

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings to be held in April 2020 were cancelled. Through Bishop's Special Measures Churchwardens, PCC Representatives and Deanery Synod Representatives stayed in their roles until 25th October 2020. The Agenda's and supporting papers for the meeting were made available through the church website.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, THE LACE MARKET, NOTTINGHAM

Vestry Meeting 2020

Sunday 25th October

Minutes

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

26 people were present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies were received from Tony Mitchell, Beth Mitchell and Joanna Gillum

Election of Wardens 2020/21

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

Anthony Mitchell was proposed by Len Simmonds and seconded by Lorna Richardson

Nicholas Turner was proposed by Jean Hammonds and seconded by Martyn Knight

There being no other nominations both were appointed Churchwardens.

The chair then closed the Vestry Meeting

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

Sunday 25th October

Minutes

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

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting on Sunday 7th 2019

These were considered to be a true record of the meeting.

2. Matters Arising – there were none.

3. Electoral Roll

It was reported by the Electoral Roll Officer, Lorna Richardson, that the Roll had been updated. The number on it has increased from 99 to 106. Although there had been a number of deletions 10 new names have been added.

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

Tom referred those present to the detailed report made available on the church website. He gave an overview of major services, events and activities that had taken place noting that there had been greater community involvement. Events such as Light Night drew thousands of people through the church doors.

At Christmas the church worked with arts organisations and community groups and with their involvement created special displays on the nave pillars telling the Christmas story.

The number of organisations paying to hold events in the nave space increased during the year.

Tom said that it was sad to record that a number of long standing members of the congregation had died and are greatly missed.

In conclusion Tom thanked the staff of the church for their hard work during the last reporting period. He also said that he would like to put on record special thanks to all those who took on responsibilities and duties that enabled the church to function on a day to day basis.

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

Jean Hammonds referred those present to the Financial Statement which summed up the year as follows:

- The year shows a surplus of £1,126.
- The total income for the year being £247,732 with expenditure of £246,606.
- The total of funds held by the parish at the end of 2019 was £1,275,093 (of which £1,115,938 was unrestricted). This represents an increase in the total funds of £114,535 compared to 2018, due to gains on investment assets.

A question was asked about the increase in energy costs and this was explained by the fact that the previous year's gas usage was also paid in 2019.

Jean was asked how the parish share figure was arrived at. She said that the cost of an incumbent is about £50,000 and that the PCC thought the parish

should at least cover this through payment of the parish share. This seemed to be fair considering all other costs that St Mary's has to cover.

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

Nick Turner proposed the Statement of Accounts be adopted and this was seconded by Peter Bartlett. All were in favour.

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

Tom said that Fabric Committee is a sub-group of the PCC and is responsible for maintaining the church building and church grounds.

During the year it tackled regular preventive maintenance and in 2019 managed numerous projects. These included the painting of walls and ceiling in the Vicars Vestry along with sealing the floor and the varnishing of choir vestry entrance doors & painting of the vestry porch.

Tom extended his gratitude to Duncan who used his maintenance skills on many projects thus reducing the need to bring in outside contractors.

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

There were three synods during the year all of which were aimed at equipping parishes in mission and to enable everyone to participate in the One Life Mission held in September 2019 and learn from it.

During the year Rev'd Canon Steve Silvester stepped down as Area Dean.

Tom reported that he is now a part of the deanery leadership team.

Thanks were extended to Kevin and Margaret for being the deanery representation for the last three years.

8. To elect representatives to the PCC - It was reported that due to the fact there are now 106 people on the Electoral Roll it is possible to have 12 people elected as PCC representatives. The chair reported that three of the nine members of the PCC stand down this year but are eligible for re-election. Those are Roger Freeston (already resigned), Emlyn Jones and Yvonne Harriss.

There were 6 vacancies for PCC representatives. Nominations received before the meeting were:

MARGARET WEIDEMANN
PROPOSER: LEN SIMMONDS
Secunder: Lorna Richardson

GIACOMO (JAMES) PERSICO
PROPOSED: MANDY ISBELL
Seconder: Philippa Knight

RACHEL FISKEN
PROPOSED: JEAN HAMMONDS
Seconder: Tony Mitchell

From the floor:

EMLYN JONES was proposed by JEAN HAMMONDS. He was seconded by Nick Turner.

There being no other nominations all were duly elected as PCC representatives.

Other elected members of the PCC are:

PETER BARTLETT
JEAN HAMMONDS
MARTYN KNIGHT
LORNA RICHARDSON
LEN SIMMONDS
JONATHAN STORK

There were three vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives who will serve for a three year term. ONE NOMINATION WAS RECEIVED:

KEVIN HANCOX
PROPOSER: JEAN HAMMONDS
Seconder: Nicholas Turner

There being no other nominations Kevin was duly elected. Tom said that at the APCM in April/May there will be an opportunity to elect another two people.

9. 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 – Rachel Fisken read out a statement reflecting her concerns with regard to the current liturgy and order of church service held on Sunday mornings Tom said that her concerns will be addressed by the worship committee and a referral then made to the PCC .

On behalf of the meeting Eddie Channon wished to thank the clergy and others who have kept everything going at church right through the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The chair then closed the meeting.