

**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, WASH COMMON**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE CHURCH AND BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022**

**CHAIR:** Reverend Becky Bevan

The meeting opened with the collect for St George's Day (as it was St George's Day) at 7.30pm. A Zoom meeting was also active to allow any, not able to attend the meeting in person, to attend the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:** 38 parishioners (1 on zoom and 37 at church).

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** received from Jon Houghton, Helena Herd, Nina and Michael Tindall, Margaret Smith, Carole Neale, Cathy Reid, Helen Tuck, Alex and Craig Brown, Bill and Jill Drake and Simon and Kathleen Davidson.

**MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**1 Election of the Churchwardens**

John Huckle	Proposed by Linda Ling
	Seconded by Craig Brown
Rita Gardner	Proposed by Phillip Bevan
	Seconded by William Winterbourne

John and Rita were elected unopposed.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**1. Approval of Minutes of the APCM held on 6 July 2021**

The APCM minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2021 were approved as being a true record by Rita Gardner and all in attendance, and were duly signed by the vicar, Revd Becky Bevan.

**2. Reports**

The following formal reports, having been previously distributed to parishioners, were presented and received at the meeting with approval.

**i) Electoral Roll Report**

In accordance with the requirements of the Church of England, the Electoral Roll had been amended for the year and on the closing date there were 188 names on the roll. This has increased from 183 last year.

Revd Becky thanked Margaret Blaine for her diligent work as Electoral Roll Officer. Margaret has offered to continue as Electoral Roll Officer for next year.

**ii) Report on the Proceedings of the PCC**

The PCC Secretary, Mary-Ann Ferneley, gave a report of the key focus areas of the PCC for 2021, as detailed in the annual report. It was received by the meeting with no questions or comments, other than Bruce Blaine, seeking clarification regarding the frequency of reviewing St George's policies.

### **iii) Churchwardens' Report**

The Churchwarden's Report was printed in the Annual Informal Reports booklet so Revd Becky asked whether there were any questions on the report. John Gardner enquired about the painting of the exterior of the church. John Bolan informed the meeting that consideration was being taken about applying a better surface to the church exterior to provide a longer lasting finish and that Phillip Bevan was investigating costs. Rita Gardner added that the interior of the church also needs re-plastering, and that as it is St George's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, it would be good to aim for completion of works for next year. Much fundraising will be required and Revd Becky confirmed that this will be a spending priority this year and that a project group will need to be established to make it happen. Rita Gardner took the opportunity to share with the meeting that Greenham Common Trust are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and are offering 5 x matched funding. It requires innovative fund-raising ideas to be completed over a 24 hour period, and that there is an application window in July 2022 for a fundraising plan to be submitted.

Rita Ball explained that she has three people already looking into this as a faculty is required before any work can proceed, and this takes time. She explained that a firm estimate of cost and duration of works is a priority and that there are many aspects involved which need to be considered, all of which takes time, thus making an aim for completion next year very ambitious. Kathy Winrow concluded that St George's is very good at fund-raising and that there is no reason not to start as soon as possible and suggested a 'giving' day. Much enthusiasm from all to have a project to work towards!

### **3i) Vicar's Report**

Revd Becky highlighted key points from the report circulated ahead of the meeting, emphasising how the year had seen a gradual return to pre-pandemic church life but with inevitable changes and set backs along the way. Becky expressed deep gratitude to all who had worked so hard and faithfully serving the community, one another, and God throughout another challenging year. She underlined that we must now look to the future and trust that we will build back further, and that the foundations of this hope are rooted in relationship with God, in prayer, worship, fellowship, and compassion for those in need. We have much to look forward to.

### **ii) Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for 2021**

The PCC Treasurer, Francis Clayton, gave a summary of the Church and Centre finances for the past year with the help of PowerPoint slides summarising the key points from the Financial Statement in our Annual Report.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement have been approved by the PCC and signed by the vicar of St George's church and the PCC Secretary. The meeting received the Report with thanks.

## **4. Elections**

Revd Becky thanked all those standing down from PCC this year, who are:

Jon Houghton, Chris Foster, Alison Gill, Ronnie Herd and Kate Addis

It is not election year for Newbury Deanery Synod representatives but it is noted that there is still 1 vacancy. No nominations for Newbury Deanery Synod were received.

There are five elections required for PCC this year. Only one nomination has been received:

Emma Moffat proposed by Sarah Pook and seconded by Linda Ling.

Emma was elected unopposed.

Revd Becky explained that this left 4 vacancies for PCC and that if anyone was interested to join during the year, they are most welcome. New members post APCM 2022 can come as non-voting members until they are voted in at the next APCM.

Post meeting note: Robin Clugston expressed a wish to become a PCC member at the end of the meeting and so will be able to attend as a non-voting member until he is formally voted in at the next APCM in 2023.

Sidespeople are no longer appointed at APCMs. Revd Becky thanked Ronnie Herd and the Sidespeople team at St George's. Anyone wishing to join the Sidespeople team are to talk to Ronnie Herd.

## **5. Appointments**

### **i) Auditors**

The re-appointment of Haines Watts as our Auditors was approved unanimously.

## **6. Any Parochial Questions**

Robin Clugston thanked all sacristans and those who plan the rota. Anyone interested in joining the rota are to see Elizabeth Pook.

Bruce Blaine thanked Revd Becky and the clergy team, to which there was a round of applause. Revd Becky acknowledged the ministry team – Terry, Gary and Julie including the retired clergy members – Rita Ball, Tom Moffatt and George Carey. Revd Becky stated that we are really blessed and that the team feel most appreciated and valued. Becky also acknowledged the work Alex Brown does in the office as Benefice Office Manager.

The meeting closed with the prayer Rita Ball had previously written, read by Rita.

Mary-Ann Ferneley

26 April 2022