

## Meeting of Parishioners and APCM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Rev'd Lizzie welcomed everyone to the 2023 APCM and opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting held in 2022:**

Jenny Connor proposed and Jenny Priest seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last Meeting of Parishioners. Rev'd. Lizzie said that because of the 12 month time gap between meetings, the PCC would always check them at the first PCC meeting following APCM as they had done in 2022.

### **Election of Churchwardens:**

Rev'd Lizzie informed the meeting that there were no new nominations put forward for Churchwarden and that the two current Churchwardens had agreed to continue their term of office.

- John Chapman proposed by Rev'd. Lizzie and seconded by Janet Moller
- Thomas Moller proposed by Rev'd. Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson

With no other nominations, John and Thomas were elected to serve as Churchwardens until the next Meeting of Parishioners. There was unanimous acceptance from those present.

Rev'd Lizzie thanked both John and Thomas for the wonderful job they were doing in addition to the support they both gave to her.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

## Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### **Present:**

There were 31 people present – Rev'd Lizzie Gregory in the Chair.

<b>Apologies:</b>	Linda Rawlings	Mary Arnold
	Linda Keeble	Lyn Yard
	Sue Stedman	Faith Tutton
	Alison Chapman	John Chapman
	Thomas Moller	Kath King
	Pam Cook	John Cook
	Anne Marie	Louise Lyddon

## **Minutes of the Previous APCM held in 2022:**

Jenny Connor proposed and Amy Atkinson seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last APCM held in 2022. Unanimous agreement.

### **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

### **Elections:**

PCC – The Rector thanked all PCC members for their work and commitment and announced that Louise Lyddon would be standing down from the PCC this year along with Claire Eade. The following were nominated for a 3-year term of office.

- Jess Dyke proposed by Claire Eade and seconded by Thomas Moller
- Claire Eade – while completing a 6 year term on PCC, Rev'd Lizzie told APCM that Claire is currently exploring Lay Ministry and so it was appropriate she remains on PCC. Proposed by Janet Moller and seconded by Amy Atkinson.
- Janet Moller proposed by Rev'd Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson for a second term of office having completed the first 3 years.

There was unanimous agreement from APCM

Deanery Synod – New elections are to be held for Deanery Synod this year and, in accordance with the number of people on our electoral roll, we are allowed 3 elected Lay representatives. Rev'd Lizzie explained that post Covid there are to be changes at Deanery level and it important that we retain representation. The following were nominated.

- Linda Keeble proposed by Rev'd Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson
- John Chapman proposed by Rev'd Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade
- Jenny Connor proposed by Rev'd Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade

Rev'd Lizzie offered special thanks to Louise Lyddon who is standing down this year after some 20 years service on Deanery Synod and the PCC.

There was unanimous agreement from APCM.

Sides-persons – The Rector gave thanks to all the sides-persons for their work throughout the year and stressed the importance of this Ministry. She said that anyone who felt that they would like to take on this task and join the rota, please speak to either her or one of the Churchwardens.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Our Treasurer, Linda Keeble, was unable to attend but had sent a video presentation presenting financial issues. This was shown to APCM.

- Financial Report has been published online following successful independent examination.
- Covid pandemic continued to have a significant impact on income during 2022
- Reserves have been reduced as income has decreased and PCC has reduced expenditure where possible to compensate.
- 2023 will also be a challenging year with the continuing aftermath of Covid, rising inflation and the main Church heating needing to be replaced. We are not, therefore, able to contribute to Parish Share this year and are in discussion with the Diocese.
- Giving decreased by 12% although there is still some outstanding gift aid to recover. It would be helpful if as many folk as possible would use the Parish Giving Scheme.
- Coffee Shop income increased by 22% thanks to our manager, Becky, and her wonderful team of volunteers.

Rev'd Lizzie offered a huge thank you to Linda for, what is, an extremely difficult job well done; especially in the current climate.

## **Electoral Roll:**

Number on the new electoral roll	= 166
Number on previous electoral roll (2021)	= 164

Rev'd Lizzie said that of the folk on our electoral roll, some 55% are resident with the remainder non resident. We have lost 7 in the last year with 2 moving away and 5 deaths but we had several adding to the roll.

## **Rector's Review:**

The Rector's report is contained within the Annual Trustee's report. She said that 2022 had been difficult with Covid aftermath and the special Health & Safety requirements having to be met but that we were gradually regaining our balance and returning to a 'new normal'.

The Service Structure introduced in 2021 is still working well with some minor modifications having been made. She is especially pleased to see numbers increasing for Benediction. St Peter's remains Sacramental at heart but does not forget Mission. This is well illustrated by the Coffee Shop which is going from strength to strength under the leadership of Becky, the new Manager. She has registered it as a designated 'Warm Space' and organised a hot meal to be served each Thursday free of charge to those who need it. We are extremely grateful to Becky who understands all sides of Filton and is becoming a key worker in the Filton community.

Rev'd Lizzie did express some concern that, as a Church, we tend to lack numbers in terms of youth but emphasised how valuable and appreciated those that we do have are. Looking on the positive side, she is pleased to see numbers of Baptisms and Weddings increasing and the Church beginning to continue doing what it should be doing following the recent difficult pandemic years.

Finally she wished to thank everyone for all the work they do in maintaining the Church family.

### **Fabric Report:**

Amy Atkinson outlined the fabric report as prepared by the Churchwardens.

- Both the Church main heater and the Church Hall boiler were condemned during annual service. The Church Hall boiler has been replaced to maintain income from Hall letting and we are fundraising for the main Church heater which has an estimated cost of £50k.
- The Sacristy was broken into during the past year causing considerable damage.
- Our architect has conducted the Quinquennial inspection resulting in a generally favourable report with a number of minor issues needing to be addressed over the coming 5 years.
- The Triennial inspection was carried out by the co-area Dean who made favourable comments on the general condition and upkeep.
- The High Altar Riddel Posts were re-commissioned and four angels given to stand on top.

Rev'd Lizzie thanked Amy for the report and, once again, thanked Churchwardens for their sterling work.

The full fabric report is contained in the Annual Trustees Report

### **Hall Management Committee Report:**

Rev'd Lizzie said that Alisa, our Parish Secretary is looking after Church Hall booking which is becoming an extremely important source of income. We are enjoying good numbers of bookings

### **Deanery Synod Report:**

Louise Lyddon's 2022 overview on Deanery Synod activities is contained the Annual Trustees Report available online.

The APCM closed with grace at 11.45 am

St Peter's Church, Filton