

MINUTES

Present: 33 members of the electoral roll, 1 clergy, 11 observers. Chaired by Rev. Henry Curran.

Henry opened in prayer and read from Ezekiel 36:26.

1. Apologies

Val Bowyer.

2. Election of Churchwardens (2)

There were two nominations:

Christopher Drew, proposed by Sarah Sim and seconded by David Gibson.

Rebecca Haines, proposed by Joyce Cooper and seconded by Diana Sanders.

Chris Drew and Rebecca Haines were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year.

David Gibson led us in prayer for the Churchwardens.

3. Election of Deanery Synod representatives (1)

No candidates stood for the vacant position. *One vacancy remains.*

4. Election of PCC members (5)

There were five nominations:

Rosie Adsley, proposed by David Gibson and seconded by Dorothy Bush.

Kate Curran, proposed by Debs Hunt and seconded by Joyce Cooper.

Kathryn Hubbard, proposed by Daniel Bauhahn and seconded by Debs Hunt.

Jonathan Larsson, proposed by John Harrison and seconded by Sarah Roggendorf.

Stacey Mutch, proposed by Lawrence Ward and seconded by Sarah Sim.

Rosie Adsley, Kate Curran, Kathryn Hubbard, Jonathan Larsson and Stacey Mutch were duly elected to serve as members of the PCC for a term of three years.

Dawn Wilkes led us in prayer for the PCC.

5. Vicar's Report and Vision

The Vicar's report and vision were delivered during the service immediately before the APCM.

They may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/apcm2019vicar> (written report) or at

<https://www.stmaryswollatonpark.co.uk/sermons/john-151-17-agm-2019/> (audio recording).

Vicar's Report and Vision – Q&A

David Gibson asked if we could keep looking at our Vision Statement in Connect Groups or in other ways. Henry replied that it informs our prayers and the work of the PCC.

Joyce Cooper asked for more help cleaning the church, which is a pressing need. Becca Haines responded that she finds church cleaning a simple job taking about an hour on a Saturday morning, and would encourage anyone who can spare that time to offer help.

6. Finance Report

Lawrence Ward has served as Treasurer for two years and his experience as an accountant has left us in a good position. We thanked Lawrence for his work. Stacey Mutch has offered to become Treasurer. Henry asked us to pray for Stacey and to express gratitude to Lawrence.

7. Presentation of Written Reports

Electoral Roll (page 3): Daniel Bauhahn asked if the size of the PCC is linked to the size of the church. Kate Curran replied that as a church with between 50-100 members on the electoral roll, we have nine lay representatives according to the Church Representation Rules.

Schools Work (page 8): David Gibson asked whether we are able to share the gospel in schools with children of other religions. Debs Hunt replied that we can, as Christianity is part of the Religious Education curriculum, and one of our parish schools is a Church of England school with a Christian ethos. We are clear that this is what Christians believe and we do not force anyone else to believe it. Chris Drew added that children are required to understand Christian theology now, and as a teacher he has more opportunities to talk to them about exploring Christianity. Moyra Cornish added that Bluecoat School has studied both Christianity and Islam for many years.

Ladies' Small Group (page 9): Gerald Norris asked if all women are welcome in this group. Henry replied that it is for any female members of St. Mary's, including those exploring faith if appropriate, but not for members of other churches.

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (page 10): David Gibson had heard that some hearing aids are not compatible with a loop system. Henry reassured us that our hearing loop system is effective. John Withers added that if hearing aids are not compatible with hearing loops, doctors are able to change them.

a. Motion to Accept Reports

Kathryn Hubbard proposed and Joyce Cooper seconded *that we accept the written reports presented at this meeting.* Passed.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Closing Prayer

We prayed in small groups with those around us, using the points in the Annual Report.