

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, THE LACE MARKET, NOTTINGHAM

Vestry Meeting 2019

Sunday 7th April

Minutes

Revd Tom Gillum took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

28 people were present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies were received from Jan Buckland; Michael Clark; Rosemary Clark; Biddy Walker; Tony Mitchell and Beth Mitchell

Before asking for nominations for churchwardens the chair thanked Paul Sibly for the exemplary work that he had done during his time as churchwarden and also for managing the successful development of the events programme which, as well as bringing many thousands of people into the church, has also provided an important source of revenue.

Election of Wardens 2019/20

There were two nominations: **Anthony Mitchell** and **Nicholas Turner**.

There being no other nominations both were appointed Churchwardens.

The chair then closed the Vestry Meeting

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Revd Tom Gillum took the chair to deal with the business of the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting on Sunday 25th February 2018.

Two literals were corrected. These minutes were then considered to be a true record of the proceedings.

2. Matters Arising – there were none.

3. Electoral Roll -

It was reported by the Electoral Roll Officer, Lorna Richardson, that after a complete revision of the Roll there are now 99 names on it. It was noted that 17 of these were new.

4. To Receive the Annual Report of the Work of the Parish and the Parochial Church Council

Tom said that we were one year on from re-constitution as a parish and that St Mary's is now planning its future as a '*larger resource church*' along with the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and his team. The working group is close to articulating our key development areas and what our vision for the future will be.

Tom went on to say 2018 had been a good year, at least from his perspective as Vicar (since 18/3/18.) - Sunday by Sunday, at the Festivals and on most Wednesday evenings we have continued our fine choral tradition – thanks to John Keys and his team. Many volunteers come in early and leave late to work quietly and humbly in the background with the churchwardens and Duncan our verger to ensure services and other events go as planned. We are able to keep the church open for visitors nearly every day. Tom said we are immensely grateful to all – not forgetting Di Illsley our administrator (who took over from Howard Rogers) and does invaluable work, also mainly behind the scenes.

Tom said that, yet again, there were a number of larger Services: the High Sheriff's Legal Service, the High School Founders Day Service, RAF 100 Service, Remembrance Sunday and the Diocesan Confirmation Service, (with 3 of our own confirmed) as well as a number of Carol Services, culminating with our own on Christmas Eve. Bishop Paul was with us on a number of these occasions.

St Mary's was privileged to have hosted a number of concerts, ie by the Bach Choir, by our own Orchestra of the Restoration, by Solomon's Knot, the amazing Kanneh-Mason family and by Nottingham Peacebuilders. There were also performances of Strange Friends and Light Night attracted 4,700 people. In addition there were a number of other external events.

Tom said the parish greatly values the long relationship with Emmanuel House and continued to raise considerable funds to enable their work. He said that we aim to strengthen our relationships with them and with other charities and projects working across Nottingham, eg the Refugee Forum, Stone Soup Academy and Clewer Trust.

The parish was pleased to have participated in Thy Kingdom Come, an initiative of the Archbishops, with communal prayer taking place most evenings in the days between Ascension and Pentecost. It was also wonderful to see St Mary's filled with Christians from across the city at the *New Year Prayer Gathering* of the City Prayer Network. Members of the church also meet informally, socially and for prayer and study together.

5. To Receive Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Parish

Jean Hammonds gave an overview of the finances of the PCC and said that full details were in the Annual Report.

Key facts were:

- **Transfer of monies between St Peter's and All Saints' and St Mary's occurred at various points during the year.**
- **The total income for the year 2018 was £229,322 with expenditure of £212,141.**
- **Total funds held by the parish at the end of 2018 was £1,160,558 (of which £1,008,437 was unrestricted). Income from investments was £34,625. Voluntary income was £133,939 and activities generated £55,512.**
- **St Mary's paid a Parish Share of £50,000 to the diocese.**
- **At 31st December 2018 St Mary's investments stood at £935,221.**
- **A legacy of £10,000 was received in 2018 which is to be used to renovate the vicar's vestry**

Jean went on to say that £35,094 was raised through letting the building for a variety of events throughout the year. This money is a major source of income for the PCC and those involved in the organisation and running of these events are to be thanked for their hard work.

