

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, CARTERTON

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 11.55am on SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2020

Attendance: Ian Baker, Lyndsay Baker, Janette Bessent, Rev Preb Stephen Bessent, Lynne S Bolter, Lynda Bostock, Stephen Bostock, Margo Brewer, Alison Brown, Hannah Cloete, Michael Cox, Linda Cox, Tracy Crouch, Ray Goodson, Ian Harley, Sharon Harley, Stephen Hester, Allister Holt, Karen Holt, Rev Ian Howard, Victoria Jackson, Richard Matthews, Andrew Monkhouse, Kath Monkhouse, Margaret Morris, Roy Morris, Janet Sayer, Doreen Trezise, Billie Tweedy, Janet Watts, Mike Watts, Jeanette Welsh, Nicky Witt, Linda Wooloff (notes)

Apologies: Glenys Edwards, Glyn Edwards

The meeting was chaired by Rev'd Drew Tweedy, Rector of the Benefice of Brize Norton & Carterton and Chairman of the Parochial Church Council.

The APCM scheduled to take place at the end of March had been postponed due to the Covid19 pandemic. As the current situation prevented the mass gathering of people, this meeting was being held in the church building, added by 23 members of the electoral roll following social distancing guidelines, and also "virtually" online through Zoom to allow as many people as possible to attend. It was unfortunate that those more vulnerable members of the church family who were without the technology and were socially isolating had been unable to be present.

#### Introduction

Rev'd Tweedy welcomed the attendees to the meeting and commended the Annual Report and Accounts. These had been published in the building and on the website since March (when the original Annual Meetings had been scheduled) so there had been a good opportunity for everyone to review the contents.

#### Finance Report (Ray Goodson on behalf of the Finance Team)

Mr Goodson took the meeting through the detail of the financial performance of the church in 2019.

2019 had been another exceptional year for the financial fortunes of our church, largely as an ongoing result of additional bequests received from the estates of the late Robert Keen and his brother Peter Keen, totalling £94,700. A substantial portion of the overall legacy amount had been invested and income from the capital had generated a return of £19,625 in 2019.

Voluntary giving during the year in the form of regular planned giving through standing order, cash collection and the Parish Giving Scheme introduced in April 2019, plus the gift aid tax reclaimed, totalled £51,628. Income from other sources such as donations, bequests and fees, added a further £116,270. Total receipts for 2019 were £187,523.

Outgoings were a total of £99,042. This figure included expenditure on mission giving and charitable donations of £7,246 (£4,600 being donated to our sister church St Britius to help them meet their Parish Share commitment for the year). Church outgoing expenditure was £91,796, made up of administration, staff and general running costs of the building, and our Parish Share payment of £54,891.

This left a healthy surplus of £88,480, and with the inclusion of the income from investments of £106,432, a total overall increase in assets of £194,912. At the end of the year, the balance in the main bank account was £57,932 with an additional contingency amount of £3,297 in the Fabric fund.

No questions were raised.

The meeting took this opportunity to thank Mr Richard Matthews for his contribution to the financial running of the church, as he now stands down as Treasurer. Our thanks and a gift in recognition of his commitment to church life was presented (virtually) by Rev'd Tweedy. Mr Matthews highlighted the outstanding work that had been carried out by Mr Goodson on a regular basis in processing all financial aspects of running the day-to-day accounting systems.

#### Appointment of an Independent Examiner

The meeting UNANIMOUSLY approved the appointment of Shilton Accounting Services as Independent Examiner for the 2020 Annual Accounts.

#### Electoral Roll

At the start of the year, the Electoral Roll stood at 76 members. During the year, the Roll was closed prior to the March date of the APCM, but following Church of England instruction, reopened prior to holding the rescheduled meeting. A total of four people left the Roll, and five new members joined. The total membership therefore increased by one to 77. The Roll is now open again to new members.

#### Fabric Report

The building offers a terrific resource but needs vigilance to maintain standards. General maintenance is ongoing in the form of regular checks of appliances etc and servicing of plant is necessary to keep the facilities safe and legal. During the year, the Rectory and Vicarage were redecorated prior to re-occupation. Improvements were made to the audio visual equipment and external draining issues were addressed.

A list of future planned works is maintained but these will need to be reviewed in light of the closure of the building for the past six months' during Covid 19 lockdown.

Rev'd Tweedy thanked all those who volunteer in keeping the building and external areas in good condition. Thanks also went to the Kitchen Team led by Ian Harley for being able to provide such wonderful catering events which add such a great dimension to for wider church fellowship.

Doreen Trezise proposed a vote of thanks to Mike Cox for his diligent work in heading up the Fabric team.

#### Election of Officers

It was a requirement this year to elect new Deanery Synod representatives following the conclusion of their three-year term of office. Rev'd Tweedy thanked Roy Morris and Alison Brown for their representation. Mr Morris had been nominated to stand again as one of our two representatives and was UNANIMOUSLY elected. One vacancy remains, Alison Brown having been appointed one of our Churchwardens.

Glenys Edwards, Ray Goodson and Doreen Trezise had completed their terms on the Council. Mr Goodson and Mrs Trezise had been nominated to stand for re-election. Mrs Edwards had decided to retire and was thanked for her service on the Council. Two further vacancy had arisen following the resignations of Richard Matthews and Michael Thompson. Nomination forms had been received from Michael Cox, Ray Goodson, Janet Sayer and Doreen Trezise. These were all UNANIMOUSLY appointed. Since the five vacancies had varying lengths of term, Mr Cox, Mr Goodson and Mrs Sayer were all appointed for a term of three years, and Mrs Trezise for a period of two years. One vacancy remains to be filled, with a term of one year.

The appointment of officers for leadership roles and committee members would be made at the first meeting of the new Parochial Church Council on 9 November.

There being no further issues to discuss and no questions raised, Rev'd Tweedy closed the meeting at 12.25pm.

A copy of the full Annual Report is available on the noticeboard and church website. Presentation slides used during the meeting are also available on the website.