reporting that the deficit has been covered by a drawdown from the easy access drawdown account. She highlighted that ½ of income was generated by room hire, standing order, envelopes and collections and ½ of the outgoing was to the parish share, St Johns paying the parish share in full.

Kim highlighted the main events of the year. Transferring the accounts to Lloyds Bank, The closure of the Eaton Matthews Parish Room Investment Fund, the creation of the Benefice Office Manager, the implementation of internet access, and the imminent appointment of Christopher Sears as the new Music Director.

David Oats highlighted that the 2020 accounts which had Kim touched on, show a £6k worsening year on year which given 2020 is very good. Revd. Becky Bevan commented that our focus is to work out how to build for the future and be wise stewards of the resources we have.

Revd. Gary Collins received the approved, examined financial accounts.

5. Election of Parochial Representatives of the Laity to serve the PCC

Election of Parochial Representatives of the Laity to serve on the PCC for a period of three years. Andrew Kingston, proposed by David Oats, seconded by Jennifer Wright, Roger O'Callaghan, proposed by Margaret Baker, seconded by Jeremy Wright and Kim Slade, proposed by Alison Foulkes, seconded by Jenny Griffiths with all in favour.

6. Election of Parochial Representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod

Election of Parochial Representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod for a period of three years, Clive Loveless (Clive to step-down from Synod and PCC at the next APCM), proposed by Jeremy Wright, seconded by Andrew Kingston. Aeron Slade, proposed by Margaret Baker, seconded by Jennifer Wright.

The Revd. Gary Collins thanked Clive for his community activity.

7. Appointments

C.B Heslop & Co. Ltd., of 1 High Street, Thatcham RG18 3JG were appointed as independent examiners for the coming year. All in favour.

8. Chair's Comments

Revd. Gary Collins highlighted a remarkable but unstable year. His dream of the church carries the richness, beauty in literacy and poetry and a deep theology and community tradition, to strength us as a family, and to welcome others.

9. Parochial Questions / Any Other Business

Christopher Sears thanked Peter French for his work during the interregnum between organists.

Alison Foulkes thanked Revd. Gary Collins for leading us through the challenges not dreamt of and recorded how positive it is to have Revd. Julie Howell nearby.

Olive Maines thanked all those who have helped keep things running, stewards and sidespersons who have given up their time.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer and blessing.

Chair: _____

Date: _____

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Held on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.00pm (online)

Present:

The Revd. Gary Collins – Chair
David Oats and Alison Foulkes - Churchwardens
Kim Slade – Treasurer

Also in attendance – Sam Brown, Melanie Brown, Aeron Slade, Roger O’Callaghan, Olive Maines, Jeremy Wright, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Wright, Stephen Kerry, Jennie Marwick-Evans, Clive Loveless, Andrew Kingston

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Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting a short meeting of the new Parochial Church Council was held.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

In the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019 it was identified that Andrew Kingston was recorded as being on the Standing Committee, when this should have been Kim Slade, this was an error, corrected and signed by the Chair.

3. Appointments

PCC Secretary - Sam Brown

PCC Vice Chair - David Oats

Electoral Role Officer – Heather Holloway (with David Oats on IT)

Safeguarding Officer (Lead) – Jan Goodenough

Treasurer – Kim Slade

Co-options onto the PCC - Jennie Marwick-Evans, Melanie Brown. Attendee to the Deanery Synod - Stephen Kerry (Stephen will swap with Clive Loveless in 6 months). Proposed by the Chair with all in favour.

Standing Committee Members – Chair, Revd. Gary Collins, Treasurer, Kim Slade, Churchwardens David Oats and Alison Foulkes, PCC Member Jennifer Wright.

Secretary Sam Brown will attend the meetings.

Standing Committee to meet 6 times a year, 2 weeks before the PCC

GDPR (General Data Protection Register) Officer and H&S (Health and Safety)

Officer to be appointed at next PCC meeting – volunteers to be sought.

4. Date of future meetings

Standing Committee 26th November, 7pm (online)

PCC Meeting 3rd December, 7pm (online)

Closing Prayer & Blessing

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer and blessing.

Chair: _____

Date: _____