During the year money was raised for a number of charitable organisations,

Jean answered a number of questions:

With regards to the affordability of extra staff Jean said that additional income from events/lettings more than covered their costs.

When asked about the shape of the finances going forward Jean said that there was a deficit budget for 2019 but the vicar and PCC had hopes that 'larger resource church' activity will stimulate increased giving/income.

Tom, on behalf of the PCC, thanked Jean for all the hours of work she had put into creating the parish account, managing the transfer of monies, dealing with day to day transactions and ensuring that the independent examination of accounts was completed satisfactorily.

6. To Receive a Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

Pau/ Sibly gave an overview of the works carried out during the year. He highlighted the work done on the Vicars Vestry, both internal and external. He gave special thanks to Duncan Purves for investigating, planning and executing repairs and keeping on top of essential maintenance.

Paul noted that the Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in the Summer of 2018 with the report delivered in January 2019. He said it identifies work that needs to be done over the next five years.

During Paul's five years as Churchwarden £500,000 had been spent on church restoration projects. Tom thanked Paul for dedicating a great deal of his personal time and energy to Fabric and Site matters over that time.

7. To Receive a Report of the Proceedings of Deanery Synod

Margaret Wiedmann reported that deanery synod had met on three occasions and that the parishes of the deanery had paid 85.3% of the required share to the diocese. She went on to say that, amongst other things, deanery representatives spent time considering the diocesan mission plans to be Wider, Younger and Deeper.

Tom thanked Margaret for the update.

Tom reported, with sadness, that Daniel Hanson, who had been enthusiastic parish deanery representative for a good number of year's had recently died and that there was now a vacancy for a deanery representative.

Kevin Hancox said that he was willing be nominated as the parish representative.

Nick Turner proposed that Kevin Hancox be appointed the parish deanery representative. This was seconded by Mandy Ulyatt. All present were in favour.

8. Proposal Regarding the Term of Office of a PCC Member

To support good governance of the church through the Church Council Len Simmonds proposed that:

Effective from the 2020 APCM, each elected lay representative of the PCC will serve for a 3-year term - one-third retiring and being elected every year.

Unless otherwise ineligible, retiring members may stand for re-election.

People so elected remain able to retire at any time during a three-year term.

Also no elected lay representative may hold office for more than six years continuously but may stand again for election as a lay representative after an interval of one year.

John Perry said that this proposal may mean that for one year every six years the parish could lose some expertise. It was felt that this could be overcome by the person(s) being co-opted with some special but specific responsibility.

Lorna Richardson seconded the proposal and all present were in favour.

- 9. To elect representatives to the PCC** - It was reported that due to the fact there are 99 people on the Electoral Roll it is possible to have 9 people elected as PCC representatives.

The chair reported that 9 nominations had been received. They were:

- 1. Peter Bartlett**
- 2. Roger Freeston**
- 3. Jean Hammonds**
- 4. Kevin Hancox**
- 5. Yvonne Harriss**
- 6. Emlyn Jones**
- 7. Martyn Knight**
- 8. Lorna Richardson**
- 9. Jonathan Stork**

There being no other nominations and no objections all 9 were appointed as PCC members.

10. To appoint Sidespeople

Tom read out the names of the people on the sidespersons rota currently held by Philippa Knight.

It was proposed by John Perry that this list be adopted for the coming year. Mandy Uylatt seconded the proposal and all present were in favour.

11. To appoint the Independent Reviewers of the Accounts

Jean Hammonds, Treasurer, proposed that Lemans be appointed. This was seconded by Martyn Knight and all present were in favour.

12. Any other Business

There was no other business

The chair then closed the meeting.