

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. **THE VICAR** welcomed everyone to the meeting, Lis read a passage from Acts 8:1-8: Godly men buried Stephen and mourned for him, we are in a time of mourning and grieving in our world, God continues to do work as in the early Church...those scattered preached the word wherever he went, we need to bring in Jesus wherever we are. The word of God still has power. We have watched miracles, and healing and see the signs of God at work. A time of reflection followed.
2. **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:** Trevor Dunnington and Dennis Pain are stepping down and the following people were proposed and seconded:
Barry Moseley was proposed by Trevor Dunnington and Seconded by Dennis Pain Sandra Snell was proposed by Trevor Dunnington and seconded by Dennis Pain. They were duly elected unopposed to serve as churchwardens for the next year. **ALL IN FAVOUR**
Thanks, were expressed to Trevor & Dennis for all their hard work over the last year.
The meeting was closed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **53 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT** and the following apologies were received: Janice Kendrew, Tony & Val Carey, Tony & Lisa Coe, Anne O'Connor, Jenny Linkin, Hazel Pain, Gary Sargeant. Sheila Wenninger, Jackie Lisle, Ruth and Derek Beckett, Rosemary Isaac, Alison and Graham Tulloch.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING:** The Vicar invited comments on accuracy only.
Item 10 Accounts to read 'there has been less income tax to recover'
Also 'to receive audited accounts for 2018'. The minutes were accepted as a true record with these 2 amendments. Proposed by Caroline Jackson and seconded by Kay Wray. The motion carried with 4 abstentions.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
None
4. **PRESENTATION OF THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL FOR 2019**
The new roll stands at 201 which is up by 2 on last year's roll. Of the 201, 107 (53%) live in the parish and 94 (47%) live outside the parish.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE PRINTED IN FULL IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

5. **REPORT ON CHURCH HALL AND FABRIC** - as printed in the Annual Report, this was accepted by the meeting. Thanks, were expressed to all those who maintain our buildings.
6. **REPORT ON PCC MEETINGS** - as printed in the Annual Report.
7. **REPORT ON DEANERY SYNOD MEETINGS**
Overall, the meetings have not been well attended across the Deanery
Father John Underhill was licensed at St Nicholas in December 2019. In Sibsey, the Rev Clive Todd was licensed. Fiona Cotton-Betteridge has moved on to another Diocese and Father Paul at Kirton has also moved on.
8. **YOUTHWORKER REPORT**
as printed in the Annual Report. A huge thank you to Esther for all her hard work.
9. **PASTORAL OUTREACH WORKER REPORT** – as printed in the Annual Report.
The meeting expressed its thanks to Paula for all her hard work.

10. **ACCOUNTS** – as printed in the Annual Report. Looking at page 6 Ed reported **Income:** was £221121 which is up from £202810 in 2018 this is mainly due to other income. **Expenditure:** £208104 up from £200159 in 2018, the hall expenditure was the biggest item in this. Overall, there was a surplus of £13016.42 Looking to page 9 Donations and Legacies, we can see envelope giving is down but standing orders are up as people transfer across. Loose cash is up by nearly £2000 this is due to the collection plate being passed round again. Our gift day also generated £12000 in income. Parochial fees are up by £1000 which related to more funerals being undertaken. The café takings had also increased. We received a £10000 grant from the Boston Municipal Charities to the Pastoral Outreach Worker to fund projects. New standing order mandates had been set up for the Pastoral Outreach Worker fund as a result of the gift day.
Hall Income was down standing at £16957 compared to last year £17309
Page 11 Expenses
3b £500 Godly Pay equipment £828
Repairs & Maintenance at 43 Spilsby Road £2241 we have spent less on training and conferences our tithe is down to £14800, the Parish Share had been paid in full. There were no interregnum expenses. The office equipment expenses were over budget due to a new computer being needed.
Hall Expenditure this is up due to new flooring being purchased for the small hall. Staff costs are one of our biggest expense at £64699.

TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS FOR 2019 – as printed in the Annual Report
The accounts were proposed by Tim Booth and seconded by Chris Dunnington. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

11. **ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:**

There were 4 places for 3 years and 2 places for 1 year (until April 2021) and 1 place for 2 years (until April 2022) The following were elected unopposed:
Ellie Blackburn, Anne Bladon, Barbara Booth, Moira Goddard, Antony Jackson, Leila Peel, Alison Tulloch & Graham Tulloch. Proposed by Caroline Jackson, Seconded by Penny Church **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

After the election Graham Street proposed that postal voting would be a good idea for the future. This would allow people who are unable to attend the meeting, for whatever reason, the opportunity to vote. We wouldn't be able to declare the vote results at the meeting as postal votes would have to be sent out after the meeting to allow for any late nominations. This vote would only be for PCC elections and not for the meeting of Parishioners. After some discussion, the following was proposed: 'This meeting authorises permission for postal voting or other ways as allowed by the Church Representation rules to be allowed, following investigation by the PCC as to what is legal and appropriate.'

This was proposed by Graham Street Seconded by Tim Booth. The motion was carried, 32 voted in favour 2 against and 6 abstentions.

12. **APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Duncan and Topliss Chartered Accountants were once again appointed to be the Independent Examiners. This was proposed by Trevor Dunnington and seconded by Bill Barr **ALL IN FAVOUR**

13. **APPOINTMENT OF SIDESMEN AND SIDESWOMEN:** Due to the current pandemic the list has carried over from last year, currently we are not using these volunteers.

14. **SAFEGUARDING AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY**

The Diocese states that this is the responsibility of the PCC. This is reviewed annually at the PCC meeting in September. However, Ecclesiastical Insurance advise us that this need approving at the Annual Church Meeting. It was agreed that we recognise that we have a responsibility for this. The policy is available for all to see. Chris Dunnington has stepped down from her role and Carol Acheson has taken over with Pam Mellor assisting with the admin side of the role. Proposed by Esther Lockley & Seconded by Jenny Blackburn **ALL IN FAVOUR**

15. **HR POLICIES** – Pam Mellor has been putting together a staff handbook and it will be presented to the PCC in November. Thanks were expressed to Pam for all her hard work.

16. THE VICAR & CHURCHWARDEN's REPORT - as printed in the Annual Report.

Lis reported a good first year and that they loved being in Boston. Sue Pickwell thanked the leadership for the way they had stepped up.

17. OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS

No questions were raised.

18. SWEARING IN OF CHURCHWARDENS

Due to the Pandemic the Rev Lis Ward swore in the Churchwardens as per the instructions from the Diocese.

19. CLOSING PRAYER

Lis closed the meeting in prayer at 5:25 pm with a prayer.