

**The minutes for the Shirley Annual Parochial Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, commencing at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Anne Clayton, Rev Paul Day, Kate Day, Jean Wall, Kate Crocker, Jan Gardner, Linda Alford, Margaret Foresheew, David Paice, Linda Pitt, Gill Hanton, Belinda Piasecki, Gill Gough, Sarah Penfold, Bernard Watkins.

The meeting was held via Zoom and also from Church House for those with no internet access at home.

**Vestry Meeting.**

Election of Parish Warden(s)

Gill Hanton was proposed as Parish Warden by Linda Alford and seconded by Sue Barnard.

Margaret Foresheew was proposed as Parish Warden by Belinda Piasecki and seconded by Kate Day.

All voted in favour.

**This was immediately followed by the APCM.**

1. Apologies were received from Sue and Andrew Guy, Denise Smith.
2. There were no additional items for AOB.
3. The minutes of the APCM for 2020.

The minutes were proposed from the chair as a true record of the meeting. All voted in favour. There were no matters arising.

4. Electoral Roll report. This was provided by Margaret Foresheew, and available prior to the meeting. Following the publication of the statutory notices for a new electoral roll to take place this year, this has now taken place and shows a total of 172 for the whole parish. A detailed analysis between our three churches is given below.

St. James	134
Christ the King	19
St. John's	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>172</u></b>

5. Elections

(a) Electoral Roll Officers. Margaret Foresheew is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Proposed from the chair and all voted in favour.

(b) Parish Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC representatives:

**Deanery Synod Representatives:** Gill Gough, Kate Crocker and Margaret Foresheew.

Proposed by Kate Day, all voted in favour.

**St James:** Elected PCC members: - David Paice (treasurer), Belinda Piasecki (secretary), Linda Pitt, Sue Guy.

**Christ the King:** Elected PCC members: - Jan Gardner, Anne Clayton, Denise Smith, Vacancy tba.

**St John's:** Elected PCC Members: - Jean Wall, Linda Alford, Kate Day, Vacancy tba.

**Reader Rep:** Sarah Penfold.

These names were proposed by the chair with the vacancies to be filled in due course and everyone agreed.

6. Reports – these were all circulated prior to the meeting, there were no questions raised regarding any of these reports.

#### Additional Comments

Shirley Churches Together, have met since the report was compiled and it has been agreed to hold a community event on September 12<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the end of the pandemic.

Safeguarding – Rev Paul wanted to record his thanks to Judith Chivers and Sue Harries for their hard work in bringing the report together and the tremendous amount of background work which has had to be completed regarding the safeguarding measures in the parish.

Rev Paul also thanked all the helpers in the Parish for their support over the last year or so.

7. Presentation of the Accounts.

David Paice presented the accounts. He talked us through the accounts he had prepared, which had been audited by the independent accounts examiner for the year ended 31 December 2020.

It was important to note that given the difficult circumstances in 2020 the Parish has fared much better than others.

Rev Paul agreed that it has been a difficult year and we have fared fairly well and been able to obtain grants to help us with projects we want to pursue. Thank you to those who have compiled those grant applications.

The accounts have already been adopted by the PCC, but they also need to be adopted at the APCM so as there were no questions raised, it was proposed from the chair that the 2020 accounts are adopted, all agreed.

8. Appointment of the accounts inspector.

It was proposed from the chair that the independent examiner should be appointed as Phil Beedon again. This was agreed by all.

9. Clergy reports

This was circulated prior to the meeting, however Rev Paul added to his report as follows: -

The first live broadcast of a Sunday service took place on Sunday, and worked well. This will be the way services are streamed to those watching at home from now on.

During the last few weeks, we have been thinking about when groups can start to meet again.

Messy Church will be meeting in person on 19<sup>th</sup> June outdoors.

Kevin Gill retires at the end of July, his last service will be Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, which coincides with St James patronal service. Peter and Kate Law-Jones have been invited back to the parish for that date also in the hope that we can have more than 35-40 people in church that day.

Pastoral care in the Parish has been amazing and so many people have felt loved and supported. Thanks to all those who have contributed to this.

Rev Paul also wanted to pay tribute to Graham Smith, CTK Reader, who sadly passed away this year.

A true giant in his faith whose articles in the Parish Magazine and elsewhere have been an inspiration to many. Graham has been an example of trust and faith in these last difficult months; he has never stopped witnessing to the God he knew so well and he has taught me so much personally. Graham, may you rest in peace and rise in glory. And Denise, may you know the love and comfort of the God with whom Graham is now.

Rev Paul thanked everyone for what they have done during the last year, it's been very traumatic, but it has helped us to focus on what it is important.

10. Deanery Synod Update.

At the time of writing the report, an interim area dean had been appointed whilst the recruitment process was continuing. An appointment has since been made, Rev Phelim O'Hare, from the Cardiff area will be the new Area Dean, covering Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley Deanery.

11. AOB

The Archdeacon's Visitation – Margaret and Gill will be kept informed as to what the procedure will be this year.

Sarah Penfold wanted to formally minute thanks to Rev Paul and Kate and also the Wardens for their hard work and keeping everyone together. Everyone agreed and supported this.

There were no other items under AOB.

12. Date of next APCM, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at St James' after the Sunday morning service.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm, with the Grace.