

Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners held on 3rd April 2022

Minutes of the last meeting held in 2021:

Amy Atkinson proposed and Liv Atkinson seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last meeting. Two PCC members, however, stated that they had not yet received a copy of the last minutes and so Rev'd. Lizzie said that there would be a formal vote on acceptance at the next PCC meeting to be held in June.

Election of Churchwardens:

Rev'd Lizzie informed the meeting that as 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
- Thomas Moller

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 their hard work, commitment and support.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 3rd April 2022

Present:

There were 26 people present – Rev'd Lizzie Gregory in the Chair.

Apologies:	Sue Stedman	Claire Eade
	Rae Ford	Jill McDonald
	Wendy Wooster	Faith Tutton
	Alison Chapman	John Chapman
	Thomas Moller	

Minutes of the Previous APCM held in 2021:

Linda Keeble proposed and Roy Hale seconded acceptance of the minutes from the last APCM held in 2021. 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 Anne Duke would be standing down from the PCC this year. The following were elected for a 3-year term of office.
 - Nicola Chandler proposed by Faith Tutton and seconded by Linda Keeble.

There was unanimous agreement.

- 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 send an e-mail to Faith Tutton faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:

Linda Keeble presented the financial issues contained within the Trustee's Report. Major points emphasised were: -

- Planned Giving is up 10% but the plate collection is down by 20%. This is not a surprise due to changes in Church life due to the pandemic.
- We are 'just about managing' and gave £48k Parish Share in 2021.
- We have had to agree a reduction with the Diocese for 2022 as it is estimated we will only be able to give £36k.
- We are not in debt and have spent some £11k from reserve for fabric expenses. Expenses are kept to a minimum.
- We have not been able to give any money to missionary this year.

Rev'd Lizzie thanked Linda for the way she carries out the huge task of being Treasurer. She informed those present of the vital importance in subscribing to the Parish Giving Scheme by direct debit as it provides us with a regular income, provides an immediate gift aid refund with all administration being conducted by the Diocese. While acknowledging the current cost of living crisis, she did ask if everyone might prayerfully consider the Church's need. She did say that many other Church's are suffering from a drop in income due primarily from the huge change brought about by the pandemic so we are not alone.. It is essential that we keep the Church well maintained and the next quinquennial inspection was due in March 2022. The Church Hall is a significant contributor to income but again, we have to ensure that it is kept to a standard which costs money.

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Electoral Roll:

Number on the new electoral roll	= 164
Number on previous electoral roll (2011)	= 172

Rector's Review:

The Rector's report is contained within the Annual Trustee's report. She said that 2021 was a difficult year with a lengthy lockdown imposed in the early part of the year due to the pandemic. The impact of the pandemic which started in March 2020 had been far greater than anyone had envisaged.

She found encouragement that, counting online congregation as well as those attending Church, then numbers have remained similar and she felt proud of the way the Church and PCC had 'pulled together' to get through this time. While the wearing of masks in Church was not ideal and disliked by many, the Standing Committee regularly conduct risk assessments as well as looking at local and National guidelines on Covid. Many feel safer with a mask and the Church ventilation is poor.

The new Service Structure introduced just after Easter 2021 with a family Service being introduced once each week has proved successful and we now have something to offer children.

As explained earlier, finances are still a major headache but we still want to push ahead with initiatives such as creating a Community Hub in the Church Hall with the thought of providing assistance to local Ukrainian refugees that may be soon be coming to the area. There will also be four main fund raising activities held each year which she hopes will be well supported.

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.

- Lighting in the nave and Baptistery has been updated to LED.
- Church Hall lighting has also been updated to LED.
- Heating boilers in the Church and Church Hall have been serviced.
- Church Hall heating system has been power flushed but there are still some issues with timing the heating to coincide with times of users.

- Church roof has been assessed and needs some repair (underway).
- Notice Boards outside have been renewed/refurbished.
- Pew cushions have been introduced to aid comfort.
- There are still projects outstanding from the 2017 quinquennial but these are being tackled as funds permit.

Amy emphasised the hard work carried out by John and Thomas in their role as Churchwardens. She also thanked David and Mary Haslum for sharing their knowledge of the fabric which has proved invaluable.

The full fabric report is contained in the Annual Trustees Report

Hall Management Committee Report:

Rev'd Lizzie said that:-

- Church Hall has had good numbers of bookings since may/June 2021 and is busy most evenings from about 4.00pm.
- South Glos. Council have provided a good regular booking and use it to support specific groups.
- Has been used as an extension to the Coffee Shop.

Deanery Synod Report:

Louise Lyddon has written a report on Deanery Synod activities during 2021 which is in the Annual Trustees Report. -

The APCM closed with grace at 11.45 am