

Meeting of Parishioners and APCM held on 24th March 2024

Rev.Lizzie welcomed everyone to the 2024 APCM and opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the last Meeting held in 2023:

Jenny Connor proposed and Wendy Wooster seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last Meeting of Parishioners. Rev.Lizzie said that because of the 12 month time gap between meetings, the PCC always check them at the first PCC meeting following APCM.

Election of Churchwardens:

Rev.Lizzie informed the meeting that as John Chapman was intending to move from the Parish, he has regretfully tendered his resignation.

- Janet Moller proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade
- Thomas Moller proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson

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

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24th March 2024

Present:

There were 29 people present – Rev.Lizzie Gregory in the Chair.

Apologies:

Mary Arnold	Thomas Moller
Chris Hibbard	Faith Tutton
Alison Chapman	John Chapman
Jo Burton	

Minutes of the Previous APCM held in 2023:

With the exception of one minor typo, Claire Eade proposed and Jess Dyke seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last APCM held in 2023. 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 John and Alison Chapman along with Linda Rawlings have completed 6 years on PCC and are standing down from the PCC . In addition, Chris Gooding, Roy Hale and Anne Louise Pam have completed 3 years on PCC and need to be re-elected in order to continue. The following were nominated for a 3-year term of office.

- Sue Horseman proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade
- Ian Horseman proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade
- John Cahill proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson
- Linda Rawlings – while completing a 6 year term on PCC, Rev. Lizzie told APCM that Linda is Mother's Union Leader and so it is appropriate she remains on PCC. Proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Janet Moller
- Chris Gooding proposed by Rev.Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson for a second term of office having completed the first 3 years.
- Anne Louise Pam proposed by Rev. Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson for a second term of office having completed the first 3 years.
- Roy Hale proposed by Rev. Lizzie and seconded by Claire Eade for a second term of office having completed the first 3 years.

There being no further nominations, then all were elected to the PCC.

Deanery Synod – Rev.Lizzie said that as John Chapman, who is a Deanery Synod member is standing down and so a vacancy has opened up. There has been one nomination from - Claire Eade who is currently in training for the Lay Ministry.

- Claire Eade proposed by Rev'd Lizzie and seconded by Amy Atkinson

There being no further nominations, then Claire was elected to be one of our representatives on Deanery Synod.

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, has published the 2023 financial report and this is available on our Church website within the annual Trustees Report..

- We have had to raise funds to replace our Church boiler which can no longer be used. To date, the fund stands at £32k which is an outstanding achievement.
- Accounts this year are presented in a different format to previous years. This format is that as required by the CofE.
- Funding, as it stands, is sufficient for 'day to day' activities.
- It has taken time to recover from the COVID pandemic and considering the need to replace our heating in both the Church and the Church Hall, we did not contribute to Parish Share last year.
- It will be helpful if as many folk as possible would use the Parish Giving Scheme.

Rev.Lizzie offered thanks to Linda for,what is, a difficult job well done and told APCM that she is standing down this year. John Cahill is to take over as Treasurer which will be a paid post. John is also to sit on the PCC.

Electoral Roll:

Number on the new electoral roll	= 165
Number on previous electoral roll (2021)	= 166

Rev'd Lizzie said that of the folk on our electoral roll, some 55% are resident with the remainder non resident.

Rector's Review:

The Rector's report is contained within the Annual Trustee's report. She said that 2023 had been a sustained period in which to just exist in the love of God and continue with the everyday work of the Church. There have not been too many external issues that have impacted and we are settling down to a rhythm rooted in God.

She noted that the congregation has changed with some using online services. A dozen or so new members of the congregation have become regulars during the last year with folk coming as they need something in their lives. It has also been satisfying to encourage vocations with Tom Leslie gaining Ministry experience in the Winterbourne Benefice and Claire Eade continuing her training to become a lay Minister.

She also expressed particular appreciation to Rev. Rod Cash who has helped so very much, particularly at periods when her health has not been so good.

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

Rev.Rod Cosh then thanked everyone for the welcome he has received at St Peter's and in particular to Rev.Lizzie by reminding APCM what a wonderful Minister we have.

Fabric Report:

Churchwardens have published the 2023 fabric report and this is available on our Church website within the annual Trustees Report. Janet Moller highlighted:-

- We have not had any heating in Church during 2023 and we are currently requesting quotations for a suitable heating appliance'
- Work is continuing on items highlighted in the 2022 Quinquennial Report with maintenance being carried out as needed.
- We have a new Caretaker for the Church Hall

Rev'd Lizzie 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 but have some vacancies during some daytimes. She reminded APCM that a discount is given to Charities.

Deanery Synod Report:

2023 overview on Deanery Synod activities is contained the Annual Trustees Report available online.

The APCM closed with grace at 11.55 am